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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

Pentecost Sunday May 23, 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 16 | \$4,181 |
| Ascension | 970 |
| Capital Contributions | <u>115</u> |
| Total | \$5,266 |

96 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 22** *Saint Rita of Cascia*
+ 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**
- Monday, May 24** *The blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
+ 9:00 **Renee Wierck**
req Luann Clarkson
- Tuesday, May 25** *Sts. Bede, Gregory VII, Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*
9:00 **Special Intention for Maria Galioto**
req The Beyer Family
- Wednesday, May 26** *St. Philip Neri*
9:00 **Special Intention for Hailey Raiser**
req Bill Raiser
7:00 **Special Intention for Fr. Jim**
req Deacon George
- Thursday, May 27** *St. Augustine of Canterbury*
+ 9:00 **Thomas Gaven, Jr.**
req M/M Pat McNamara
- Friday, May 28**
+ 9:00 **Peter Cerreta, Sr.**
req Fr. Jim
- Saturday, May 29** *St. Paul VI, Pope*
+ 9:00 **Emil Hensler**
req M/M Paul Barnes
5:00 **People of the parish**
- Sunday, May 30—The Most Holy Trinity**
+ 8:00 **Bob & Ellamae New**
req The New Family
+ 10:15 **Peter Cerreta, Sr.**
req Deacon George
+ 11:45 **Stella & John Jankowski**
req Terry Kelly



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, 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 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.

We are still collecting items for Good Counsel Homes. Items needed are, diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, toiletries for moms, and cleaning items for the house. Please check out their website: www.goodcounselhomes.org



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 105 donors who have already donated. They have given \$21,962, 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.

Marking the days of Ordinary Time

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| <p>Sunday May 23 Pentecost</p> | <p>All of us have been baptized into one and the same spirit; let us live, then, by the Spirit! That same Spirit, the Advocate, who “renews the face of the earth,” was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord and to obtain forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>Today is the last day the Easter Candle is lit, except at a baptism.</p> |
| <p>Monday May 24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</p> | <p>Ordinary Time resumes today and will continue until the first day of Advent, November 28, 2021.</p> <p>On February 11, 2018, a Decree was issued implementing Pope Francis’ decision that the Memorial of the “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church” be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar and observed on the Monday following Pentecost, taking precedence over conflicting obligatory Memorials. Today is also a day of prayer for the Church in China.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday May 25</p> <p>St. Bede the Venerable</p> <p>St. Gregory VII</p> <p>St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi</p> | <p>St. Bede was born in the neighborhood of the Wearmouth monastery in 673. He was trained by St. Benedict Biscop and later entered the monastery. Ordained to the priesthood, he spent his ministry in teaching and writing. St. Bede wrote theological and historical works in the patristic tradition and explained sacred Scripture. He died in 735.</p> <p>Hildebrand (St. Gregory) was born in Tuscany about the year 1028. He was educated at Rome and entered the monastic life. He helped the popes of his time through many missions on behalf of Church reform, and in 1073 ascended to the chair of St. Peter under the name of Gregory VII. Besieged by King Henry IV, he died a refugee at Salerno in 1085.</p> <p>St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi died in the year 1607. She was a Carmelite mystic of Florence who led a hidden life of prayer and self-denial, praying particularly for the renewal of the Church and encouraging her fellow sisters in holiness. She was instrumental in the reform of her Order.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday May 26</p> <p>St. Philip Neri</p> | <p>Saint Philip Neri was born at Florence in 1515. He went to Rome and began to work with young men among whom he fostered Christian life and formed an association for the poor and the sick. Ordained to the priesthood in 1551, he founded the Oratory where spiritual reading, singing and works of charity were practiced. He excelled in his love of neighbor and in evangelical simplicity along with a joyous service to God. St. Philip died in 1595.</p> |
| <p>Thursday May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury</p> | <p>St. Augustine was sent in 597 from Saint Andrew’s monastery in Rome by Saint Gregory the Great to preach the Gospel in England. He was aided there by King Ethelbert and chosen bishop of Canterbury. He converted many to the faith and established many dioceses, especially in the kingdom of Kent. He died on May 26, about the year 605.</p> |
| <p>Friday May 28</p> | <p>“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.” Pope Saint John Paul II</p> |
| <p>Saturday May 29 St. Paul VI, Pope</p> | <p>Paul VI, Giovanni Battista Montini, was born on September 26, 1897, near Brescia, Italy. Ordained a priest in 1920, he was eventually recruited for the Vatican diplomatic service. For thirty years he worked at the Vatican Secretariat of State. In 1954, he was named archbishop of Milan, where he sought to win disaffected workers back to the Catholic Church. In 1958, Montini was the first of twenty-three cardinals named by Pope John XXIII, and helped in preparing Vatican II. Elected pope in June 1963 and taking the name Paul VI, he immediately decided to continue the work of the Council which concluded on December 8, 1965. The previous day, Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras revoked the excommunications that their predecessors had made in 1054. Paul VI increased the number of cardinals significantly, giving many countries their first cardinal. He also instituted a permanent observer mission at the United Nations. Paul VI also wrote seven encyclicals. He died at Castel Gandolfo on August 6, 1978.</p> |

PENTECOST SUNDAY



ARTICLE 8

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

687 "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."⁷ Now God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, his Word, his living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of himself. The Spirit who "has spoken through the prophets" makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith. The Spirit of truth who "unveils" Christ to us "will not speak on his own."⁸ Such properly divine self-effacement explains why "the world

cannot receive [him], because it neither sees him nor knows him," while those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells with them.⁹ Catechism of the Catholic

The Ancient Hymn to the Holy Spirit *Veni Sancte Spiritus* teaches what the Holy Spirit desires to do in us.

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| <i>Veni, Sancte Spiritus,</i> | Holy Spirit! Lord of light! |
| <i>Et emitte caelitus</i> | From thy clear celestial height, |
| <i>Lucis tuae radium</i> | Thy pure, beaming radiance give: |
| <i>Veni, pater pauperum.</i> | Come, Thou, Father of the poor! |
| <i>Veni dator munerum,</i> | Come, with treasures which endure! |
| <i>Veni, lumen cordium.</i> | Come, Thou light of all that live! |
| <i>Consolator optime,</i> | Thou of all consolers best, |
| <i>Dulcis hospes animae</i> | Visiting the troubled breast, |
| <i>Dulce refrigerium.</i> | Dost refreshing peace bestow: |
| <i>In labore requies,</i> | Thou in toil art comfort sweet; |
| <i>In aestu temperies</i> | Pleasant coolness in the heat; |
| <i>In fletu solatium.</i> | Solace in the midst of woe. |
| <i>O lux beatissima,</i> | Light immortal! Light divine! |
| <i>Reple cordis intima</i> | Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, |
| <i>Tuorum fidelium.</i> | And our inmost being fill. |
| <i>Sine tuo numine,</i> | If Thou take Thy grace away, |
| <i>Nihil est in homine,</i> | Nothing pure in man will stay; |
| <i>Nihil est innoxium.</i> | All his good is turn'd to ill. |
| <i>Lava quod est sordidum,</i> | Heal our wounds—our strength renew; |
| <i>Riga quod est aridum,</i> | On our dryness pour Thy dew; |
| <i>Sana quod est saucium.</i> | Wash the stains of guilt away: |
| <i>Flecte quod est rigidum,</i> | Bend the stubborn heart and will; |
| <i>Fove quod est frigidum</i> | Melt the frozen, warm the chill; |
| <i>Rege quod est devium.</i> | Guide the steps that go astray. |
| <i>Da tuis fidelibus,</i> | Thou, on those who evermore |
| <i>In te confidentibus,</i> | Thee confess and Thee adore, |
| <i>Sacrum septenarium,</i> | In Thy sevenfold gifts descend. |
| <i>Da virtutis meritum,</i> | Give them comfort when they die; |
| <i>Da salutis exitum,</i> | Give them life with Thee on high; |
| <i>Da perenne gaudium.</i> | Give them joys which never end. |
| <i>Amen. Alleluja.</i> | Amen. Alleluia. |



Reflection by St. Irenaeus, Bishop

When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God. He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord."

From the treatise *Against Heresies* by **Saint Irenaeus**, bishop (Lib. 3, 17. 1-3: SC 34, 302-306)

St. Leo the Great Religious Store

They are honoring Mary during the month of May. And are featuring devotionals for Our Lady, rosaries from Italy, statuary, Miraculous Medals, wall plaques, holy cards and many books to help you grow in prayer and faith. The store is located in the lower level of the Parish Center, in Lincroft. Their number is 908-770-1989. Website: www.stleothegreat.com/store



Catholic Charities Covid Outreach Update

The primary goal of Catholic Charities' Covid19 vaccination outreach is to reduce barriers such as transportation, language, lack of health insurance etc., in the black and Hispanic communities. These communities have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and are lagging well behind the vaccination rate of the white population.

Catholic Charities is educating communities about vaccines, recruiting and training community healthcare workers and hosting clinics at which to date, over 600 people have been vaccinated.

To learn more about this work or to register to receive a vaccination click on:

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