

**SERVED BY:**

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

*Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 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.



Weekly Collection for April 25      \$4,923  
104 Envelopes

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**WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! IF YOU REGISTERED A LONG TIME AGO, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE YOUR EMAIL. PLEASE SEND IT TO US.**

**Rosary**



Thank you to everyone who handed in their tally sheets for praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 2,465 times. 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>



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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.

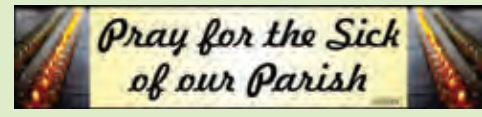
**REST IN PEACE**

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

# MASS Intentions

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

|                         |                                       |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, May 1</b>  |                                       |                                 |
| 5:00                    | Barbara DeStefano                     | r/o The Krey Family             |
| <b>Sunday, May 2</b>    |                                       |                                 |
| 8:00                    | Carol Prevosti                        | r/o Deacon George               |
| 10:15                   | People of the parish                  |                                 |
| 11:45                   | Msgr. Vincent Doyle                   | r/o St. William the Abbot       |
| <b>Monday, May 3</b>    |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Peter Cerreta, Sr.                    | r/o Diane Gambino               |
| <b>Tuesday, May 4</b>   |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Meredith Patch                        | r/o Vince Reilly                |
| <b>Wednesday, May 5</b> |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Special Intention for Terrence Bonner | r/o The Pangaro Family          |
|                         |                                       | r/o The Furmato Family          |
| 7:00                    | Mark Conover                          |                                 |
| <b>Thursday, May 6</b>  |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Fran Walter                           | r/o M/M Joe Diamond             |
| <b>Friday, May 7</b>    |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Stella Matthews                       | r/o Deacon & Mrs. Frank Jackson |
| <b>Saturday, May 8</b>  |                                       |                                 |
| 9:00                    | Peter Cerreta, Sr.                    | r/o M/N Dan Furrevig            |
| 5:00                    | Bill & Betty Lawlor                   | r/o M/M Billy Lawlor            |
| <b>Sunday, May 9</b>    |                                       |                                 |
| 8:00                    | Carmella Ferraro                      | r/o Cathy Ferraro               |
| 10:15                   | People of the parish                  |                                 |
| 11:45                   | John Branca                           | r/o The Francese 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 Zelif, Robby Isabella, Liz Czar, Michele Barbito, Maribel Mejias, Nuala Brennan, Ann Murphy, 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.**



The Word Among Us is available in the parish office for purchase. It is a monthly publication that has the Mass and meditations for a month. It is \$5.



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.

Thank you to the 100 donors who have already donated. They have given \$21,567, which is 77% of our goal of \$28,000. If you haven't given yet, please consider it. Pledge cards are in the parish office.

**Funeral assistance**

The state announced that FEMA has established a fund to reimburse financially struggling families with funeral costs for relatives that have passed away due to COVID-19. Information regarding the fund and eligibility requirements can be found at the following website: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>  
 At this time, FEMA is accepting only applications for financial assistance submitted via telephone. To apply, individuals should call 1-844-684-6333.



# Marking the 50 days of Easter

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| <p><b>Sunday</b><br/> <b>May 2</b><br/>                 The Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> | <p>The vine and branch imagery includes an assurance from Jesus that the Word of God has made the disciples safe from pruning. When these disciples “bear fruit” as Him emissaries they glorify the Father.</p>   |
| <p><b>Monday</b><br/> <b>May 3</b><br/>                 Sts. Philip &amp; James</p>    | <p>Philip from Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus; tradition holds he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works attributed to him; with James, venerated as the patron saints of Uruguay.</p> <p>James, son of Alphaeus and cousin or “brother of the Lord”; surnamed “the Less” or “the Just” for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; and epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying; both saints mentioned in the Roman Canon.</p> |
| <p><b>Tuesday</b><br/> <b>May 4</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Power of the Rosary by St. Pope John Paul II</u></p> <p>The Rosary nourishes the Catholic faith which grows stronger by meditation of the Sacred Mysteries and elevates the mind to truths revealed by God. The Rosary enlivens the hope of things above, that endure forever. As we meditate on the glory of Jesus Christ and His Mother, we see heaven opened and are heartened in our striving to gain the eternal home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray the Rosary today!</p>                         |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b><br/> <b>May 5</b></p>  | <p>“Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pope Benedict XVI</i></p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday</b><br/> <b>May 6</b></p>   | <div data-bbox="451 1297 1052 1497" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Today give thanks to God for our country and giving us life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.</p>  |
| <p><b>Friday</b><br/> <b>May 7</b></p>   | <p>Today make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes.</p> <p>Keep in your prayers the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this afternoon.</p>   |
| <p><b>Saturday</b><br/> <b>May 8</b></p>   | <p>Again today, keep in your prayers the children who will receive their First Holy Communion today at 11:00 and 1:00.</p> <p>Remember confessions are at 4:00.</p>   |



## Our Catholic Culture/ Praying with the Saints



### A Prayer before Mass

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind

God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

- *Saint Thomas Aquinas*



### Often said after Mass

ANIMA CHRISTI

by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Separated from Thee let me never be.

From the malignant enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me. And close to Thee bid me. That with Thy saints I may be Praising Thee, forever and ever. Amen.



Help us celebrate the month of Mary. Please bring the following items during the month of May. We will donate them to Good Counsel Homes.

May 1 & 2 – diapers and wipes, newborn size to toddler

May 8 & 9 – baby food and formula

May 15 & 16 – clothes for babies and children

May 22 & 23 – toiletries for moms (shampoo, soap, etc.)

May 29 & 30—items for the house (paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc.)

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