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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



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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

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 July 25	\$4,723
Mortgage Reduction	919
Vigil Candles	87
Total	\$5,729

103 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 2,566 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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Online giving is the best way to support St. William the Abbot—now more than ever! It provides steady support, it's environmentally friendly, and less costly than using envelopes. Look for the WeShare link on our website.

The Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at 6PM. Call or email the parish office to reserve a table. It is free! Bring your own food and drink. We will supply tables, chairs, entertainment, games, and a 50/50.

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

- Saturday, July 31**
 - + 5:00 **Robert Nickum**
req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco
- Sunday, August 1**
 - 8:00 **People of the parish**
 - + 10:15 **Peter Cerreta, Sr.**
req M/M Joe DelGuercio
 - + 11:45 **John DeSantis**
req The Beyer Family
- Monday, August 2**
 - + 9:00 **Bill & Betty Lawlor**
req M/M Billy Lawlor
- Tuesday, August 3**
 - + 9:00 **Edith O'Keefe**
req The Sosnicki Family
- Wednesday, August 4**
 - + 9:00 **Gloria Stefanelli**
req The Bryannt Family
 - + 7:00 **Evelina Macchia**
req The Cartiglia Family
- Thursday, August 5**
 - + 9:00 **Christian F. Raiser**
req Bill Raiser
- Friday, August 6**
 - + 9:00 **Walter F. Smith, Jr.**
req Vince Reilly
- Saturday, August 7**
 - + 9:00 **Manuel Alves Frenandes**
req The Pangaro Family
 - + 5:00 **Henry Mastowski**
req The Mastowski Family
- Sunday, August 8**
 - + 8:00 **Ralph Boraska**
req M/M Paul Ciampi
 - 10:15 **People of the parish**
 - + 11:45 **Deceased members of the Thompson Family**
req The Beyer 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, Nuala Brennan, Ann Murphy, Yuri Turchin, Amy Sikorski, Deborah Lavin, Kathleen Redstone, 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.



Even though our missals are back, we still have The Word Among Us available in the parish office for purchase. It is a monthly publication that has the Mass, daily readings and Sunday readings and meditations in it. They cost \$5.

FORMED.org is a wonderful source of information to assist you on your spiritual journey. This is free and a wonderful source for adults as well as children. To sign up: go to formed.org/signup, select our parish, register with your name and email address, check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

"...Together we can do great things."



DioceseofTrenton.org/CatholicAppeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal mission remains the same as it was when it began; to financially empower the Church to serve all the people of God, regardless of belief. What's different today: the needs are greater than ever before.

Thank you to the 126 donors who have already donated. They have given \$24,742, which is 88% of our goal of \$28,000. If you haven't given yet, please consider it. Pledge cards are in the parish office.



Our Youth Choir will be back in September! Any student, grade 2 through high school is welcome to join. They sing on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:15 Mass. Practice is from 9:30 to 10:00 right before Mass. If you are interested in joining, please contact Colleen Murath at colleenmurath@optonline.net.

Marking the days of Ordinary Time

<p>Sunday August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St. Alphonsus Liguori</p>	<p>First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna. Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24 Christians become a new creation in Christ Gospel: John 6:24-35 Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."</p> <p>Saint Alphonsus was born at Naples in 1696. Though renowned as a doctor of both Canon and Civil Law, he left the legal profession and entered the priesthood. Subsequently he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. To foster the Christian life, he applied himself to preaching among the people and writing books on moral theology of which he is considered a master. He was chosen bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti, but soon resigned his office to work with his confreres at Nocera dei Pagani in Campagna. Saint Alphonsus died in 1787.</p>
<p>Monday August 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli</p>	<p>Saint Eusebius was born at the beginning of the fourth century in Sardinia. He became a member of the Roman clergy and in 345 was elected first bishop of Vercelli. He spread religion by his preaching and established the monastic life in his diocese. Because of his faith he was tortured and driven into exile by Emperor Constantius and endured much suffering. Returning to his country, he worked tirelessly against the Arians for the restoration of the faith. He died at Vercelli in 371.</p>
<p>Tuesday August 3</p>	<p>"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral." <i>Cardinal John O'Connor</i></p>
<p>Wednesday August 4 St. John Vianney</p>	<p>Saint John was born at Lyons in 1786. After overcoming many difficulties, he was ordained a priest. He was entrusted with a parish in the town of Ars in the diocese of Belley. He cared for this parish in a marvelous way by his preaching, his mortification, prayer and good works. Since he was renowned for great skill in helping penitents, people came to him from many regions and devoutly accepted his counsels. He died in 1859.</p>
<p>Thursday August 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major</p>	<p>After the Council of Ephesus (431) in which the mother of Jesus was acclaimed as Mother of God, Pope Sixtus III erected at Rome on the Esquiline Hill a basilica dedicated to the honor of the holy Mother of God. It was afterward called Saint Mary Major and it is the oldest church in the West dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p>
<p>Friday August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord</p>	<p>This feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing. During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.</p>
<p>Saturday August 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions</p>	<p>Saint Sixtus and four deacons (Januarius, Vincent, Magnus, and Stephen) were arrested on August 6, 258, while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus. By the order of Valerian, they were decapitated that same day.</p>



Registration has now begun online for School of Religion. All parents of children who were in the program last year, should have received an email on how to register. If you did not, please check the website for a link to register. Also, if your child is going into the first grade in September 2021, you must also register. Our First Holy Communion program is a two year program. In order to make first Holy Communion in 2nd grade he/she must attend 1st and 2nd grade classes.

If you are interested in teaching, please let us know. All volunteers must be Virtus trained and fingerprinted.

You must be a registered member of St. William the Abbot to attend our School of Religion classes. Please call or email the parish office to get a registration form, if you wish to join the parish.



Catholic Women of Zion is back in person! Please join us here at St. William the Abbot for a Retreat Day on Saturday, August 28th, 9:00 to 2:00. The day will consist of Mass, music by Joyful Praise, speaker, whom this month is Jennifer Maher, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. Admission is \$20 and includes a box lunch, please select your preference for lunch when you make your reservation. Go to www.cwoz.org to register or by phone by calling 732-202-8352, leave your name, phone number and your choice of lunch. Please make your reservation by Tuesday, August 24th.

REST IN PEACE

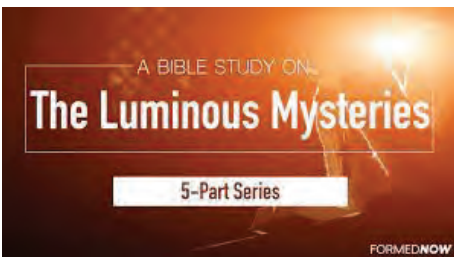
Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Pick of the Week on Formed



Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Transfiguration. This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, the mountaintop manifestation of Christ's glory that we read about in the Gospel. As we recall this wondrous event, however, many questions might come to mind. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? Why did Jesus only bring Peter, James, and John? Hear the answers to these questions and more in this episode of FORMED Now.

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Devotion to the Precious Blood

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a

composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

Excerpted from [*The Precious Blood of Christ*](#),
Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.



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