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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

*September 26, 2021*

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Offering Envelopes



### Why should I use weekly envelopes?

The use of envelopes is important. They document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to

be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose. If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact the Parish Office.



Weekly Collection for September 19	\$4,866
Capital Contribution	45
Total	\$4,911

106 Envelopes

**Thank You!** We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries! We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through We Share.

### Rosary



Thank you to everyone who handed in their tally sheets for praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 2,647 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. All are welcome.

*Mark your calendars!  
Jon Leonetti will be  
here on December  
15th and 16th!*

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>



## Bishop's Anniversary Blessing

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing for couples living in Monmouth County will be held at the Co-Cathedral of St.

Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, at 3PM. All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing). The registration deadline is September 30.

"Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways."



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# MASS Intentions

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

- Saturday, September 25**  
+ 5:00 **Bill & Betty Lawlor**  
req M/M Billy Lawlor
- Sunday, September 26**  
8:00 **People of the parish**  
+10:15 **Michael McDonnell**  
req Irene Kelly Smith  
11:45 **Special Intention for Hailey Raiser**  
req Bill Raiser
- Monday, September 27**  
+ 9:00 **John Sproat**  
req Carol Sproat
- Tuesday, September 28**  
+ 9:00 **Margaret Savannah**  
req The Perrapato Family
- Wednesday, September 29**  
+ 9:00 **Rosemary Carlucci**  
req Diane Verdon  
7:00 **Special Intention for Rocco Santorsola**  
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family
- Thursday, September 30**  
+ 9:00 **Toni Mantone**  
req M/M Joseph Mantone
- Friday, October 1**  
9:00 **Special Intention for Mary E. Roarke**  
req Bill Raiser
- Saturday, October 2**  
9:00 **Special Intention**  
req The Pangaro Family  
+ 5:00 **Raymond Squitieri**  
req M/M Rich Capitan
- Sunday, October 3**  
+ 8:00 **Bob & Ellamae New**  
req The New Family  
10:15 **People of the parish**  
+11:45 **Rose Ackert**  
req M/M Billy Lawlor




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, Yuri Turchin, Amy Sikorski, Deborah Lavin, Deacon Frank Jackson, Virginia Ball, John McCullam, Phil Giudice, 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 Knights of Columbus  
First Annual  
**Battle of the Bags  
Cornhole Tournament**  
Saturday, October 9th at 12:00PM  
BYOB  
Cash prizes for first and second place winners  
Raffle  
\$50 per team to enter  
email Joe at [jsansone113@gmail.com](mailto:jsansone113@gmail.com)  
Cost includes food and soft drinks  
Teams encouraged to bring their own boards and bags

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



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 128 donors who have already donated. They have given \$25,482, which is 91% of our goal of \$28,000. If you haven't given yet, please consider it. We only need \$2,518 to reach our goal. Pledge cards are in the parish office.

[DioceseofTrenton.org/CatholicAppeal](http://DioceseofTrenton.org/CatholicAppeal)



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, 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](http://formed.org/signup), select our parish, register with your name and email address, check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

## Marking the days of Ordinary Time with the Saints

<p><b>Sunday</b> September 26 St. Cosmas and Damian</p>	<p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Numbers 11:25-29</i> The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>James 5:1-6</i> James chastises the rich. <b>Gospel Reading:</b> <i>Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48</i> Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.</p> <p>According to ancient documents the tomb of Saints Cosmas and Damian is at Cyrrhus in Syria. There a basilica was built in their honor. Devotion to these martyrs spread to Rome and from there through the whole Church.</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> September 27 St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>Saint Vincent de Paul was born in Gascony in 1581. After completing his studies, he was ordained a priest and went to Paris where he served in a parish. He founded the Congregation of the Mission to supervise the formation of priests and to give support to the poor. With the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, he also founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity. He died at Paris in 1660.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> September 28 St. Wenceslaus</p>	<p>Saint Wenceslaus was born in Bohemia around the year 907. Brought up as a Christian by his aunt, he began his rule around the year 925. Having experienced many difficulties in ruling over his subjects and in leading them to the faith, he was betrayed by his brother Boleslaus and killed by assassins in 935. He was immediately recognized as a martyr and is venerated as the patron saint of Bohemia.</p> <p>Today the Church commemorates sixteen martyrs (thirteen Dominicans and three tertiaryes) of Nagasaki, Japan, during the years 1633-1637. After enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</p>	<p>These biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care. Michael (meaning "Who is like God?") is the patron of security forces and of the sick. Gabriel ("God's Strength") is the patron of telecommunications and the postal service. Raphael ("God's Remedy") is the patron of travelers and the blind.</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> September 30 St. Jerome</p>	<p>Saint Jerome was born at Stridon in Dalmatia around the year 340. He studied the classical authors at Rome, and was baptized there. He embraced a life of asceticism and went to the East where he was ordained a priest. Returning to Rome, he became a secretary to Pope Damasus. At Rome he began to translate the holy Scriptures into Latin and to promote the monastic life. Eventually he settled in Bethlehem where he served the needs of the Church. He wrote many works, especially commentaries on holy Scripture. He died at Bethlehem in 420.</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus</p>	<p>Saint Therese was born at Alencon in France in 1873. While still a young girl, she entered the Carmelite monastery at Lisieux. There she lived a life of humility, evangelical simplicity and trust in God. By word and example she taught these virtues to the novices of the community. Offering her life for the salvation of souls and the growth of the Church. She died September 30, 1897.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> October 2 Guardian Angels</p>	<p>Pray to your Guardian Angel everyday: <i>Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.</i></p>



To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, St. William's Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, at 10AM, on the parish lawn, by the Blessed Mother's Prayer Garden (if raining we will move inside). All are invited to bring your beloved pets and animals for a blessing. Please invite your friends and neighbors, even if they are not members of our parish. Join us as we thank God for His gift of the beautiful creatures that share our lives and bring joy and delight to our hearts.

**Healing the Wounds of Abortion**

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgemental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Our next retreat is November 12-14, 2021.

**Afghan Refugees Humanitarian Crises**

As you may have heard from various news agencies, Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crises by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children and their families and assisting in the coordination of donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please go to <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/afghan-refugees-humanitarian-crisis> to learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities.

**Be Not Afraid**

The phrase "be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

**Refuse to worry.** Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

**Keep your eyes on Him.** Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.



**Rosary for Life**

All are invited to a special Rosary for Life at Our Lady's grotto by St. Veronica's rectory at 2PM on Sunday, October 3rd. As we celebrate Pro-life Sunday, let us pray for greater respect for all human life, from conception to natural death, and for an end to abortion, suicide, and euthanasia.





The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation. Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th century, instituted a prayer asking for Saint Michael's protection to be said at the end of every Mass.

Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael: (i) to fight against Satan (ii) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (iii) to be the champion of God's people, (iv) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment. "I am Gabriel, who stand before God." (Luke 1, 19) Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and the at Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St. Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who "strengthened" Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

"I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" (Tob 12:15)

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering.

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