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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor Rev. James Redstone, Weekend Assistant Deacon Michael Abatemarco Deacon George Prevosti Deacon Kevin Smith

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard every Saturday after The 9:00AM Mass, 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass and Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who wish to enter the Catholic faith

and Catholics who wish to complete the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are most welcome to begin the journey at any time. Please call the parish office if interested.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at anytime. Please call the parish office.

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 for a donation of \$10 per Mass.

OBTAIN A CERTIFICATATE 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.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH

We are so happy to welcome new members of our Parish Family! Please come to the parish office so that we can get your information and meet you.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday 9:30AM to 3:00PM



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Our Mission

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.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Weekends

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

Weekdays

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 7, 2021

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 2,473 times. (Thanks Mary!) Congratulations! Keep up the good

work! Remember to pray one decade for St. William the Abbot Parish.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

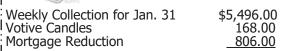
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Ash Wednesday is February 17.

We will be distributing ashes at the 9:00AM Mass, Noon Mass, 4:00 Service, and 7:00PM Mass. They will be distributed under the directives of the Diocese to follow all Covid precautions.

Financial Report



Total \$6,470.00 76 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.

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letter of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874)

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.
- A sponsor must be registered here at St.
 William. If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William, but does not live here, they are not a member of this parish but a member of the parish whose territory he/she now resides in. That parish is the one to go to, to receive a sponsor certificate.

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

SSIntentions

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

Saturday, February 6 Joseph Parella 5:00 Sunday, February 7 8:00 Bob & Ellamae New 10:15 Enzo Antolini Deceased members of the Scudieri Family 11:45 Monday, February 8 John Arendasky 9:00

Tuesday, February 9 Kenneth Kurek 9:00 Wednesday, February 10

9:00 7:00 Luis Blay Special Intention for Brian & Tammy O'Reilly

Thursday, February 11 9:00 Nancy Ciano Friday, February 12 9:00 Mary Howard

Saturday, February 13 9:00 Louis Monturo 5:00 Brian O'Reilly Sunday, February 14 8:00 William Dries 10:15 People of the parish

Patricia Mullins

r/o M/M Danny Condora

r/o The New Family r/o The Mircovich Family r/o The Beyer Family

r/o M/M John Carlucci

r/o The Perrapato Family

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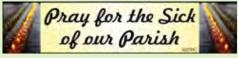
r/o The Beyer Family

r/o Natalie Garcia and Ben Venuto

r/o St. William the Abbot r/o St. William the Abbot

r/o The Ferraro Family

r/o The Leary Family



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



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help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711.

Liturgical Colors

11:45

As you attend Mass throughout the year, you will notice that the priest is dressed in different colors at different times. Why is that? And what do all these different colors mean?

First, the Catholic Mass is very "sensual," in that it engages all of our senses. With the different colors, our eyes draw our minds to that which they represent, helping us journey with Christ.

Each of the colors that you will see the priest wear have a symbolic meaning. For much of the year, or Ordinary Time, the color is green. This symbolizes life and hope. Occasionally, the priest will wear white vestments. This is done during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, on feasts dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to the angels and to saints who are not martyrs. White symbolizes joy and victory.

Red vestments have a couple of different symbolic meanings. It sometimes signifies blood. This is why red vestments are worn on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and on the feast days of martyrs (who shed their blood for the faith) and the Apostles. Other times red signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit. This is why you will see the priest in red on Pentecost or at a so-called Red Mass for lawyers. During Advent and Lent, the color is purple or violet. This is to symbolize penance.

Finally, on the Third Sunday of Advent and Fourth Sunday of Lent, you may see the priest in pink or rose vestments. This symbolizes the joy of anticipation for Christmas and Easter.



The Annual Catholic Appeal will kick off is next weekend. Let's make our goal again!

Why is the Annual Catholic Appeal important?

As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all of our

brothers and sisters – both within our Catholic community and beyond. I Your

contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their

efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

One of the ministries made possible through the generous support of our parishioners to the Annual Catholic Appeal is Catholic Education Administration. Catholic schools in Burlington, Mercer, Mon-mouth and Ocean counties welcome over 16,000 Catholic and non-Catholic students from many different cultural backgrounds. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, work in partnership: with teachers to develop their children's potential in becoming life-long learners. Donation to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within our 27 Catholic elementary schools. Last year your gift helped with reaching out to more than 78,000 alumni who have been given the opportunity to give back so that other students can succeed in our schools.

Another ministry helped by the appeal is Evangelization. Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith.

Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 14

The Diocese of Trenton has launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) Reconnect with your spouse, 2)Make your marriage even better, and 3) Serve others in your marriage. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! The Diocese will also host a special livestreamed event for all Catholic families to celebrate marriage—The Cana Rosary for Marriage—from 7:00PM to 8:00PM each evening, Sunday, February 7 through Saturday, February 13. This recitation of the rosary and reflection on marriage will be led by a different couple each evening; it will help all couples rely on our Most Holy Mother Mary to assist with their greatest needs and bring them closer to the Lord. www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day

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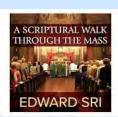


An Ordinary Martyr: The Life & Death of Blessed Stanley Rother

"A shepherd cannot turn at the first sign of danger." - Blessed Stanley Francis Rother

An Ordinary Martyr, the Life and Death of Blessed Stanley Rother, tells the story of a young man born into a devoted German Catholic family in the small farming town of Okarche, Oklahoma. His calling to the priesthood and missionary service led him to Guatemala where he would give his life for his people. This short film captures the heart, devotion and resolution of Blessed Stanley Rother and

the ultimate sacrifice he made for his faith.



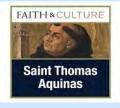
A Scriptural Walk through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri

For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well known author Dr. Edward Sri takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance.



FORMED Now! Letters of Saint Paul

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss Saint Paul's view of salvation.



St. Thomas Aguinas with Randall Smith

Dr. Christopher Blum and guest, Professor Randall B. Smith from the University of Saint Thomas, Houston, discuss Professor Smith's studies of the lesser-known writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Go to www.formed.org. Click on 'sign up', then click on 'belong to a parish or organization', enter St. William the Abbot, and choices will then pop up, pick our parish, then fill out the information asked, name and email. Then you are in!

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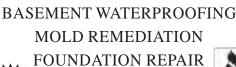
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