

The Church of ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT A Roman Catholic Church

We, the parish family of St. William the Abbot, a welcoming Catholic community, led by the Holy Spirit, are called to proclaim, and to witness to, the Good News of Salvation, so that we may grow together, among all generations, and advance the Kingdom of God, in our love and service of God and neighbor.

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKENDS

Saturday: 5:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00, 10:15 & 11:45AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00AM
Wednesday: 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass, and 4:00 to 5:00PM. Half hour before each weekend Mass, and Wednesday at 6:00PM.

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited weekdays and Saturdays after the 9:00AM Mass with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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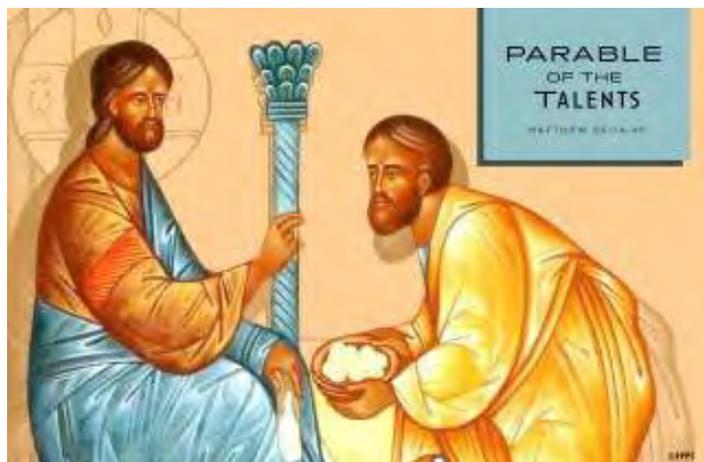
Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:30AM—3:00PM
(Closed on Holy Days & Legal Holidays)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member plan to enter the hospital, please see Fr. Tom following Mass if you would like to receive this sacrament. In case of emergency, please call the parish office.



November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is an active parishioner?

An active parishioner is a person who participates in the life of the Church. This means to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and share in Christ's role as priest, prophet and King. We are called to lead others to faith by our good example, through loving service to others, and offering our prayers, works and activities to God.

- An active parishioner is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- An active parishioner is a person who attends Mass regularly at St. William the Abbot and actively supports the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents who want a Catholic Faith Formation & Education for their children will see to it that their family attends Mass faithfully EVERY Sunday.
- An active parishioner gives of themselves by donating TIME, TALENT and TREASURE to the ministries of the parish and or to the volunteer organizations that support the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our Parish alive in a vibrant way.
- An active parishioner is a good financial steward of the church. As a parishioner, it is important to understand that giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component to active parishioner status.

Why you need to be an active parishioner

Parishioners seeking to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or those wishing to be joined in Holy Matrimony must first be verified as "active members" of the parish.

An active member:

- 1) Is properly registered with the parish
- 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- 3) Participates in parish activities/ministries whenever possible.
- 4) Consistently uses the parish envelope system or the electronic giving program to support the parish.



Crucifixes are still available and will be on an ongoing basis. They make beautiful gifts for any occasion. Come to the parish office to view the different options and to place an order.



Weekly Collection for November 12
 Number of registered families . . .1,247
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .122
 Envelope contributions . . .\$4,668.00
 Loose contributions . . .\$490.00
 Capital Contributions . . .\$677.00
 WeShare . . .\$2,633.00
Total: \$8,468.00

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries! We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through We Share.

SAVE THE DATES



OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 7PM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO CROCHET, PLEASE JOIN US. WE WILL TEACH YOU. WE MAKE BLANKETS FOR BAPTISMS, FOR THE SICK AND FOR RESIDENTS AT PERFERRED CARE AT WALL.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, PARENTS DROP YOUR KIDS OFF IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A FEW HOURS AND GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOSTING BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH. TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON.



OUR ANNUAL BON-FIRE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, AT 6:30PM. WITH A CUPCAKE AND COOKIE CONTEST. AND OF COURSE—HOT CHOCOLATE!



ROCKIN ROLL CONCERT WITH BILLY LAWLOR! SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 7PM. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6PM, BRING YOUR DINNER AND DRINKS. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Masses For The Week



"It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the living and the dead." II Mac. 12:46

Saturday, November 18

+5:00 Silvana Puleo
r/b Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Sunday, November 19

+8:00 Bob & Ellamae New
r/b The New Family
10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Charlie & Isabelle Walsh
r/b St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Monday, November 20

+9:00 Henry Rossi
r/b The Beyer Family

Tuesday, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+9:00 Marco Forte
r/b M/M George Weis

Wednesday, November 22—St. Cecilia

+9:00 Henry Joseph Kegelman, V
r/b M/M Rick Schuberth
+7:00 Donna Fichera
r/b The Fitzgerald Family

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

+9:00 Shirley Mikorski
r/b Terry Kelly

Friday, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

+9:00 Marco Forte
r/b Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Saturday, November 25

+9:00 Edward Prout
r/b The Matrale Family
5:00 People of the parish

Sunday, November 26

+8:00 Elizabeth Duffy
r/b Deacon George
10:15 Special Intention for Dr. Frances Fittanto-Fiore
r/b Deacon George
+11:45 Barbara Klugewicz
r/b The Klugewicz Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of the Parisi and Cannavale families, requested by M/M Blasé Cannavale.

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Evelyn Zeliff, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, John Sproat, Jr., Joe DelGuercio, Tricia Berwick, Katelyn Morales, Jesse Pintillo, Joan Rocco, Michael Untisz, we also ask you Lord, to watch over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and for all those who are afflicted with MS, CF, Lou Gehrig's disease, for those who suffer from Alzheimer disease, dementia, addictions, and their families.

God of all consolation, give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

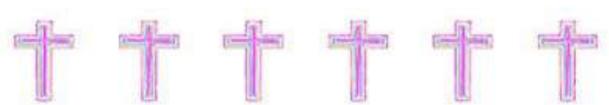


Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for.

- Oryah Hametz Hokzler—Army
- Vincent Moran—Marines
- Hunter Freedline—Army
- John Carlucci—Air Force
- Anthony Morsillo—Marines
- Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard
- Mitchel McKenney—Coast Guard
- Katie Austin Underhill—Army
- Jeremy Ramos—Air Force



Rosary
Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 5,662 times. Congratulations! Keep up the good work! Remember to pray one decade for St. William the Abbot Parish. The Rosary is also prayed here in the church after the 9AM Mass everyday. We also have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well. All are welcome.





Reading I: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This is an acrostic poem, in which each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It cites the woman's extraordinary work including a reach out to the poor and needy.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Thessalonica was a thriving port city. St. Paul reflects on the implications of the Day of the Lord for those alive at that time.

The Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30, or 25:14-15, 19-21

The lesson here is the lifestyle a Christian should lead in this interim before Christ returns in glory, which includes a responsible use of the world's goods.

Biblical Hall of Faith—Match Quiz

Questions

1. By faith (this person) offered God a better Sacrifice than Cain did.
2. By faith (this person) was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death.
3. By faith (this person), when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark.
4. By faith (this person), when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went.
5. By faith (this person) blessed Jacob and Essau in regard to their future.
6. By faith (this person) when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons.
7. By faith (this person) when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.
8. By faith (this person's parents) hid him for three months after he was born.
9. By faith (this person) because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.
10. "I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, (this person), Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice and gained what was promised."

Choices

- A. Jacob
- B. the prostitute Rahab
- C. Abel
- D. Joseph
- E. David
- F. Abraham
- G. Noah
- H. Isaac
- I. Moses
- J. Enoch

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Why do we say the profession of Faith—The Creed at Mass?

Let us stand now and profess our faith—I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. Sound familiar? You could probably recite the rest of that from memory, couldn't you? But what are those words we say at every Mass? It's called the Nicene Creed, and it's a synopsis of the things that we, as Christians believe.

The original Nicene Creed was issued in 325 A.D. It was written to clear up a number of heresies going around at that time, particularly Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. But that's not the same thing we say a Mass on Sunday. The Nicene Creed we still recite today came from the Council of Constantinople in 381. The council fathers there added to the Nicene Creed more about the person of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, baptism, the resurrection and eternal life.

So, if you're ever asked what you believe as a Christian, you can give a complete answer in about sixty seconds . . .with the Nicene Creed!

- Gus Lloyd



Pray to your Guardian Angel everyday:
Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.



Christmas Giving Trees . . .The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting gifts for needy families and for Preferred Care, our local Senior Home. The tags will be available to pick from the trees next weekend, November 25 & 26.

For the seniors, please take a tag and return the gift in a gift bag with the tag attached by December 10th.

For local families, please take a tag and return the gift unwrapped or in a gift bag with the tag attached by December 10th.

Gift cards are also always appreciated. ShopRite, Amazon, Target, Walmart, restaurants, and/or Wawa. Please consider adding a gift card to your donation.

Thank you for always caring and being so generous.



Eucharistic Revival

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus

loves you now." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Where will the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit be? St. Jude, Blairstown, November 27th to December 11.



Join us at 1:00 on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please email or call Maureen at the parish office.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, November 21

Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to the divine service and love, both before and after their birth. Some amongst the Jews, not content with this general consecration of their children, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of the priests in the Temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the Temple, and brought up in attending the priests and Levites in the sacred ministry. It is an ancient tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was thus solemnly offered to God in the Temple in her infancy. This festival of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin the Church celebrated this day. The tender soul of an object of astonishment and praise to the angels, and of the highest complacency to the adorable Trinity; the Father looking upon her as His beloved daughter, the Son as one chosen and prepared to become His mother, and the Holy Ghost as His darling spouse. Mary was the first who set up the standard of virginity; and, by consecrating it by a perpetual vow to Our Lord, she opened the way to all virgins who have since followed her example.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1 here at St. William the Abbot. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by: Joyful Praise, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker is: Joanne Leichte, a retired RN of 44 years who worked clinically and then administratively as Director of Community Outreach at Southern Ocean County Hospital for 16 years. Then for 12 years served as Manager of Patient Experience at Southern Ocean County Hospital and finally as Human Experience Educator and Coach for the Hackensack Meridian Health Southern Region. In 1997 she co-founded and serves as the President of Interfaith Health and Support Services of Southern Ocean County Inc. She also serves on the board of St. Michaels Help Center serving pregnant women in need. Joanne, and her husband are members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, LBI served as members of the Marriage Preparation Team and are currently on the Eucharistic Adoration and Life Ministry teams. She is Married, and has 2 married children and 3 grandchildren.

Joanne invites us to join her as she shares:
"Finding Peace through Intimacy with Jesus"

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass: 9:00am. will be celebrated by **Fr. Thomas Maher**

Admission: \$20.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door

Come and bring a friend

Reservations: are necessary-must select a Box Lunch from selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number, spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, December 5th.

**If you have any questions contact: Mary Ann Collett, MSW, MA, CLEM
 Co-founder/Director of Catholic Women of Zion cwoz@cwoz.org**

What is happening around the Diocese of Trenton?

Cursillo Corner

Want to grow deeper in your relationship with God? Want to rediscover the sense of Christian community? Participate in the joyful experience of Cursillo. Cursillo is Spanish for "short Course" and has been in our diocese for over 50 years. A Cursillo is an encounter with self, Christ and others that enhances the rest of your spiritual life. Cursillo focuses on piety, study, and action and includes faith sharing which helps us to live our lives in a Christian manner. For more information visit our website at www.trentoncursillo.org or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.



Every other month we are going to be helping with our Cohort St. Veronica's food pantry. The items they need are cereal, oatmeal, instant oatmeal, coffee, shelf stable milk, long grain white rice, tomato sauce, mayonnaise, spam/canned meat and toilet paper. Please put the items in

our food bin and we will bring them to St. Veronica. Thank you!

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Answers to the quiz

- 1. C—Abel, 2. J—Enoch, 3. G—Noah, 4. F—Abraham, 5. H—Isaac, 6. A—Jacob, 7. D—Joseph, 8. I—Moses, 9. B—the prostitute Rahab, 10. E—David

Pray for the Deceased
... of all our Parish family and friends, and for aborted babies and those men and women who died this week in the Service of our Country. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, substance use issues, domestic violence and immigration. If you know a parishioner who is struggling or needs help, please contact Catholic Charities. The website is www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org and the Access Line is 800-360-7711.

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