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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
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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

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

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 May 15
 Number of registered families . . .1,193
 Number of weekly envelopes returned . . .138
 Envelope contributions . . .\$5,110.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$542.00
 Mother's Day . . . \$200.00
 Capital Contribution . . . \$894.00
 WeShare . . . \$1,920.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$374.00
Total: \$9,040.00

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.



We have one more week for our diaper drive. We once again have teamed up with Child Care Resources for Monmouth County in helping families in need of diapers. The greatest need is for larger sized diapers: sizes 4,5,6,7 and pullups. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Baby wipes are needed also. Please bring in your donation by June 4th. Thank you!

*"Will you be like Peter, hedging your bets and looking at the storm-tossed waves? Or will you choose to see only the outstretched hand of Jesus? A hand that will never let you down." -Allen Hunt
 Dreams for Your Grandchild*



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

Saturday, May 27

5:00 Special Intention for Bill Ditto
req Debbie Miller

Sunday, May 28

+8:00 Dorothy Radziszewski
req Cathy Ferraro

10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Deacon Frank Jackson
req The Oshel Family

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

+9:00 Frank & Geri Jackson
req M/M Stephen Cisek

Tuesday, May 30

+9:00 Erica Sosnicki
req The Sosnicki Family

Wednesday, May 31

+9:00 Stella & John Jankowski
req Terry Kelly

+7:00 Audrey Besse
req M/M Dennis Heffernan

Thursday, June 1

+9:00 James Ciardiello
req Sal Ciardiello

Friday, June 2

+9:00 Audrey Besse
req Mike Heffernan

Saturday, June 3

+9:00 In reparation of blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mary.

+5:00 Joanne Seaver
req M/M Rich Capitan

Sunday, June 4

+8:00 Todd Christopher Galla
req M/M Steve Sousa

10:15 People of the parish
+11:45 Fr. James Redstone
req The Cartiglia 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 Heffernan, 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 for a special intention for George and Mary Weis, requested by M/M Rick Schuberth.



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
Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard
Mitchel McKenney—Coast Guard
Katie Austin Underhill—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 109 donors and raised \$24,366 already. That is 87% of our goal! A great start!



Rosary

Thank you to everyone who has been praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,957 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: 1-11

The vivid Pentecost scene describes a very special visitation of the Holy Spirit into the human story, and with it, the Church is born.

Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Paul fights against any elitism in the community by declaring that everyone receives the same Holy Spirit. This despite the fact that each person has his/her individual gifts and talents that benefit the group.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus makes His promised return to the disciples, showing them His now glorified body, complete with the scars of His crucifixion. He then wishes them peace and sends them out on mission.

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—Women of the Bible Part Two

1. What is the name of the woman Abraham took as a wife after the death of Sarah, as per Genesis 25:1-6?
A) Karen B) Kezia C) Keturah D) Keren-happuch
2. What was the name of the woman who, according to Scripture, was the first convert to Christianity in Europe? (Acts 16:14-15) A) Leah B) Lo-ruhamah C) Lois D) Lydia
3. What was the name of the mother-in-law of Ruth and the widowed wife of Elimelek?
A) Nehushta B) Naamah C) Naomi D) Naarah
4. What was the name of Ruth's sister-in-law?
A) Oshea B) Oholibamah C) Orpah D) Olive
5. What was the name of the woman who was married to Aquila and is mentioned in lofty terms by Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles? A) Persis B) Priscilla C) Peninnah D) Phoebe
6. According to 1 Kings 10:1, who was the queen who traveled to Jerusalem to pay honor to King Solomon?
A) Queen Vashti B) Queen Tahpenes C) Queen of Sheba D) Queen Candace
7. What is the name of the woman who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin?
A) Rachel B) Ruth C) Rhoda D) Rebekah
8. Who was the mother of Isaac and is the only woman in the Old Testament to have her age recorded?
A) Shimeath B) Salome C) Shua D) Sarah
9. What was the name of the woman who bore twins (Perez and Zerah) and was wrongfully accused of being a prostitute? A) Timnah B) Tamar C) Taphath D) Tabitha
10. Out of the choices below, what word that starts with the letter 'U' best describes Leah, the first wife of Jacob, as per Genesis 29:31? A) Useless B) Unkind C) Uppity D) Unloved

Answers are on page 5.



Prayers and hymns to the Holy Spirit

Veni creator spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,
To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,
The soul's Anointing from above.

The sev'n-fold gifts of grace are Thine,
O Finger of the Hand Divine;
True Promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

Thy light to every thought impart
And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Drive far away our wily Foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

Make Thou to us the Father known;
Teach us the eternal Son to own
And Thee, whose name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.

Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen

Veni sancte Spiritus

Come, Thou holy Paraclete,
And from Thy celestial seat
Send Thy light and brilliancy:

Father of the poor, draw near;
Giver of all gifts, be here;
Come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:

Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.

O Thou Light, most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of Thy faithful company.

Where Thou art not, man hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from Thy divinity.

What is soiled, make Thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parchèd, fructify;

What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In Thy power to guard and guide,
With Thy sevenfold mystery.

Here Thy grace and virtue send:
Grant salvation to the end,
And in Heav'n felicity.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

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!

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.

Top Ten Reasons to reasons to be an Altar Server

- 1) Opportunity to serve God
- 2) Become more involved in Parish Life
- 3) Grow in respect and understanding of the Mass
 - 4) Make great friends
- 5) Strengthen your relationship with Jesus
 - 6) Learn valuable life skills
 - 7) Opportunity for leadership
 - 8) Learn more about vocations
- 9) It's always fun when there's fire and smoke
- 10) Best seats in the house!

We are still looking for Altar Servers. If you are in the 4th grade or higher, please email the parish office if you are interested in serving your parish. To serve at the Altar is a great privilege and honor and requires a willingness to serve, training, dedication, discipline and a prayerful attitude. It also requires serious consideration of both child and family.



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 in 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.



We still have a food bin. It is located in the entrance to the parish hall. Every other week we bring the collected food to the food pantry at Catholic Charities. You don't need to have the items in a bag, just place them in the bin. Thank you.

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!

"In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit."

-St. Paul

Trivia answers

1. C—Keturah 2. D—Lydia 3. C—Naomi 4. C—Orpah
5. B—Priscilla 6. C—Queen of Sheba 7. A—Rachel 8. D—Sarah
9. B—Tamar 10. D—Unloved



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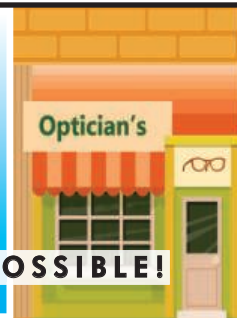
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