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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
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 Deacon George A. Prevosti
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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

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

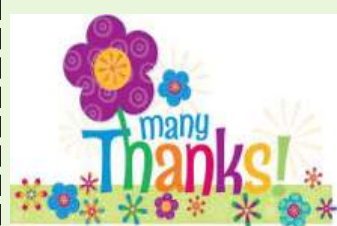
- An active parishioner is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- An active parishioner is a person who attends Mass regularly at St. William the Abbot and actively supports the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents 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.



A thousand thanks to the 52 parishioners who donated of themselves, their blood, at our blood drive. Deepest

thanks! Such a Lenten sacrifice. Knights of Columbus



Weekly Collection for March 26
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .144
 Envelope contributions . . .\$4,993.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$535.00
 Easter Flowers . . . \$1,539.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$172.00
 WeShare . . . \$2,404.00
Total: \$9,643.00

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.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 6
Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

No morning Mass
 7:00PM Mass

April 7
Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

No morning Mass
 3:00PM

April 8
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

No morning Mass
 8:00PM

April 9
Easter Sunday
 8:00, 10:15, and 11:45

Here is the link to our Facebook page:
<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>



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.



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

Saturday, April 1

+5:00 Albert Dutko
req Deacon & Mrs. Mike Abatemarco

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

+8:00 Stanley Radziszewski
req Cathy Ferraro
10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Deacon Frank Jackson
req M/M Tom Butala

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone
req The Cisek Family

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 Special Intention for Pat Butler
req Bill Raiser
+7:00 Fr. John Scully
req St. William the Abbot Parish Family

Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday
7:00PM People of the Parish

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

Saturday, April 8—Holy Saturday—No morning Mass
8:00PM—Easter Vigil—People of the parish

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

+8:00 Carmella Ferraro
req Cathy Ferraro
+10:15 Patrick & Frances Muldoon and
Patrick & Mary McGlynn
req Bernadette Mastowski
+11:45 Fr. James Redstone
req Fr. Tom

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 Zeliff, 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.

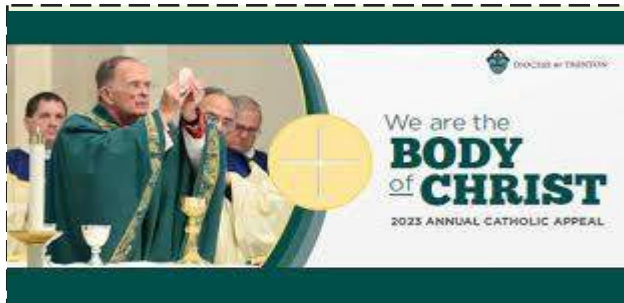


The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Krste & Theresa Martino, requested by the Lenardo Family.



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



The Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Last year we got back \$5400. If we make our goal we will get money back again. Thank you to those who have already donated! We have 86 donors and raised \$17,770 already. That is 63% of our goal! A great start!



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,640 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, April 2 Palm Sunday	First Reading: <i>Isaiah 50:4-7</i> The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted. Second Reading: <i>Philippians 2:6-11</i> Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him. Gospel: <i>Matthew 26:14-27:66</i> Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.
Monday, April 3 St. Fara	Burgundofara (Fara) was the daughter of Count Agneric, courtier of King Theodebert II. She refused her father's demands that she marry, and became Abbess of a convent she convinced him to build, and ruled for thirty-seven years. Named Evoriacum, the convent was renamed for her after her death, and in time became the famous Benedictine Abbey of Faremoutiers. She is also known as Fare.
Tuesday, April 4 St. Benedict the Black	Saint Benedict was born a slave near Messina, Italy in 1524. He was freed by his master and became a solitary, eventually settling with other hermits at Montepellegrino. He was made superior of the community, but when he was about thirty-eight, Pope Pius IV disbanded communities of solitaries and he became a Franciscan lay brother and the cook at St. Mary's convent near Palermo. He was appointed, against his will, superior of the convent when it opted for the reform, though he could neither read nor write. After serving as superior, he became novice master but asked to be relieved of this post and return to his former position of cook. His holiness, reputation for miracles, and his fame as a confessor brought hordes of visitors to see the obscure and humble cook. He died at the convent, in the year 1589, was canonized in 1807, and is the patron of Blacks in the United States. The surname "the Moor" is a misnomer originating from the Italian il moro (the black).
Wednesday, April 5 St. Albert of Montecorvino	St. Albert was a Bishop and a miracle worker. Born into a Norman family, Albert was brought to Montecorvino as a child. He demonstrated holiness at an early age and attracted many in the region. Blinded while still young, probably from some physical condition, Albert was nevertheless made bishop of Montecorvino. He was able to fulfill his duties and to perform many miracles. Albert was also known for his visions. He died in the year 1127.
Thursday, April 6 St. Paul Tinh	Saint Paul Tinh was a Vietnamese martyr. Born in Vietnam, he was converted to the Catholic faith and was ordained a priest. Seized by anti-Catholic forces, Paul was beheaded in the year 1857. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 1988.
Friday, April 7 St. Henry Walpole	Saint Henry Walpole was a Jesuit and one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. He was born in Docking, Norfolk, England, in 1558, and was educated at Cambridge and Day's Inn. Converted to Catholicism, he went to Rome where he entered the Jesuits in 1584. Ordained in 1588, Henry was sent to York, England, where he was arrested and martyred, in 1595. He was beatified in 1929 and canonized in 1970.
Saturday, April 8 St. Julia Billiart	Saint Julia Billiart was the Foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Maria Rose Julia Billiart was born in Cuvilly, France, in 1751. She took a vow of virginity while young and worked so hard for the poor that she collapsed, remaining a cripple until 1804 when she was miraculously cured. She stayed in Amiens, where the Institute of Notre Dame was founded by Julia and pious friends in 1804. In 1809 she was forced to move to Namur, and the Motherhouse was instituted there. By the time of her death, in 1816, there were fifteen convents in operation. Pope Paul VI canonized her in 1969.



The Easter Triduum**Holy Thursday:**

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This is where the Church remembers the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily there is an optional washing of the feet ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant, just as Jesus did with his disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated host is kept other than the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated. Because of the Last Supper, Holy Thursday is a day especially given to adoration of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; many parishes will have Eucharistic Adoration at this altar of repose late into the night. Here at St. William the parish hall will become an Altar of Repose and you can visit until midnight.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday, it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out, and the Tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, highlighting that Good Friday is a solemn day of prayer and mourning. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, but rather a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. It often takes place at 3PM, the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Veneration of the Cross also takes place at this service, processing to kneel before a cross and either touching it or kissing it. Often the priest will begin the service prostrate in front of the altar.

Holy Saturday

On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow, the final one before the Easter Vigil begins that evening. We remember, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as he lay in the tomb. The faithful often continue their Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday. In the Apostles Creed we pray "He descended into hell (Hades, the abode of the dead) which describes what Jesus did in the time between his burial and Resurrection. Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday to save the righteous souls, such as the Old Testament patriarchs, who died before his crucifixion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls Jesus' descent into the realm of the dead "the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission," during which he "opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him." Before Holy Saturday, there were no souls enjoying the beatific vision of God in heaven!

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday

A vigil service is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy in the Catholic Church. The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the service of light, 2) the liturgy of the Word, 3) the liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the Mass where many in RCIA are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. Easter Sunday is what we've all been waiting for! The 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Pascal mystery: the Resurrection. "Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts', the 'Solemnity of solemnities', just as the Eucharist is the 'Sacrament of sacraments'. St. Athanasius calls Easter 'the Great Sunday' and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week 'the Great Week'. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (CCC #1168, 1169)

**Palm Sunday**

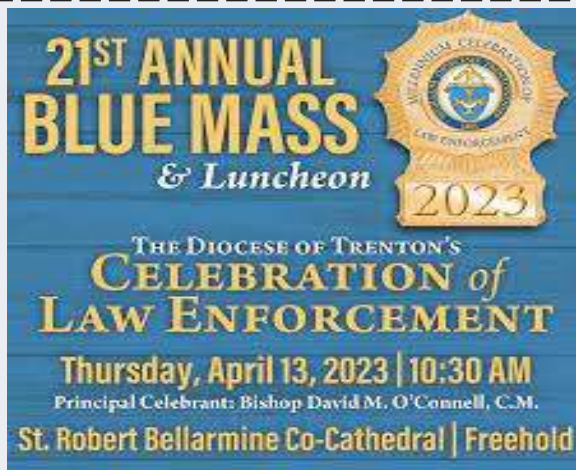
From ancient times the palm tree, because of its graceful trunk, was considered a princely tree and its branches became a symbol of victory and were also used for decoration. Victorious Roman soldiers carried palm branches when parading in

Rome. As far back as the fourth century, Christians in Jerusalem reenacted this event in the place where it actually happened. They gathered on the Mount of Olives in the late afternoon carrying palm branches and went through the gates of the city to the Church of the Resurrection. The reenacting of Christ's entry into Jerusalem spread to Churches around the world.



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.





The 21st Annual Mass and Celebration of Law Enforcement will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 13, the Thursday of Easter Week, in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. Men and women of all faiths are invited to attend this annual celebration for which Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

The event, also known as the Blue Mass, has been held in the Diocese to thank God for the sacrifice and service to the communities given by police officers and law enforcement agents at every level.

The Blue Mass had not been held since 2019 because of COVID-19 precautions.

Luncheon donation \$20 per person. No charge for immediate families. For information and to order tickets online, go to bluemass.org.

This year's Mass will include the reading of names of all law enforcement personnel in the Diocese who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2020, 2021 and 2022.



Who are the Saints?

The men and women who have followed in the footsteps of Jesus are known to us as the Christian saints. Having taken His message to heart they have discovered for themselves its truth. They have been transformed through love and in turn, with grateful hearts have conveyed the simple message to others. With the joy and enthusiasm that comes to those who are transformed by the teaching of Jesus, His message has been carried around the world. Like a fire it spreads, and like a fire it burns. The message of Jesus is simple, but it is one of the most powerful known to mankind. It is the message of Love!

"When you look at a crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Eucharist you understand how much Jesus loves you now." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

Living Holy Week

Spy Wednesday

The Wednesday of Holy Week is sometimes referred to as "Spy Wednesday." Judas went to the chief priests on the day before the Last Supper and offered to hand Jesus over for "30 pieces of silver."

The Washing of Feet

Although the practice of washing of the feet had fallen into disuse for a long time in parish celebrations, it was restored in 1955 by Pius XII as a part of the general reform of the Holy Week Liturgies.

The Gospel read at the Holy Thursday liturgy depicts Jesus as the Teacher and Lord who humbly serves His disciples to performing this extraordinary gesture which goes beyond the laws of Hospitality.

In an understandable way of accepting the evangelical command of the Lord, "who came to serve and not to be served."

Good Friday Service

On Good Friday Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world. Instead the solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated and is normally in the afternoon. Holy Communion is distributed from the bread that was consecrated at the Mass on Holy Thursday. Even though Good Friday is not a holy day of obligation, most Churches are filled to capacity for this powerful celebration of the passion and death of our Lord.

In 1482, the feast was added to the Roman Missal under the title of "Our Lady of Compassion." In 1814, Pope Pius VII changed the feast's name to Our Lady of Sorrows, in thanksgiving for his release from prison in France where he had been held by Napoleon. The Holy Father extended the feast to the whole Church. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was eventually moved to September 15 by Pope Pius X in 1913.

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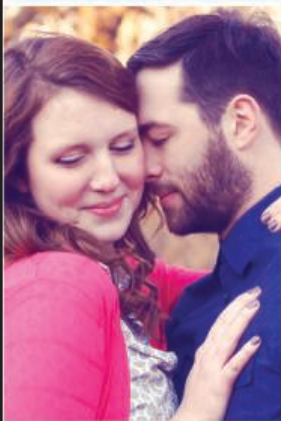
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