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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 29, 2023

Fourth 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 22
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .140
 Envelope contributions . . . \$4,943.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$748.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$209.00
 We Share . . . \$1,253.00
Total: \$7,153.00

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 28

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

Monday, January 30

+9:00 Carmen Federici

req Vince Reilly

Tuesday, January 31

+9:00 Charles Quinn

req Fr. Tom

Wednesday, February 1

+9:00 Mark Sykes

req Angela Lucifora

+7:00 Patrick & Grace Petruccio

req M/M Matthew Bakke

Thursday, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

+9:00 William Archiello

req Fr. Jim

Friday, February 3—Blessing of Throats

+9:00 Ethel Alexandersen

req M/M George Weis

Saturday, February 4

+9:00 Arax Parseghian

req The Perrapato Family

+5:00 Albert Abatemarco

req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Sunday, February 5

+8:00 Kevin Rizzo

req M/M Jack Tiernan

+10:15 Peter Cerreta, Sr.

req The Cerreta Family

+11:45 Deceased members of the Serra 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 Zelif, Deborah Lavin, Joanne Papa, Joyce Perez, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, 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



Congratulations to Luke Salvatore DiGiaco, who received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend.



... 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

<p>Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>First Reading: <i>Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13</i> There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger. Second Reading: <i>1 Corinthians 1:25-31</i> God chooses the weak to show his power. Gospel: <i>Matthew 5:1-12a</i> Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.</p>
<p>Monday, January 30 St. Aldegunais</p>	<p>St. Aldegunais was a virgin and abbess and was born in the year 639. She was a member of the royal family of the Merovingians and was raised by two saints: St. Walbert and St. Bertila, her parents. The family resided in the Hainault region of Flanders, a region of the Low Countries. Aldegundis refused offers of marriage from other nobles and received the veil from St. Amandius, the bishop of Maastricht. She followed this ceremony of acceptance into the religious life with the foundation of a convent near the Sambre River, at a desert site called Malbode. Her sister, St. Waldetrudis, had founded a convent at Mons. Aldegundis' foundation became Mauberge, a noted Benedictine monastery, later taken over by canonesses. Aldegundis is reported to have died of cancer at the age of forty-four in the year 684.</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 31 St. Francis Xavier Bianchi</p>	<p>Saint Francis Xavier Bianchi, of Arpino, Italy, born in the year 1743, suffered much in striving to overcome his father's opposition to his religious vocation. Having been ordained a Barnabite priest at the age of twenty-four, Father Bianchi spent hour upon hour in the confessional, sustained by a deep prayer life. His personal resolve to make himself always and everywhere available to anyone seeking his priestly ministry and counsel seemed to impart to his words and prayers an extraordinary efficacy. Later in life, Father Bianchi was crippled by the swelling and ulceration of both his legs, rendering him incapable of moving about or even standing on his own. He nonetheless managed to continue celebrating Mass. When in 1805 a lava flow from the erupting Mount Vesuvius threatened Naples, he had himself carried to the advancing edge of the lava, where with a blessing he halted it. Although bedridden, Father Bianchi continued to counsel those who came to him. Three days before his death in the year 1815, he experienced a vision of his deceased penitent, Saint Mary Frances of Naples, who before her own death in 1791 had promised to appear to him thus.</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 1 St. Pionius</p>	<p>Saint Pionius was a martyr with Sabinus and Asclepiades. A priest from Smyrna, Pionius was put to death with a group of fifteen companions under Emperor Trajanus Decius. They were arrested during a liturgical celebration. Known for his wisdom and abilities as a preacher, Pionius and his companions were ordered to make sacrifices to the gods and, after they refused, they were put to terrible tortures before being burned at the stake, in the year 250.</p>
<p>Thursday, February 2 St. Joan de Lestonnac</p>	<p>Saint Joan de Lestonnac was born in Bordeaux, France, in 1556. She married at the age of seventeen. The happy marriage produced four children, but her husband died suddenly in 1597. After her children were raised, she entered the Cistercian monastery at Toulouse. Joan was forced to leave the Cistercians when she became afflicted with poor health. She returned to Bordeaux with the idea of forming a new congregation, and several young girls joined her as novices. They ministered to victims of a plague that struck Bordeaux, and they were determined to counteract the evils of heresy promulgated by Calvinism. Thus was formed the Congregation of the Religious of Notre Dame of Bordeaux. In 1608, Joan and her companions received the religious habit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux. Joan was elected superior in 1610, and many miracles occurred at her tomb. She was canonized in 1949 by Pope Pius XII.</p>
<p>Friday, February 3 St. Margaret of England</p>	<p>Saint Margaret of England was a Cistercian nun. She was born in Hungary, to an English mother who was related to St. Thomas of Canterbury, England. She went with her mother on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and lived a life of austerity and penance in Bethlehem. Her mother died there, and Margaret made pilgrimages to Montserrat, in Spain, and to Puy, France. There she entered the Cistercian convent at Suave-Benite. When she died, her tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. She died in the year 1192.</p>

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO CWOZ Chapter 1's 34th 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 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.

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!



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.

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.



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.



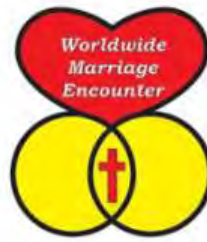
What's happening in the Diocese of Trenton



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 Valentine's 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 for more information.

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 or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.



Respect Life News

WASHINGTON—The following are excerpts of remarks by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, during last week's debate on the House Floor on H.Con.Res. 3—legislation condemning the recent attacks on pro-life organizations and churches:

"Two women spoke at a pregnancy care center dinner I attended in New Jersey. Both women were effusive in their thanks that the director had approached them in absolute kindness and empathy as they were literally walking from the parking lot to an abortion clinic. They changed their minds and were helped through their pregnancy and after the birth of their children. Later in the program, two young teenaged girls spoke of the sanctity of life and the good work of the pregnancy center. From the podium, they turned to the director and thanked her and said had she not reached out to their moms that day and followed up with such love and compassion, both of them said they would have been killed.

Pregnancy care centers across the country have suffered a surge of violent attacks, firebombing and vandalism by pro-abortion activists in a coordinated effort to intimidate front-line volunteers and licensed medical professionals providing critical support to mothers in need and their unborn baby boys and girls. Now more than ever, the U.S. government—and that includes the Biden Administration—needs to ensure the safety and security of the estimated 3,000 pregnancy care centers that provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion—offering critical, quality care for pregnant women facing challenging circumstances and helping to save so many unborn, innocent lives.

The lives of more than 828,130 unborn babies have been saved in five years alone (2016-2020) through the work of pregnancy care centers."



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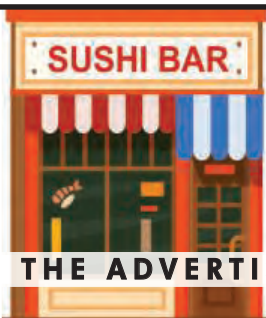
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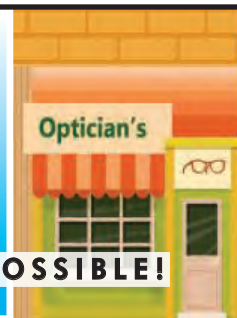
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