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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



The Parish Family of

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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 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Why is it so important to register with a parish?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor certificate, and getting donation statements for your taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



Weekly Collection for 3-27	\$5,050
Votive Candles	310
Easter Flowers	825
Total	\$6,185
124 Envelopes	

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 3,044 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.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/Saint-William-the-Abbot-Catholic-Church-174135519840986/?tsid=0.37482415393666724&source=result>

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STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7PM.

ANNUAL **CATHOLIC** Appeal 2022

Thank you to everyone who already made a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We so far have 70 donors and they pledged \$13,245. That is 47% of our goal. Our goal is \$28,000.

If you haven't made a donation yet, please do so. Some of the money comes back to us after we reach our goal. For the 2021 appeal, we received \$5,700 back!



If you would like to receive a contribution statement, please call or email the parish office.

MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, April 2

+ 5:00 **Donna Foxen**
req Luann Clarkson

Sunday, April 3

+ 8:00 **Carmela Ferraro**
req Cathy Ferraro

+ 10:15 **Robert LoGrip**
req M/M Dennis Heffernan

+ 11:45 **Deceased members of the Scarlato Family**
req The Beyer Family

Monday, April 4

+ 9:00 **Anthony Palomba**
req The Sutphen Family

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 **Special Intention for Pat Butler**
req Bill Raiser

Wednesday, April 6

+ 9:00 **John Duffy**
req The Cisek Family

+ 7:00 **Thelma Lynn Teegardner**
req Paul New

Thursday, April 7

+ 9:00 **Helen Chmielewski**
req Dave Chmielewski

Friday, April 8

9:00 **Special Intention for Jack Pangaro**
req The Pangaro Family

Saturday, April 9

+ 9:00 **Mary Grifa**
req The Miller Family

+ 5:00 **Maureen McDonagh**
req The Cisek Family

Sunday, April 10

+ 8:00 **Connie Duffy**
req Jackie VanGlahn

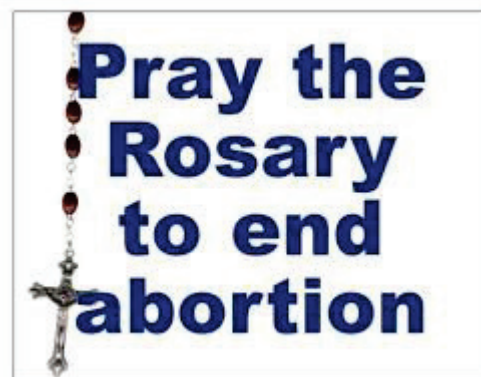
+ 10:15 **Robert LoGrip**
req M/M Dennis Heffernan

+ 11:45 **Joseph Aranzullo**
req The Cartiglia 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 Zeff, Robby Isabella, Liz Czar, Maribel Mejias, Deacon Frank Jackson, John McCullam, Phil Giudice, Glenn Senatore, Frank Cipully, Deborah Lavin, Charlotte Givney, Eloise Slack, Marie Roszkowski, Maria Wood, 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.




REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Marking the days of Lent

Sunday, April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent	First Reading: <i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i> The Lord is doing something new for his people. Second Reading: <i>Philippians 3:8-14</i> Paul says that he counts all things as lot and focuses on one goal, Christ. Gospel: <i>John 8:1-11</i> Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.
Monday, April 4	"Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again." Pope Francis
Tuesday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer	Saint Vincent Ferrer was born at Valencia in Spain in 1350. He joined the Dominican Order and taught theology. As a preacher, he traveled through many regions and instructed many people to observe the true teachings of their faith and to reform their lives. He died at Vannes in France in 1419.
Wednesday, April 6	"Forgiveness first sets free the person who had the courage to grant it." Pope Benedict XVI Remember we have confession here tonight starting at 6PM.
Thursday, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle	Saint John Baptist de la Salle was born at Rheims in France in 1651. After ordination to the priesthood, he devoted himself to the education of boys and the founding of schools for the poor. He brought his companions together as a religious congregation, for the sake of which he endured many suffering. He died at Rouen, France, in 1719.
Friday, April 8	Come to stations of the cross tonight at 7PM. If you cannot come, then meditate on the Stations of the Cross at home. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.
Saturday, April 9	Forgive someone who has hurt you. Remember Confession is available today at the 9AM Mass and before the 5PM Mass.
	Please prayerfully consider a donation to our Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Your support of the ACA makes possible a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our Diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. Pledge cards are available in the parish office.

Lent IS A TIME TO
 GROW
 CLOSER TO JESUS



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday.

The custom of veiling the images during the last two weeks of Lent hails from the former liturgical calendar in which the Passion was read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (hence called "Passion Sunday") as well as on Palm Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, and Good Friday.

For this reason the period following the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passiontide. A remnant of this custom is the obligatory use of the first Preface of the Lord's Passion during the Fifth Week of Lent.

As Monsignor Elliott remarks, "The custom of veiling crosses and images ... has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption."





What are the Stations of the Cross?

From the earliest days of Christianity, pilgrims journeyed to Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Christ's passion on the road to Calvary. Tradition holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, herself led by example in making daily visits to the sites of her Son's sufferings, death and resurrection following his ascension into heaven.

More than 2,000 years later, however, Christians are still trying to grasp the saving gift of Jesus by meditating on or reenacting his crucifixion through what has

come to be known as the Stations of the Cross. Also known as "Way of the Cross" or "Via Crucis" this private devotion has consisted of 14 stations, taken both from Scripture and tradition, since the 17th century when the Church officially approved the now common Lenten practice.

Through the stations, Christians have been able to spiritually journey to the *Via Dolorosa* (Latin for "Way of Sorrows" or "Way of Suffering") in Jerusalem without actually going there. Beginning with Christ's condemnation all the way to his body being laid in the tomb, each "station" or "stop" allows modern-day pilgrims to meditate through various methods of reflection and prayer that are fitting to a particular community.

Born out of widespread devotion to the Passion of Christ in the 12th and 13th centuries, the Stations of the Cross, as a devotion, did not begin to develop until the Franciscans were granted custody of Christian sites in Jerusalem in 1342, according to the New Catholic Encyclopedia. St. Leonard of Port Maurice became known as the "Preacher of the Way of the Cross" in the 18th century because he is credited with erecting more than 572 stations between 1731 and 1751. Today almost all Catholic Churches have a set of the stations somewhere on the church grounds. In recent years, the Church has supported a set of stations that are more scripturally based.

The common form contains five stations from Church tradition: Jesus meets his mother, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus and his three falls, according to the Catholic Prayer Book. In addition, the Church has also said recently that even though the Stations is a private devotion focusing on the Passion of Christ, it should end in such a way as to convey hope in the resurrection. This has led some to consider a 15th station or simply a concluding prayer focusing on the resurrection.



Genuflecting and Kneeling

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." for many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. This became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

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