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**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:**

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**REGISTER FOR THE PARISH**

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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

*November 13, 2022*

*The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 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.



### Rosary

Thank you to everyone who handed in their tally sheets for praying the rosary. So far we have prayed the rosary 3,485 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.



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.



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**Christmas Giving Trees . . .** The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting gifts for needy families and for Preferred Care, our local Senior Home. The tags will be available to pick from the trees on the weekend of November 26 & 27.

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# MASS Intentions

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

## Saturday, November 12

+ 5:00 Della Davis  
req Luann Clarkson

## Sunday, November 13

+ 8:00 Barbara Mannion  
req Cathy Ferraro

+10:15 Theresa Turner  
req The Puglisi Family

11:45 People of the parish

## Monday, November 14

+ 9:00 Richard Kennedy  
req M/M Ron Neal

## Tuesday, November 15

+ 9:00 Harold Turner  
req The Parish Family of St. William the Abbot

## Wednesday, November 16

+ 9:00 Russell M. Smith  
req Vince Reilly

+ 7:00 Mark Newberry  
req M/M Jonathan Wood & Family

## Thursday, November 17

+ 9:00 Rolf Beyer  
req Deacon George

## Friday, November 18

9:00 Special Intention for Pat & John  
Carlucci

req Debbie Miller

## Saturday, November 19

+ 9:00 John Weg  
req The Heffernan Family

5:00 People of the parish

## Sunday, November 20

+ 8:00 Nicholas Ferraro  
req The Ferraro Family

+10:15 Peter Cerreta, Sr.  
req Ellen Cerreta

+11:45 Rolf Beyer  
req The Parish Family of St. William the Abbot



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 Zelif, Deborah Lavin, Joanne Papa, Joyce Perez, 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.

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Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the K of C #10005, will be held on Saturday, December 3. Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4 to 12, age 3 and under are free.



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.*



## Marking the days of Ordinary Time with the Saints

<b>Sunday, November 13</b> The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>First Reading:</b> <i>Malachi 3:19-20</i> The day of justice is coming, says the Lord. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>2 Thessalonians 3:7-12</i> Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep. <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Luke 21:5-19</i> Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.
<b>Monday, November 14</b> St. Joseph Pignatelli	Saint Joseph was a Jesuit confessor and one of the restorers of the Society of Jesus after its suppression in 1773. He was born in Saragossa, Spain, in the year 1737, and became a Jesuit at the age of fifteen. When the Jesuits were suppressed at the command of the pope and under intense pressure from the European monarchs, he resided in Bologna, Italy, for two decades. In 1799, he opened a new semiofficial novitiate for the Jesuits, laying the foundation for the eventual restoration of the Society of Jesus by Pope Pius VII in 1814. Pope Pius XI described him as a priest of "manly and vigorous holiness," and Pius XII termed him the "restorer of the Jesuits." Saint Joseph died in 1811 and was canonized in 1954.
<b>Tuesday, November 15</b> St. Albert the Great	Saint Albert was born at Lauingen along the Danube about the year 1206. Having studied at Padua and Paris, he entered the Order of Preachers and excelled as a teacher. Ordained bishop of Ratisbon, he strove earnestly to establish peace among peoples and between cities. He wrote brilliantly on many subjects to the advantage of sacred and secular sciences alike. He died at Cologne in 1280.
<b>Wednesday, November 16</b> St. Margaret of Scotland  St. Gertrude	Saint Margaret was born around the year 1046 in Hungary where her father was exiled. She was married to King Malcolm III of Scotland and gave birth to eight children. The ideal mother and queen, she died at Edinburgh in 1093.  Saint Gertrude was born at Eisleben in Thuringia in 1256. As a young girl she was received into the Cistercian nuns at Helfta and applied herself to her studies, concentrating on literature and philosophy. Devoting her life to God, she dedicated herself to the pursuit of perfection, and gave herself over to prayer and contemplation. She died November 17, 1301.
<b>Thursday, November 17</b> St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Saint Elizabeth, born in 1207, was the daughter of Andrew, king of Hungary. While still a young girl she was married to Louis the Landgrave of Thuringia, and gave birth to three children. She devoted herself to prayer and meditation. After her husband's death, she embraced a life of poverty, erecting a hospital in which she herself served the sick. She died at Marburg in 1231.
<b>Friday, November 18</b> Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul	Anniversaries of dedication were celebrated in the Vatican Basilica of Saint Peter and in the Basilica of Saint Paul on the Ortian Way as early as the twelfth century. The two basilicas had been completed under Pope Sylvester and Siricius in the fourth century. More recently this commemoration was extended to the entire Latin Rite. Just as the Maternity of the Virgin Mother of God is celebrated on the anniversary of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, so on this day we honor the two princes of Christ's apostles.
<b>Saturday, November 19</b> St. Rafael Kalinowski	Saint Raphael was born in 1835 and was a Polish Discalced Carmelite friar born as Józef Kalinowski inside the Russian partition of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, in the city of Vilnius. He was a teacher, engineer, prisoner of war, royal tutor, and priest, who founded many monasteries around Poland after the suppression by the Russians. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1991, the first man to be so recognized in the order of the Discalced Carmelites since Saint John of the Cross. He died in the year 1907.

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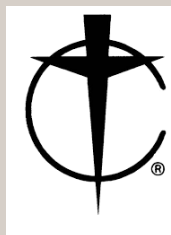
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#### Upcoming Events at St. William

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**Saturday & Sunday  
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The Christmas Trees will be up. Please take a tag  
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#### Cursillo Corner

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The Word Among Us, a monthly publication, which has daily Mass readings and daily meditations, is available for purchase in the office. It is \$5 each.

#### CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: PART TWO-Diocese of Trenton, By Bishop David

In the summer of 2019, the Pew Research Center (PRC) published the results of a February survey conducted among 1,835 adult Catholics in the U.S. about their belief in the Eucharist. Numerous other studies have been done over the years by various research organizations about religion and the Catholic Church in particular. This Pew study, however, was especially alarming because its subject matter concerned a central belief of the Catholic Church's faith. Through responses to a variety of questions, PRC concluded, "Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) agree with their Church that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ." As a "headline," that garnered much attention.

It is understandable that such a statistic is a grave cause for concern in the US Catholic Church, especially among American bishops, priests and those entrusted with the transmission of the Catholic faith. Before jumping to any dire conclusions prompted by startling headlines and sound bites, however, we must remember that this survey was conducted among a relatively small segment – 1,835 – of the total self-identifying U.S. Catholic population, numbering well over 70.5 million, about 21-22 percent of the entire U.S. population. Despite similar research surveys and consequent media projections to the contrary, the number of self-identifying U.S. Catholics has remained relatively stable since 2014.

We should also take note that "self-identifying Catholics" can be an elusive term. Recalling the phrase attributed to the Irish writer James Joyce in his 1939 novel "Finnegan's Wake," that "Catholicism means 'here comes everybody'," we need to recognize that the Catholic Church includes "self-identifying Catholics" in a variety of circumstances: baptized women and men, practicing and non-practicing people who "self-identify," Catholics at various and different social-economic-educational levels; younger and older adult Catholics; fervent, devoted Catholics and "occasional" or sporadic yet self-identifying Catholics; Catholics dealing with personal issues at variance with traditional Catholic teaching, laws and practices, and so forth. "Here comes everybody," indeed!

Belief in the Eucharist may yield different understandings and expectations at different points in their faith experience of the "source and summit of the Christian life." The Lord Jesus instituted the Eucharist, however, to be a means of unity in every experience and circumstance. "All of you, take this bread and eat of it for this is my Body, given for you."

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### **Eucharistic Faith**

I must say that what the PRC published in its findings does not match what I regularly hear and encounter and experience among Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton whom I frequently meet. Although our churches may not be full and Mass attendance may have declined for any number of reasons – some known and others not – Catholics participating in Mass and Eucharistic devotions have a deep and abiding faith in the Eucharist.

Take the experience of the recent pandemic, for example. When our churches closed briefly and Catholics had to watch Mass via livestream and make a “spiritual communion,” the outpouring of desire among many Trenton Catholics for the Eucharist and other sacraments was nothing short of overwhelming!

When first confronted with the results of the Pew study, well-known Catholic apologist Bishop Robert Barron responded with alarm and anger “because it showed poor formation for generations in the Church” (“Survey on Catholic Belief in the Eucharist prompts Calls for Better Catechesis,” National Catholic Register, Aug. 19, 2019). “It’s hard to describe how angry I feel after reading what the latest PRC study reveals about understanding of the Eucharist among Catholics,” Bishop Barron wrote in his Aug. 6, 2019, blog. “This should be a wake-up call to all of us in the Church – priests, bishops, religious, lay people, catechists, parents – that we need to pick up our game when it comes to communicating even the most basic doctrines of the Church.”

I agree with Bishop Barron when he states in a video commentary on the topic that “any Catholic worth his or her salt knows this is a central teaching, a basic tenet of Catholicism” (“Pew survey shows majority of Catholics don’t believe in ‘Real Presence’,” National Catholic Reporter, Aug. 9, 2019).

Somewhere along the way, we – all of us – somehow “dropped the ball.” The experience of the pandemic and its resulting confusion and anxiety notwithstanding, the return of Catholics to Church, albeit it gradual but steady as reported by pastors, does raise questions about the underlying doubts or lack of understanding among those Catholics who have not or do not come to church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Keep in mind that the PRC study was conducted in 2019 among its targeted segment and selection of the U.S. Catholic population before COVID reared its ugly head! What happened, and why, are certainly important questions to be studied. The more important questions now, I believe, are where do we go from here and what do we need to do?

Catechesis, catechesis and more and better catechesis are the answers!

In a previous article, I wrote that “catechesis is nothing other than the process of transmitting the Gospel, as the Catholic Christian community has received it, understands it, celebrates it, lives it and communicates it in many ways.” Perhaps, as the PRC study reveals or suggests, our past “catechesis” has been found wanting, sadly. There is no time like the present to correct what is lacking there, especially regarding the Holy Eucharist.

### **The Presence of God**

Our Catholic faith and teachings draw their inspiration from and rely upon the Word of God as the source of their truth. The Holy Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are filled with constant accounts of God’s presence among us.

Beginning with the Old Testament’s Book of Genesis, we read that after God’s creation, God could be “heard walking in the Garden” (Genesis 3:8). The Book of Exodus quotes God assuring Moses “my presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest” (Exodus 33:14). The Psalms proclaim that “the mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth” (Psalms 97:5). The list of ancient biblical citations and references to God’s presence among us goes on and on.

The New Testament Gospels, of course, center on the mystery of God’s incarnation in the Lord Jesus Christ. “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). They tell the story of the Lord Jesus Christ, the very presence of God on earth. “God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9).

Again and again in the four Gospels and the other writings of the New Testament, the sacred authors reflect upon the meaning of the Lord Jesus Christ’s presence among us: who he is, why he came, what he has said and done and what his presence offers to us who believe in him.”

The whole of Holy Scriptures lead us to the moment at the Last Supper when the Lord Jesus took bread and wine only to become his very Body and Blood, blessed, broken and given to his disciples and, through them and their successors, to us throughout the rest of time. “Do this in memory of me,” he commanded. And then, out of love for those he came to redeem by what followed, he died and rose from the dead. “Observe all that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). The Eucharist is the way the Lord Jesus Christ is “with us always.” It is the central belief of our Catholic faith: a mystery, a sacrament, the “source and summit of the Christian life.”

In the centuries that followed up to the present day, the Catholic Church and its theologians, teachers and preachers have reflected upon the Eucharist in the faith, catechesis and spiritual life of the Church. In Part Three of this series, we will consider many of those reflections and teachings.



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