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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

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7PM.

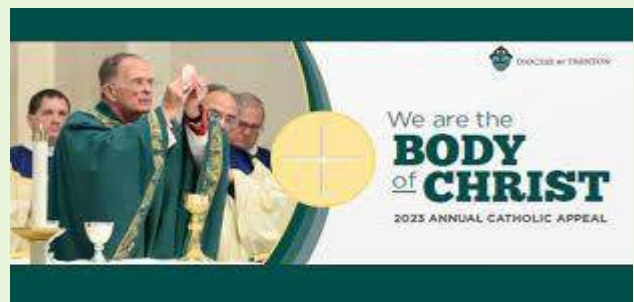
**Weekly Collection for March 5**

Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .156
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,131.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$1,058.00
 Ash Wednesday . . . \$55.00
 WeShare . . . \$1,848.00
Total: \$8,092.00

Weekly Collection for March 12

Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .147
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,147.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$540.00
 Capital Contributions . . . \$802.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$205.00
 We Share . . . \$2,241.00
Total: \$8,935.00

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.



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Last year we got back \$5300. If we make our goal we will get money back again. Thank you to those who have already donated! We have 40 donors and raised \$9,455 already. That is 34% of our goal! A great start!

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, March 18

5:00 People of the parish

Sunday, March 19

+8:00 Kevin Rizzo
req Steve & Elaine Ferraro & family

+10:15 John Manuel DeSousa
req M/M John Lenardo

+11:45 Joseph Anthony Pace
req Children & Grandchildren

Monday, March 20

+9:00 Fr. Michael Lambeth
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Tuesday, March 21

+9:00 Marie DeSantis
req The Beyer Family

Wednesday, March 22

+9:00 Christine Petraski
req Doris Novak

+7:00 Fr. John Scully
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Thursday, March 23

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone
req M/M John Carlucci

Friday, March 24

+9:00 Salvatore Vitagliano
req Danielle Papapietro

Saturday, March 25

+9:00 Manuel Sousa
req M/M Steve Sousa

+5:00 Mary Crawford
req M/M Kevin Moroney

Sunday, March 26

8:00 People of the parish

+10:15 Ann Marie Commandatore
req The Sulewski Family

+11:45 Darian Tveici
req Michelina Giuliano

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing and hope to those in our community who are sick especially Ana Guillermo, Jonathan Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Dakota Schick, Judy O'Connor, Anna O'Connor, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, Matthew Roszkowski, 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 Laura Camp, requested by the Gilbert Family.



Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for.

Oryah Hametz Hokzler—Army
Vincent Moran—Marines
Hunter Freedline—Army



... 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.



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,605 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.

Marking the days of Lent with the Saints

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent	First Reading: <i>1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a</i> Samuel is sent to anoint David as king. Second Reading: <i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i> The Ephesians are told to live as children of light. Gospel: <i>John 9:1-41</i> Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.
Monday, March 20 St. Maria Josefa Sancho de Guerra	Maria Josefa Sancho de Guerra (Maria Josefa of the Heart of Jesus, September 7, 1842 - March 20, 1912) was a Spanish nun, founder of the Institute of the Servants of Jesus charity and declared a saint by the Catholic Church in 2000. Born in 1842 in the city of Vitoria (Basque Country, Spain). With 7 years bereft of father and lived for some years in the home of relatives in Madrid. At 18 he felt a religious vocation and finally became a nun at the Institute of the Servants of Mary, taking the religious name of Maria Josefa of the Heart of Mary. Founded in Bilbao in 1871, along with other colleagues who had left the Institute of the Servants of Mary, the Institute of the Servants of Jesus, which would be higher during the 41 years. This new institution was intended to aid the sick in hospitals and in their homes, the elderly, children and the homeless. The institution has grown since its first open house in Bilbao in 1871, so that when Maria Josefa died in 1912 were 43 houses and a thousand founded the Sisters of the institution. Today is extended to 16 countries and has nearly 100 homes.
Tuesday, March 21 Bl. Maria Candida of the Eucharist	As a child, Maria Barba, of Catanzaro, Italy, learned to play the piano. At the age of fifteen, she underwent an interior conversion that turned her heart and mind totally to God. Sadly, her subsequent aspiration to religious life was opposed by her family. During this time, Maria found consolation in developing a profound love for the Eucharist and in reading the autobiography of the Carmelite, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. When at the age of thirty-six Maria was finally able to become a religious, she entered the Discalced Carmelite Order, having already assimilated their spirituality. Taking the religious name Maria Candida of the Eucharist, she soon became her convent's prioress. Ever zealous for the faithful observance of the Carmelite rule, she once admonished a nun for her laxity, asking her, "My daughter, why do you insult the Lord like this? Don't you realize that mankind needs you?" In the 1930s, Mother Candida wrote a book on the Eucharist steeped in her own devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She died on June 12, 1949.
Wednesday, March 22 St. Basil of Ancyra	Saint Basil was a Martyr for the faith and opponent of Arianism. Basil was a priest of Ancyra, in Galatia (modern day Turkey). He defended Bishop Marcellus there when the prelate was deposed by the Arians. Basil was then caught up in the persecution of Emperor Julian the Apostate. He was tortured and slain for preaching to the people.
Thursday, March 23 St. Toribio Alfonso de Mongrovejo	Saint Toribio was a bishop and defender of the rights of the native Indians in Peru, Born in Mayorga, Spain, in 1538, he studied law and became a lawyer and then professor at Salamanca, receiving appointment-despite being a layman-as chief judge of the court of Inquisition at Granada under King Philip II of Spain. The king subsequently appointed him in 1580 to the post of archbishop of Lima, Peru. After receiving ordination and then consecration, he arrived in Peru in 1581 and soon demonstrated a deep zeal to reform the archdiocese and a determination to do all in his power to aid the poor and defend the rights of the Indians who were then suffering severely under Spanish occupation. He founded schools, churches, hospitals, and the first seminary in the New World. To assist his pastoral work among the Indians, he also mastered several Indian dialects. He died in 1606 and was canonized in 1726.
Friday, March 24 St. Hildelitha	Saint Hildelitha was a Benedictine abbess and supporter of Sts. Bede, Aldhelm, and Boniface. An Anglo Saxon princess, she became a nun at Chelles or Farmoutier, France, but was recalled by St. Erconwald to train her sister, Ethelburga, at Barking, England. When Ethelburga died, Hildelitha succeeded her. She is also called Hildilid and Hideltha. She died in the year 712.



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.

**Lenten Pasta Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pasta Dinner. It will be held on Friday, March 24th at 5:30PM. Stations of the Cross will be held after the dinner at 7PM. The price is \$12 per person, if you sign up before Friday. The price on Friday, will be \$15. You can sign up before or after each weekend Mass or in the parish office. Please check the bulletin board for the menu. All are invited. You do not have to be a Knight to attend.



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.



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.

Lent



BLOOD DRIVE

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

This Lent: Chocolate vs Blood

Next Sunday, March 26th, St. William the Abbot Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual blood donation drive. In imitation of Our Lord who shed His blood for all of us, consider donating a pint of yours for a needy person in dire need. Details to follow. What a Lenten sacrifice! Wouldn't it be greater than not eating chocolate?

Altar Servers



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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: We will begin training for new Altar Servers on Saturday, March 25th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church. Those interested must have already received their First Communion, and be committed to serving God through serving at weekend Masses. Please call the parish office to let us know you are interested. Thank you.



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.



Our Annual Easter Candy sale has begun! Please take home an order form and order your candy from us. We will be using Old Monmouth Candy again. Orders are due by March 19th, and the candy will be available for pick up on March 25th and 26th. All profits will be going towards our Capital Improvement Fund. We will also be raffling of an Easter basket filled with a lot of goodies, for \$1 a chance. Good luck!



The International Day of the Unborn Child is commemorated every year on March 25. This day was chosen because it is exactly nine months before Christmas and it invites us to focus on the baby in the womb, and reminds us that Jesus was once an unborn child himself. This day is dedicated to commemorating all unborn children, celebrating their lives, renewing our commitment to safeguarding them, and is a day of protest against abortion and is observed as an annual commemoration of aborted fetuses. Unconventional social customs continue to plague society to this day. Abortion and the death of unborn children are examples of such practices. On this day pray for the end of abortion.



Thank you to everyone who donated hats for the hat drive. Ben received 523 hats.



Our Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter For the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 888-296-2965 or email abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Witnesses of Peace

In every person the desire for peace is an essential aspiration which coincides in a certain way with the desire for a full, happy and successful human life. In other words the desire for peace corresponds to a fundamental moral principle, namely the duty and right to an integral social and communitarian development which is part of God's plan for mankind. Man is made for peace which is God's gift.

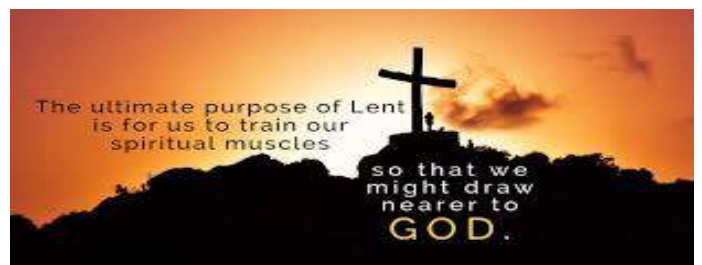
Jesus, the revelation of the Father's love, does not hesitate to offer himself in self sacrifice. Once we accept Jesus, God and man, we have the joyful experience of an immense gift, the sharing of God's own life, the life of peace.

Peace is the building up of coexistence in rational and moral terms, based on a foundation whose measure is not created by man, but rather by God.

-Pope Benedict XVI



Easter Candy orders are due today. Pick up will be next weekend. Thank you to all who bought candy.



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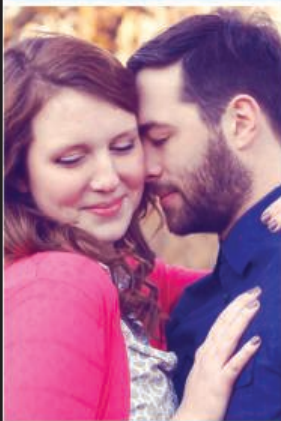
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