

CHURCH OF ST. WILLIAM THE  
ABBOT

Roman Catholic Church  
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ 07731

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass, 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass, Wednesday at 6:00PM

MASS TIMES

DAILY

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

WEEKEND

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

**HOLY DAYS:** will be announced in the bulletin and on the website.

JANUARY 3, 2021  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**FR. THOMAS MAHER, PASTOR**

FR. JAMES REDSTONE, WEEKEND ASSISTANT  
DEACON MICHAEL ABATEMARCO  
DEACON GEORGE A. PREVOSTI  
DEACON KEVIN SMITH

**OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday thru Friday:  
9:30AM to 2:00PM

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**Anointing of the sick:** To schedule an anointing call the parish office.

**Baptism:** Baptisms may be arranged for most Sundays of the year at 1:00PM. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Matrimony:** Engaged couples should call the parish office for an interview appointment one year before the wedding date.

**Obtain a Mass Card:** During office hours we welcome those who would like to request that their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for particularly at a weekday or weekend Mass. We ask a donation of \$10 per Mass.

**Obtain a Certificate of Eligibility:** Registered parishioners who have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, should call the parish office to request a certificate of eligibility. Eligible individuals (according to Canon Law) are at least 16 years old, fully initiated, married in the Catholic Church (if married) and participating in the life of our faith regularly and are not the child's parents.

**Register for the parish:** We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish Family! Please come and see us at the Parish Office, so that we can get your information and meet you.

**Why is it so important to register with a parish?**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor certificate, and getting donation statements for your taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

**Rosary**



Thank you to everyone who handed in their tally sheets for praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 2,234 times. Congratulations! Keep up the good work! Remember to pray one decade for St. William the Abbot Parish. Thank you to everyone who is praying the rosary even more during the pandemic.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>

**Financial Report**



Weekly Collection for Dec. 27	\$4,969.00
Flowers	150.00
Mortgage Reduction	636.00
Capital Contribution	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$5,865.00
88 Weekly Envelopes	

Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in our online giving program, please go to our website and click on the link for WeShare.

We are now only \$4,504 away from our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed. If you still would like to contribute it is not too late. Send a check to us or go online to the Diocese.

# MASS Intentions

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

**Saturday, January 2**

5:00 People of the parish

**Sunday, January 3**

8:00 Louis Dowiak r/o The Ferraro Family

10:15 Josephine Anderson r/o M/M Bill Aberer

11:45 Special Intention for Vincent Pace  
r/o The Cartiglia Family

**Monday, January 4**

9:00 Robert Weinel r/o Diane Verdon

**Tuesday, January 5**

9:00 Rev. Thomas Morris r/o St. William the Abbot

**Wednesday, January 6**

9:00 Elisabetta Amato r/o The Harrison Family

7:00 Rev. Thomas Morris r/o St. William the Abbot

**Thursday, January 7**

9:00 Walter & Eileen McLaughlin r/o Son & Family

**Friday, January 8**

9:00 Anita Lisa r/o The Lenardo Family

**Saturday, January 9**

9:00 Rev. Rocco Cuomo r/o St. William the Abbot

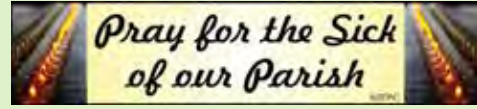
5:00 Evelyn Griffin r/o Mike McQuade & Family

**Sunday, January 10**

8:00 People of the parish

10:15 Bernard Lefebvre r/o Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

11:45 Vincent Spadola r/o The Cartiglia Family



Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Don Goletz, Judy O'Connor, Anna O'Connor, Evelyn Zeliff, Mary Lally, Robby Isabella, Liz Czar, Elizabeth Mangine, Michele Barbito, Maribel Mejias, Tony Liott, 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.**

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Walter & Eileen McLaughlin, requested by their son and family.



Since we are not able to give out the missals for Mass, we are going to order the paperback The Word Among Us. They will be \$5 each and you must take them home with you and bring them back when you come to Mass. We can't leave anything in the church. Stop by the office to get yours.



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### Devotion to St. Joseph

At the same time, the Magisterium of the Church continues to discover "old and new greatness in this treasure which is St. Joseph, like the master in the Gospel of Matthew who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Therefore, the gift of indulgences granted through a decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary by mandate of the Holy Father "will be of great benefit to the perfect attainment of the appointed purpose."

### Conditions for the plenary indulgence

The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

- The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. "St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us", the decree reads, "to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."

- The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph "encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties," the decree notes.

- The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."

- Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence. On 1 May 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph "with the intent that the dignity of work be recognized by all, and that it inspires social life and laws, based on the fair distribution of rights and duties."

- The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church ad intra and ad extra, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, "the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment."

### A universal saint

In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition."

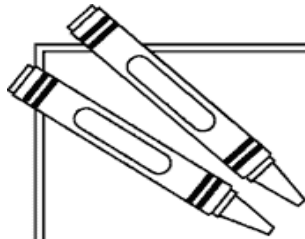
The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph's patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Avila recognized him as "a protector for all the circumstances of life". Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has "a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium."

**For the sick**

Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

**Let us Pray**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.






# Just for KIDS

## Luke 2:1-20

In Luke 2:1-20, we read the familiar story of Jesus' birth. The scrambled words and names in the list below are a part of that story. Unscramble them and circle them in the puzzle. You will find them → ↓ ↗ ← ↑ ↘

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gnamre _____	opesJh _____	uutuAsgs _____
laiGele _____	aueJ _____	rephsehds _____
nso _____	csenus _____	teeBhhelm _____
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B	C	A	E	S	A	R	M	E	A	R	T	H
D	E	C	R	E	E	E	Y	R	U	A	G	B
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T	J	O	S	E	P	H	C	J	U	D	E	A
B	S	D	R	E	H	P	E	H	S	A	E	N
O	M	A	R	Y	H	R	I	M	S	V	T	G
R	F	I	E	L	D	S	T	H	G	I	N	E
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There will be 14 uncircled letters. Write them in order from top to bottom on the lines. They will spell a special message to you.

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## Some of the Programs on Formed



### *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*

As we approach Christ's coming at Christmas, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and enter more deeply into the mystery and joy of God coming into the world as a baby.



### *Formed Now! Special Reflections*

In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute will lead us in reflections throughout the season from December 22nd through January 11th. Formed Now! will return to its regular format on January 12.



### *Prepare the Way of the King*

In this talk, renowned theologian Scott Hahn answers many of the questions that surround Jesus' birth and helps us recognize the true beauty of Christmas!



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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

## #WHATSMYNAME

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