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 Rev. Pasquale Papalia, Weekend Assistant  
 Rev. James Redstone, In memoriam  
 Deacon Michael Abatemarco  
 Deacon George A. 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

*January 22, 2023*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**What is an active parishioner?**

An active parishioner is a person who participates in the life of the Church. This means to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and share in Christ's role as priest, prophet and King. We are called to lead others to faith by our good example, through loving service to others, and offering our prayers, works and activities to God.

- An active parishioner is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- An active parishioner is a person who attends Mass regularly at St. William the Abbot and actively supports the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents who want a Catholic Faith Formation & Education for their children will see to it that their family attends Mass faithfully EVERY Sunday.
- An active parishioner gives of themselves by donating TIME, TALENT and TREASURE to the ministries of the parish and or to the volunteer organizations that support the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our Parish alive in a vibrant way.
- An active parishioner is a good financial steward of the church. As a parishioner, it is important to understand that giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component to active parishioner status.

**Why you need to be an active parishioner**

Parishioners seeking to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or those wishing to be joined in Holy Matrimony must first be verified as "active members" of the parish.

**An active member:**

- 1) Is properly registered with the parish
- 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- 3) Participates in parish activities/ministries whenever possible.
- 4) Consistently uses the parish envelope system or the electronic giving program to support the parish.

**2023 Weekly Collection Envelopes**

The envelope box sets are here and in the parish hall. If you haven't picked yours up, please do so today. Also, if your box isn't there and you would like envelopes, please call or email the parish office.



Weekly Collection for January 15  
 Number of registered families . . .1,193  
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .136  
 Envelope contributions . . . \$4,977.00  
 Loose contributions . . . \$533.00  
 Capital Contributions . . \$115.00  
 Mortgage Reduction . . \$50.00  
 Epiphany . . . \$25.00  
 We Share . . . \$1,219.00  
**Total: \$6,919.00**

**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 3,475 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.

"Praying the Rosary is like stepping back from the crazy, noisy, busy world and into a calm, quiet, peaceful heaven."

- Matthew Kelly, Rediscover the Rosary



Join us at 1:00 on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please email or call Maureen at the parish office.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

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





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

**Saturday, January 21**

**+5:00 Les Katona**  
req Lawrence Housman

**Sunday, January 22**

**+8:00 Kevin Rizzo**  
req M/M Kevin Moroney

**+10:15 William Colfer**  
req Debra Pfeiffer

**+11:45 Theodora Santiago**  
req M/M John Maniscalco

**Monday, January 23**

**+9:00 Michael Prendergast**  
req The Dougherty Family

**Tuesday, January 24**

**+9:00 Margaret Sacco**  
req The Perrapato Family

**Wednesday, January 25**

**9:00 Special Intention for Ellen Fernandez**  
req The Dougherty Family

**+7:00 Rev. James Sauchelli**  
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

**Thursday, January 26**

**+9:00 Elizabeth Barwood**  
req M/M Peter Brennan

**Friday, January 27**

**+9:00 Sonny Mongiello**  
req Angela Lucifora

**Saturday, January 28**

**+9:00 Rev. James Sauchelli**  
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

**5:00 People of the parish**

**Sunday, January 29**

**+8:00 Kenneth Relovsky**  
req The Downey Family

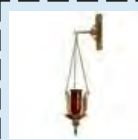
**+10:15 Louise Carotenuto Kousoulides**  
req M/M Charlie Garofano

**+11:45 Wilbur Eugene Englehardt**  
req The Franklin 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, Deborah Lavin, Joanne Papa, Joyce Perez, Matt Puglisi, 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 Sarah Gilbert, requested by the Gilbert Family.



... of all our Parish family and friends, and for aborted babies and those men and women who died this week in the Service of our Country. May their souls

and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazzarella Eye Glass Donation Program. An eye receptacle is located next to the food bin, inside the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program, who since

1932, provided over 8 million needy people in the United States and throughout the world the gift of better sight. We thank you for all your donations and support.





## Marking the days of the Ordinary Time with the Saints

<b>Sunday,</b> <b>January 22</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>First Reading:</b> <i>Isaiah 8:23-9:3</i> The people in darkness have seen a great light. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17</i> Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name. <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Matthew 4:12-23</i> Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.
<b>Monday,</b> <b>January 23</b> St. Marianne Cope	Saint Marianne Cope, O.S.F. is also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i. She was born in Germany on January 23, 1838 and spent much of her life working in Hawai'i working with lepers on the island of Moloka'i. Eventually, Mother Marianne's work became a burden on her frail body and she was confined to a wheelchair. Despite this limitation, she continued to work tirelessly. Many noticed that despite all her years of work she never contracted leprosy herself, which many regarded as a miracle in itself. Mother Marianne passed away on August 9, 1918 and was buried at Bishop Home. She was beatified in 2005 and declared a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.
<b>Tuesday,</b> <b>January 24</b> St. Messalina	Saint Messalina was a virgin martyr and a disciple of St. Felician, the bishop of Foligno, Italy. She received the veil from St. Felician and visited him in prison. Denounced as a Christian, she was ordered to sacrifice to the pagan gods. Refusing, Messalina was beaten to death, in the year 251.
<b>Wednesday,</b> <b>January 25</b> St. Apollo	Saint Apollo was an Egyptian hermit, founder, and miracle worker. Apollo was born in Egypt and spent forty years in the desert region around Thebes. He then founded a community of monks in Hermopol, Egypt, ultimately numbering five hundred, and became their abbot. Apollo was eighty years old when he made this foundation. He was noted for his miracles. He died in the year 395.
<b>Thursday,</b> <b>January 26</b> Bl. Michal Kozal	Blessed Michal (Michael) Kozal, born in 1893, is one of the many children of Poland, who witnessed with their strong faith, the identity of Catholics, thousands dying in the notorious concentration camps and extermination Germans. He died in one such camp in 1943. Pope John Paul II beatified him in Warsaw on June 14, 1987, during one of his first pilgrimages to their common homeland of Poland.
<b>Friday,</b> <b>January 27</b> St. Julian of LeMans	Julian is said to have been a native of Rome, where he was consecrated a bishop. Around the middle of the third century, he was sent to Gaul (France) to preach the Gospel to the tribe of the Cenomani. Upon coming to Le Mans, the capital city of the Cenomanis' territory, Julian found it to be suffering from a critical water shortage. As the citizens looked on, the bishop thrust the tip of his staff into the ground and dropped to his knees to pray for divine intervention. Thereupon water gushed out of the ground, a miracle that won for Julian the trust of the people and of the civic authorities, who allowed him to preach freely within Le Mans. The city's leading citizen was converted together with his whole family. This nobleman donated part of his palace to serve as Le Mans' first cathedral church. Many other conversions followed, as the people witnessed Julian's solicitude for the poor, the sick, and orphans. He wrought numerous miracles, including the raising of a dead man to life. In later centuries, Saint Julian came to be highly venerated in England.
<b>Saturday,</b> <b>January 28</b> St. Thomas Aquinas	Saint Thomas was born about the year 1225 into the family of the Count of Aquino. He first studied at the monastery of Monte Cassino and later at the University of Naples. Afterwards he joined the Friars Preachers and completed his studies at Paris and Cologne, his instructor being Saint Albert the Great. Becoming himself a teacher, he wrote many learned volumes and was especially renowned for his philosophical and theological studies. Saint Thomas died near Terracina on March 7, 1274, but his memory is honored on January 28, the day his body was transferred to Toulouse in 1369.

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO CWOZ Chapter 1's 34<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Retreat Day**, Saturday, February 11th, 9:00 to 2:00, here at St. William the Abbot. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by: **Joyful Praise**, Speaker, Sharing, Networking and Prayers for Healing. This month's speaker is: **Amanda O'Sullivan** she was baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1998. Mother of 6, working in the Wealth Management industry, Amanda has devoted her "free time" to ministering in Ireland and more recently, to the people of Zimbabwe with a group of Catholic Lay Evangelists. Amanda is the co-Founder of Kingdom Fire Starters, a ministry that has produced Holy Spirit inspired devotionals for over 15 years. Currently a second-year student at the Encounter Ministries School, in Middletown, NJ. She is a certified Adult Faith Formation leader in the Diocese of Trenton, trained in the Unbound deliverance ministry by Neal Lozano and has attended the Supernatural School of Ministry with Global Awakening. Amanda has been active in the prophetic and healing ministry for years. Her passion is leading individuals into the empowerment of knowing their true identity as sons and daughters of God, and through this knowledge recognizing their God-given talents and abilities are for the building up of the Kingdom of God. Amanda invites us to join her as she shares: *"Boots on the Ground; Esther's Arise."* Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 with Fr. Tom. Admission is \$20 which includes a box lunch, pay at the door. Reservations are necessary, online at [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org) or call 732-475-7113, leave your phone number, spell your last name and select a box lunch: 1. Turkey/Provolone, 2. Ham/Swiss, 3. Chicken/Roasted Pepper & Mozzarella, 4. Grilled Vegetables. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 7th.



Do you know how to knit or crochet? Join our thriving ministry where we create shawls and blankets with love and prayers to be given to someone who needs comfort, healing, peace or care. We also give blankets to all the babies when they receive the sacrament of baptism. We give

shawls, lap blankets and fidget sleeves to the residents of Preferred Care in Wall at Christmas. Donations of white yarn is always appreciated. To find out more or to join this wonderful ministry, please email the parish office at [stwilliam@optonline.net](mailto:stwilliam@optonline.net).

### Convalidation

Bringing your Marriage  
into the Church

Are you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a minister of another denomination? As a married couple, you have already made a commitment to one another. Perhaps you'd like to consider taking your marriage to the next level by inviting Jesus to dwell within your relationship. If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for marriage in the Church, or if you'd simply like to discuss your options, please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Tom. You'll be so glad you did!

Pray to your Guardian Angel everyday:

*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.*



On Formed is a new documentary produced in Europe on the life and papacy of Pope Benedict XVI. It shows us the great milestones of his life, renowned theology professor, prolific author expert at the Sec-

ond Vatican Council, longtime collaborator of John Paul II and his pontificate.

### Grow in love for God this New Year

The more we know God, the more we love him. It naturally follows because of who he is. But we can't love someone we don't know. When making New Year's resolutions, consider adding a plan for deepening your knowledge of God.

### Learn and study our faith.

The Catholic Church leads us to God and we have two millennia of inspired Church teaching to help. For a start, the prayers and readings at Mass remind us of what we know about God. To go deeper, we can turn to the works of many reliable Catholic authors. For example, *The Catholic Way* by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, uses easy-to-understand language to explain many wonderful aspects of our doctrine and practice. Fr. Tom has a lot of suggestions too.

### Pray Constantly

The better we know God, the more time we will want to spend with him but life can interfere with formal prayer. Pope Benedict once advised, "Offer everything you do to the Lord, ask his help in all the circumstances of daily life and remember that he is always beside you." Make prayer a constant two-way conversation with God.

### Choose joy over happiness

Happiness comes from pursuing the rewards of this world. Joy is pursuing those of the next. Happiness never lasts. Joy lasts forever but can only come from knowing and loving God.



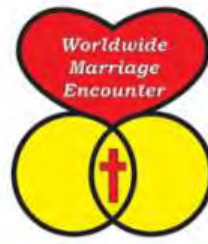
## What's happening in the Diocese of Trenton



### Stress in your marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

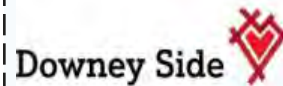
Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 3-5. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact rich Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



Looking for a perfect gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on February 24–26. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

### HELP WANTED



Downey Side Adoption in Lavallette is looking for an organized file keeper and computer skilled office administrator. Our mission is to

place kids in the foster care system with forever families. Work hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10-2pm at \$20 an hour. If you are interested, please send your resume to Dawn Rusinko at [drusinko@downeyside.org](mailto:drusinko@downeyside.org)

### Evening Bible Study

The Church of Epiphany will be hosting an Evening Bible Study, The Prophets, part of the Great Adventure Bible series from Ascension Press. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teaching. It will begin on Monday, February 13, in the All Purpose Room, which is attached to the Church, and then continue for 9 weeks until May 1. The group meets Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45. Registration forms are available in the Epiphany parish office or by contacting Kathy Nowak at 732-718-3630 or by email [bytheshore1947@gmail.com](mailto:bytheshore1947@gmail.com). There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of your workbook.

### Cursillo Corner

Want to grow deeper in your relationship with God? Want to rediscover the sense of Christian community? Participate in the joyful experience of *Cursillo*. Cursillo is Spanish for "short Course" and has been in our diocese for over 50 years. A *Cursillo* is an encounter with self, Christ and others that enhances the rest of your spiritual life. Cursillo focuses on piety, study, and action and includes faith sharing which helps us to live our lives in a Christian manner. For more information visit our website at [www.trentoncursillo.org](http://www.trentoncursillo.org) or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.



A joyful life  
is made up of  
joyful moments  
gracefully  
strung  
together by  
trust,  
gratitude and  
inspiration.

—Brene Brown

### Thoughtful Moments—suggestions to try something new at home

**Tell the Story**—Not every birth or arrival in a family is accompanied by angels but each one is exceptional nonetheless. Every year, tell your child the story of how he or she came to your family and how special your family became as a result.

**Swaperoo**—Try swapping places at the dinner or breakfast table for a change of view. Throughout the meal, act like the person whose position you took. It'll be fun to see what life looks like from a different perspective.

**The Honor Chair**—When someone in the family has a reason to be celebrated, set aside a place of honor at the dinner table or in the family room. Designate a special chair and drape it with colorful paper or balloons. Have the person sit in the chair and take turns offering congratulations. End by saying a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of your family.



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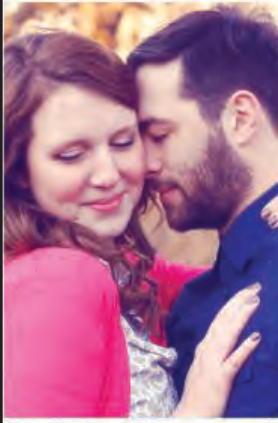
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