

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



The Parish Family of

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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

The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 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.



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| Weekly Collection for May 9 | \$4,756 |
| Mother's Day | 115 |
| Capital Contributions | 982 |
| Votive Candles | 155 |
| Total | \$6,008 |

87 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.

Rosary



Thank you to everyone who handed in their tally sheets for praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 2,536 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. Join us in person or online.

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

Saturday, May 15 *Saint Isidore*
 + 5:00 **Emery Szabo**
 req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Sunday, May 16 *The Ascension of The Lord*
 + 8:00 **James Ciardiello**
 req Sal Ciardiello
 + 10:15 **People of the parish**
 + 11:45 **Deceased members of the Serra Fam.**
 req The Beyer Family

Monday, May 17
 9:00 **Special Intention for George F. Raiser**
 req Bill Raiser

Tuesday, May 18 *Saint John I*
 + 9:00 **Thomas Patrick McLaughlin**
 req Brother & Family

Wednesday, May 19
 + 9:00 **Corriene Pangaro**
 req The Pangaro Family
 + 7:00 **Joseph Selvaggi**
 req Joann Selvaggi

Thursday, May 20 *Saint Bernardine of Siena*
 + 9:00 **Jeffrey Smith**
 req Tony & Jay Desiderio

Friday, May 21 *Saint Christopher Magallanes & Companions*
 + 9:00 **Veronica Capitan**
 req M/M Rich Capitan


Saturday, May 22 *Saint Rita of Cascia*
 + 9:00 **Peter Cerreta, Sr.**
 req M/M Louis D'Amico
 + 5:00 **Dennis Gilbert**
 req St. William the Abbot

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost
 + 8:00 **John Anderson**
 req The Dougherty Family
 + 10:15 **Brian O'Reilly**
 req M/M Rick Stryker
 11:45 **People of the parish**


PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Tom Wilczewski, Yuri Turchin, 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 Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Thomas Patrick McLaughlin, requested by his brother.



The Flowers for Jesus are in memory of Thomas Patrick McLaughlin, requested by his brother.

Why do priests burn incense at Mass and Adoration?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering." Also, in Revelations, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven. Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church. We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we are reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person's body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Incense powerfully represents what really happens at the Mass, Adorations, and Benediction. The next time you see incense in Church, think about how in this moment, your prayers are rising to God and He is descending to earth to make His presence real before you in the Eucharist.



Marking the 50 days of Easter

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| <p>Sunday May 16 The Ascension of The Lord</p> | <p>Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness.</p> <p>Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven and signifies the end of His work on Earth and allowed Him to prepare a place for followers in heaven.</p> |
| <p>Monday May 17</p> | <p>"Jesus loved us to the end, to the very limit, dying on the cross. We must have this same love which comes from within, from our union with Jesus. This love should be as normal to us as living and breathing." St. Mother Teresa</p> |
| <p>Tuesday May 18 Feast day for St. John I, Pope, Martyr</p> |  <p>John I who lived in the year 526, was born in Tuscany. He introduced the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter. He led an embassy to Constantinople to discuss Emperor Justin I's policy toward Arians in the East. Not satisfying the demands of Theodoric, the Arian king in Ravenna, and not knowing his fate, he died there, a wretched man, ill and worn out from his travels. He was buried in Rome and his epitaph salutes his a "a victim for Christ."</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 19</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." St. Pope John Paul II</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pray the Rosary today.</p> |
| <p>Thursday May 20 Feast day for St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</p> |  <p>Bernardine lived in the year 1444. He was a famous reformer and eloquent preacher who traveled throughout Italy. He encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He is known for his use of the monogram <i>IHS</i>, an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus. He is the patron of advertisers and advertising and is invoked against hoarseness.</p> |
| <p>Friday May 21 Feast day for St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions</p> |  <p>Christopher Magallanes and twenty-one diocesan priests and three laymen were either shot or hanged between 1915 and 1937 for their association with the <i>Cristero</i> uprising which opposed the anti-Catholic Mexican government in the 1920's. The <i>Cristero</i> motto was, "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe."</p> |
| <p>Saturday May 22 Feast day for St. Rita of Cascia</p> |  <p>Rita was born in 1381 in the town of Roccaporena in Umbria. She lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Becoming an Augustinian nun, she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the crown of thorns. She died in 1457. She is the patron saint of desperate situations.</p> |



Thank you for your donations for Mother's Day. These are the names of Moms whom we have been asked to pray for: **Deceased:** Dawn Marie Jones, Arlene Jones, Margretta Jones-Buckley, Mary Eckert, Rosemary Ferraro, Rose Dowiak, Marie Ferraro, Jean Marano, Katherine Santamaria, Philomena Passarella, Lucille Haberjan, Elvira Izzo, Lena Dragotta, Katherine Redmond, Mary Hagelgans, Mildred Gilbert, Laura Camp, Gladys Echevarria, Veronica Malecki, Rose Mary Maher, Sabina Maher, Theresa Turner, Norma Moore, Patricia Kelly, Antonia, Ramimei, Sofia, Rosa, Annmaria Guillermo, Stella Matthews, Pauline Jackson, Mary Grifa, Irene Miller, Rivalta Valenza, Nimfa Shomers, Helen Bate, Jean Clark, Theresa Martino, Lillian Lenardo, Ann Mayer, Barbara Martin, Mary Kubik, Jane Zisko, Susan Christman, Marcella Neal, Ann Pasquariello, Mary Seymour, Mattea Mircovich, Jennie Ciardiello, Helen DeDominicis, Sue Iacangelo, Theresa Capitan, Elizabeth Capitan, Margaret Kristofek, Ruth Augustyniak, Eleanor Szydal, Violet Ulon, Mildred Benson, Mary Krey, Barbara DeStefano, Alva E. Wallen-Kelly, Joan Rizzo, Elsie Harkins, Anna Krywy, Carmen Campos, Frances Crispino, Delia Cleary, Lena Reynolds, Eleanor Corti, Rita Gadaleta, Violet Modica, Kathleen Modica, Lorraine Glowacz, Ethel Deering, Marie DeSantis, Mina Beyer, Ann Serra, Josephine Rizzo, Vivian Goff, Marion Zetts, Mae DeToro, Mary Veneais, Connie D'Amico, Shirley Feeney, Kathleen Downey, Kathleen Feeney, Marcia Marsh, Gertrude Gash, Angela Doti, Helen Foley, Mary Vignola, Anna Mazepa, Mary Repasky, Anne Bivona, **Living:** Natalina Morin, Chris DeStefano, Cindy Vacacela, Jennifer Rath, Nicole DeStefano, Virginia Ball, Marie Selvaggi, Loretta Hrabel, Mary Puglisi, Any Deputato, Lauren Northrop, Diane Gilbert, Kathleen Kearney.



The Word Among Us is available in the parish office for purchase. It is a monthly publication that has the Mass, reading and meditations. 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 103 donors who have already donated. They have given \$21,747, which is 78% of our goal of \$28,000. If you haven't given yet, please consider it. Pledge cards are in the parish office.

What is the story behind the Rosary?

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500's. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would be come to be known as the Month of the Rosary. Here at St. William the Rosary is prayed after the 9AM Mass, Monday thru Saturday.



Help us celebrate the month of Mary.
Please bring the following items during the
month of May. We will donate them to
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May 1 & 2 – diapers and wipes, newborn size
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May 15 & 16 – clothes for babies and children

May 22 & 23 – toiletries for moms (shampoo,
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