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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 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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.



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>



Weekly Collection for April 16
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .131
 Envelope contributions . . . \$4,448.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$402.00
 Easter . . . \$930.00
 WeShare . . . \$800.00
Total: \$6,580.00

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.

Join us this Thursday, April 27, 7PM, for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Solemn Rosary.

**A Mother's Day Project**

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting monetary donations for a Mother's Day project. We will be purchasing flowers and supplies to make small floral arrangements to be gifted to the women residents at a needy care facility who have no families. We are projecting around 60 women and arrangements. The monies collected will be used to purchase the flowers, vase, pick card holder and a card. There is a box near the parish office door for your donations. Thank you in advance for being so generous. This could mean the world to a lonely women.

"The Rosary nourishes the Catholic faith which grows stronger by meditation of the Sacred Mysteries and elevates the mind to truths revealed by God. The Rosary enlivens the hope of things above, that endure forever. As we meditate on the glory of Jesus Christ and His Mother, we see heaven opened and are heartened in our striving to gain the eternal home."

-St. Pope John Paul II



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

Saturday, April 22

+5:00 Richard Rachko
req M/M Gary Rachko

Sunday, April 23

8:00 People of the parish
+10:15 Lisa & James Brooks
req The Neral Family
+11:45 Emma Neral
req Mom & Dad

Monday, April 24

9:00 Special Intention for Pam Diamond
req M/M George Weis

Tuesday, April 25

+9:00 Fr. James Redstone
req M/M Ron Neal

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 Special Intention for Hailey Raiser
req Bill Raiser
7:00 Special Intention for Dr. Joe Mannion
req Deacon George

Thursday, April 27

+9:00 William John Riggio
req Vince Reilly

Friday, April 28

+9:00 Patricia Elxnat
req The Beyer Family

Saturday, April 29

+9:00 George Solovay
req The Leonardis Family
+5:00 Joseph Iacangelo
req M/M Rich Capitan

Sunday, April 30

+8:00 John & Bridget McGlynn
req Kathleen Norton
+10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Everett John Stengle
req The Blom Family

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, Evelyn Zelif, Matt Puglisi, Robert Caruso, Matthew Cerritelli, Christopher Puglisi, Matthew Roszkowski, Dennis Hefferman, 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 Virginia Ball, requested by Cathy Ball.



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
John Carlucci—Air Force
Anthony Morsillo—Marines



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 102 donors and raised \$21,385 already. That is 76% of our goal! A great start!



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,758 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.



Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

St. Peter's Pentecost sermon appears earlier than the calendar celebration but nevertheless includes the Jesus "kerygma," or summary of His works and the entire Paschal Mystery.

Reading II: I Peter 1: 17-21

The fact is that we have been delivered from the powers of sin through the shedding of Christ's Precious Blood.

The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

This wonderful story Luke has saved for the end of his gospel. It is uniquely his. Its themes include those of the journey; of faith as seeing; and of hospitality.



Ways to remember or commemorate and event at St. William the Abbot

Commemorative Bricks: This is an ideal way to commemorate a graduation, wedding, special family celebration, or to acknowledge a loved one. To order a brick, which will be placed in the garden near Mary, contact the parish office. The cost is \$100 for 8x8 brick and \$75 for a 4x8 brick.

Bequests

St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp can be lit in honor of or in memory of a loved one for one week. It is announced in the bulletin and before all the Saturday/Sunday Masses. The donation is \$25.

Flowers for Jesus

Flowers for Jesus is a bouquet of flowers that will be bought in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be placed at the Altar for the weekend Masses. It will be announced in the bulletin and at each Mass. The donation is \$25.



Catholic Trivia—What do you know about the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ?

1. According to Luke, what type of animal were the two disciples asked to collect and bring to Jesus for his procession into Jerusalem? A) Elephant 2) Zebra 3) Colt 4) Camel
2. According to John's Gospel, in which of the following languages was the inscription 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews', posted on Christ's Cross, NOT written in? A) Hebrew B) Arabic C) Latin D) Greek
3. Who was enlisted by the Roman soldiers to help Jesus carry his Cross to Calvary? A) Mary Magdalene B) Paul of Tarsus C) Simon of Cyrene D) Joseph of Arimathea
4. Judas gave the thirty pieces of silver he had received for betraying Jesus back to the chief priests. Which piece of land did they purchase with that money? A) Mount of Olives B) Jordan Valley C) Potter's Field D) Corinth Port
5. On the cross, Jesus cried out 'Lama sabachthani'. What can this be translated as? A) They do not know what they do. B) I commend my spirit. C) You will be with me in Paradise D) Why have you forsaken me?
6. Name the servant whose ear Peter cut off during Jesus' arrest. A) Titus B) Nehemiah C) Malchus D) Lazarus
7. According to Luke's Gospel, which two rivals of authority became friends during Jesus' trial? A) Agrippa and Herod B) Herod and Pilate C) Caiaphas and Pilate D) Agrippa and Caiaphas
8. Which office did Caiaphas hold during the time of Jesus' crucifixion? A) High Priest B) Courtmaster C) Roman Governor D) Devil's Advocate
9. Caiaphas' father-in-law also interrogated Jesus. What was his name? A) Charon B) Simeon C) Felix D) Annas
10. In the Roman Catholic tradition, which is the only calendar day of the year on which Mass may not be celebrated? A) Palm Sunday B) Good Friday C) Holy Thursday D) Easter Sunday

Answers found on page 5

Do I HAVE to go to Mass every Sunday? Here are the reasons why the answer to that question is YES.

- 1. God tells us to.** At first, this may not seem very inspiring. God commands it: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." When you go to Mass on Sunday, you receive tons of graces to help you tackle daily stress, conquer your vices, and grow closer to God. Those graces come from the Eucharist. When it comes to things Jesus told us to do, we like to remember the ones like "Love your enemies" and "Judge not, lest ye be judged." But he also said, "Do this in remembrance of me." That was at the Last Supper, when he took bread and wine and offered up the first Eucharist. The Catholic Church calls the Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life." When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Himself. What an incredible gift! When we go to Mass every Sunday, we are strengthened and nourished there like we can't be anywhere else.
- 2. We were made for it.**
You were created by God to know Him and love Him. But you were not created to know and love God all by yourself. By the fact that you are human, you are made for community. We all naturally desire to have some kind of connection with other. That's how God created us. And by the fact that you're baptized, you are a member of the body of Christ. We all belong to Christ together. Therefore, we are not only meant to pray to God individually, we are meant to do it together. That's what we do every Sunday at Mass. The members of the Body of Christ are baptized to come together every Sunday to worship God together. We listen to the word of God together. We receive the Eucharist together. Just doing that for one hour makes a HUGH difference in your life. When we go to Mass every Sunday, we are living like the Body of Christ.
- 3. The Mass gets you ready for Heaven.**
It would be odd if you showed up at someone's house and expected them to let you live there—especially if you weren't ready to live with them, or didn't even know them very well. Likewise, it would be odd, and sad, if you showed up at Heaven's gate expecting to go in, but you weren't really prepared to live there. St. John Henry Newman once said going to church prepares us for the "future glorious and most wonderful destiny, the sight of God, a destiny which, if not most glorious, will be most terrible." His point: meeting God face-to-face someday will not be easy. Going to church prepares you to meet God with joy and not with terror. You might say it makes you "fit for Heaven." All the things you do at Mass: the standing, the kneeling, the responses—and yes, even the singing—are like spiritual exercises that make your soul fit for a glorious life in Heaven. When we go to Mass every Sunday, we participate in the life of Heaven. So next time you hear, "Do we have to go to Mass every Sunday?", think of it not so much as an obligation but as the most incredible gift.

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We need your cooperation!

In an effort to keep our files current, please notify us if:

- You have a new phone number or address
- You no longer have a land line that we may have on file
- Your children are out of school and need to register on their own
- You have an email address you would like on file or if you have a new email address
- You no longer want to be registered
- You donate electronically and no longer need envelopes

Please email the parish office your updates. 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.

FORMED

Our parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. As a St. William the Abbot parishioner, you have access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey! For more information click on the FORMED tab on our website.

Right now on FORMED is *O Lamb of God, I Love You*. This special feature-length episode of *The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello* tells the story of the Passion of the Lord for small children. Using immersive and artful shadow puppetry and a soaring full orchestral score, the characters of this show bring to life the greatest love story ever told. This episode is excellent for families.

Another good one for families is *Catholic All Year at Home* with Kendra Tierney. Have you ever wondered how to bring faith into everyday life in your family? Welcome to the Tierney home, where Kendra and her ten children celebrate Catholic feast days with delicious recipes and wacky traditions. This series shows how liturgical living in the home is a fun and natural way to evangelize those closest to us.

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.



All you can eat Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by Boy Scout Troop #515. It will be held at the Howell Elks on Ramtown Greenville Road on Sunday, May 7, for 8:00 to 11:30AM. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds to be used to fund Troop Equipment.



Saint Peter's Centennial Jubilee Parade and Block Party

Saturday, April 29 at 12:30pm

Come journey through the decades with us! Classic cars, emergency response vehicles, and so much more!

Parade will work its way down Arnold Avenue and make a right on Saint Louis
Sensory friendly block: Arnold Avenue from Cramer Avenue to Bay Avenue

Join us after in the Saint Peter's parking lot for food trucks from Jersey Shore BBQ and Point Lobster, an inflatable obstacle course, music, and fun!

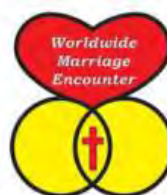
Bring your beach chair and play some lawn games!
Everyone is welcome!

<https://www.stpschool.org/current-events/centennial-jubilee/>



Life in the Spirit Seminar

St. Veronica's will be holding Life In the Spirit Seminars for 7 weeks starting on April 26th. They will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00. Each evening includes Teaching, Witness, and Faith Sharing. Praise & Worship lead by Joyful Praise Music Ministry. Please contact 732-363-4200 or sign up on the parish website at stveronica.com.



Marriage Enrichment

Why not celebrate the Easter Season by treating you and your spouse to 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 July 14-16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at www.wwme.org for more information.

Trivia answers

1. C—Colt 2. B—Arabic 3. C—Simon of Cyrene 4. C—Potter's Field 5. D—Why have you forsaken me? 6. C—Malchus 7. B—Herod and Pilate 8. A—High Priest 9. D—Annas 10. B—Good Friday

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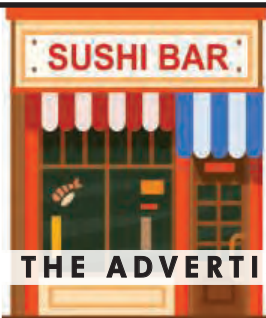
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