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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 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.

**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

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 14, 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 2,378 times. (Thanks Geri!) 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:  
<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>



**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.



Weekly Collection for Feb. 7 \$5,300.00

86 envelopes

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**Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letter of Eligibility**

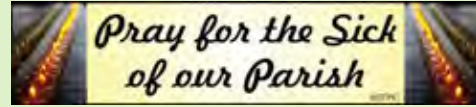
The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874)

- 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.

# MASS Intentions

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

<b>Saturday, February 13</b>		
5:00	Brian O'Reilly	r/o St. William the Abbot
<b>Sunday, February 14</b>		
8:00	William Dries	r/o The Ferraro Family
10:15	People of the parish	
11:45	Patricia Mullins	r/o The Leary Family
<b>Monday, February 15</b>		
9:00	Gwen Gallegos	r/o M/M Paul Ciampi
<b>Tuesday, February 16</b>		
9:00	Elias Berman	r/o M/M Dennis Heffernan
<b>Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday</b>		
9:00	Carol Pugh	r/o M/M Dennis Heffernan
Noon	People of the parish	
7:00	Albert Abatemarco	r/o Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco
<b>Thursday, February 18</b>		
9:00	Christina DelPazzo	r/o M/M Dennis Heffernan
<b>Friday, February 19</b>		
9:00	John & Anna Gryglak	r/o Daughter & Family
<b>Saturday, February 20</b>		
9:00	Rocco Barone	r/o The Pangaro Family
5:00	Helen Borgstrom	r/o Ruth Ziznewski
<b>Sunday, February 21</b>		
8:00	Ann Pasquariello	r/o M/M Ron Neal
10:15	Beatrice Bonner	r/o The Pangaro Family
11:45	People of the parish	



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.**

### Ashes

Many ancient people used ashes for religious, magical and medical purposes. Ashes of certain burned objects were considered to have a sacred character. They also signified mourning, penance and mortality.

In the Old Testament, ashes sprinkled on the head or over the whole body were a sign of repentance. The Christian use of ashes is drawn from the Jewish tradition. Since the eleventh century, receiving ashes on the first day of Lent has been a Christian practice.

Wearing a cross of ashes on one's forehead a person publicly acknowledges their need for penance and the fact that they are mortal. It also expresses their solidarity with all the members of the Church on earth as they enter together into the Lenten season.

### A Prayer for Lent

Lord, holy Father,  
 show us what kind of man it is  
 who is hanging for  
 our sakes on the cross,  
 whose suffering causes  
 the rocks themselves  
 to crack and crumble  
 with compassion,  
 whose death brings  
 the dead back to life.  
 Let my heart crack and crumble  
 at the sight of him.  
 Let my soul break apart  
 with compassion for his suffering.  
 Let it be shattered with grief  
 at my sins for which he dies.  
 And finally let it be softened  
 with devoted love for him.  
 Amen  
 -St. Bonaventure

### 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 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. 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. 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.



Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence and immigration services. If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at

[www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) or call 800-360-7711.

**A Retreat for Widows—March 12-14**

Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and nice conversation are included! The retreat is held at Marianist Family retreat Center in Cape May Point. The cost is \$145 per person. All single rooms. For more information call 609-884-3829 or visit [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). You can sign up online or call.

**What is Lent?**

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

# LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



## Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

## Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



## FORMED

### Suggestions of what to watch this week on FORMED



#### **Bernadette**

From Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Actress Sydney Penny gives a beautiful performance as Bernadette, and the rest of the cast is equally superb. Also stars Roland Lesaffre and Michele Simonnet. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." Shot on location in France with

outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes.



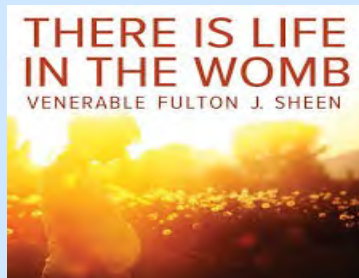
#### **FORMED Now! How and Why to Pray the Rosary**

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the beauty of praying the Rosary.



#### **FORMED Now! How to receive Communion Well**

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Daniel Moloney, visiting professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss how to receive Communion well. Dr. Akers and Fr. Moloney walk through some sure guidelines for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist fruitfully.



#### **There is life in the Womb by Archbishop Fulton Sheen**

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the best-loved and most influential preachers of the 20th century and author of over 90 books. He reached nearly 30 million people through his weekly program, Life is Worth Living, and his cause for canonization was officially opened in 2002. He explains the Church's teaching on life from a philosophical and historical perspective.

Please check out FORMED for programs for Lent. You can sign up for daily meditations, watch programs regarding lent, and watch the stations of the cross. Since we cannot have stations of the cross in the church this Lent, please watch it on FORMED.

Go to [www.formed.org](http://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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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

In Remembrance of  
Samantha Josephson



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