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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
 Rev. Pasquale Papalia, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. James Redstone, In memoriam
 Deacon Michael Abatemarco
 Deacon George A. Prevosti
 Deacon Kevin Smith

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

ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT

Roman Catholic Church

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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

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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 3,555 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.

Christmas Giving Trees . . . The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting gifts for needy families and for Preferred Care, our local Senior Home.

For the seniors, please take a tag and return the gift in a gift bag with the tag attached by December 4th.

For local families, please take a tag and return the gift unwrapped or in a gift bag with the tag attached by December 10th.

Gift cards are also always appreciated. ShopRite, Amazon, Target, Walmart, restaurants, and/or Wawa. Please consider adding a gift card to your donation.



Weekly Collection for November 20
 Number of registered families. . . 1,193
 Number of envelopes returned. . . 139
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,238.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$501.00
 Capital Contribution . . . \$65.00
 Mortgage Reduction . . . \$55.00
 All Saints . . . \$25.00
 Votive Candles . . . \$482.00
 We Share . . . \$2,188.00
Total \$8,554.00

Weekly Collection for November 27
 Envelope contributions . . . \$4,562.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$416.00
 Mortgage Reduction . . . \$842.00
 Capital Contribution . . . \$50
 Votive Candles . . . \$110.00
 We Share . . . \$2,019.00
Total \$7,999.00

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.

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

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



MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, December 3

+ 5:00 Donald Goff
req His Daughter

Sunday, December 4

+ 8:00 Bob & Ellamae New
req The New Family

10:15 People of the parish

+11:45 Virginia Ball
req The Cisek Family

Monday, December 5

+ 9:00 Joan Evanouskas
req The Heffernan Family

Tuesday, December 6

+ 9:00 Mary C. Lykes
req M/M Charlie Garofano

Wednesday, December 7

+ 9:00 Arcangelo Risoldi
req The Mannikus Family

4:00 People of the Parish

+ 7:00 Kevin Rizzo
req M/M Kevin Moroney

Thursday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Special Intention for the Pangaro Fam
req The Pangaro Family

Friday, December 9

+ 9:00 Dad, Mom & Thomas
req M/M Jack Tiernan

Saturday, December 10

+ 9:00 Edward Danza
req Deacon & Mrs. Joseph Gorini
5:00 Special Intention for Pete and Vicky Corolla
req Debbie Miller

Sunday, December 11

+ 8:00 Harold Turner
req Mary Puglisi

+10:15 Theresa S. Beyers
req M/M Joe Acconzo

11:45 People of the parish



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, Matt Puglisi, 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.



Do you know how to knit or crochet? Join our thriving ministry where we create shawls and blankets with love and prayers to be given to someone who needs comfort, healing, peace or care. We also give blankets to all the babies when they receive the sacrament of baptism. We give shawls, lap blankets and fidget sleeves to the residents of Preferred Care in Wall at Christmas. Donations of white yarn is always appreciated. To find out more or to join this wonderful ministry, please email the parish office at stwilliam@optonline.net.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on December 8th. We will have Vigil Masses on the 7th at 4 and 7PM and 9AM on the 8th. It is a holy day of obligation.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Carol Deputato, requested by the Gilbert Family



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

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent	First Reading: <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i> A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace. Second Reading: <i>Romans 15:4-9</i> Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus. Gospel: <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i> John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.
Monday, December 5 St. Crispina	St. Crispina was a martyr who was praised by St. Augustine. Crispina was a wealthy Roman wife and mother of several children in Thagara, Africa. Arrested for being a Christian, she was taken before Proconsul Anulinus at Thebaste, in Numidia, and was ordered to deny Christ. Crispina refused and was tortured and publicly ridiculed. On December 5, 304, she was beheaded.
Tuesday, December 6 St. Nicholas	Saint Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia, now part of Turkey. He died in the middle of the fourth century and, particularly since the tenth century, has been honored by the whole Church.
Wednesday, December 7 St. Ambrose	Saint Ambrose was born of a Roman family at Trier about the year 340. He studied at Rome and served in the imperial government at Sirmium. In 374, while living in Milan, he was elected bishop of the city by popular acclaim and ordained on December 7. He devotedly carried out his duties and especially distinguished himself by his service to the poor and as an effective pastor and teacher of the faithful. He strenuously guarded the laws of the Church and defended orthodox teaching by writings and actions against the Arians. He died on Holy Saturday, April 4, 397.
Thursday, December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Patronal Feastday of the United States of America. Holy Day of Obligation Mass times: Wednesday, December 7—4:00PM and 7:00PM Thursday, December 8—9:00AM
Friday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	In 1531, Our Lady appeared four times to a native convert, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (meaning "the talking eagle"), at Tepayac, near Mexico City. A member of the Chichimeca people, he was perhaps a leader of his own people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry. Known for his holiness, Juan Diego devoted himself, tradition says, to the pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image of Mary imprinted on his cloak. St. Pope John Paul II canonized him on July 31, 2002.
Saturday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto	Recently added by Pope Francis to the Roman Calendar, the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto recalls the mystery of the Incarnation. Since the Middle Ages, veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has powerfully illustrated the evangelical virtues of the Holy Family. A Marian Litany, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has its first-known origins at the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558. Our Lady of Loreto is the patron saint of Aviation.

Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ. It can be easy to lose sight of this, focusing more on gift giving and receiving. Set aside time to pray with your family to refocus on the greatest gift.

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Advent Retreat Day

All are welcome to our Medjugorje Advent retreat day, Wednesday December 7th 9-11am in the upper Kolbe Hall St. Peter's Church 406 Forman Ave Point Pleasant. Light refreshments, and a great spiritual time to be had by all. For further information please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com



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 WOMEN ARE INVITED TO CWOZ Chapter / Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by: **Joyful Praise**, Speakers, Sharing, Networking and Prayers for Healing. This month's speakers are: **Bill and Jennifer Maher** have been married for 27 years and have 8 living children. They both have worked in the Dioceses of Trenton and Newark for over 16 years, facilitating groups and giving talks on marriage and family life seen through the lenses of Theology of the Body, helping married and engaged couples embrace the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on human sexuality.

**Bill and Jennifer invite us to join them as they share:
"Marriage and the Family Lie at the Heart of Unleashing the Gospel"**

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Mass 9:00am. will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher

Place: Church of St. William the Abbot

2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd, Howell, NJ 07731

Admission: \$20.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door

Come and bring a friend!

Reservations: are necessary-must select a Box Lunch from

Selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org

You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number, spell your last name and select a Box Lunch:

1. Turkey/Provolone,

2. Ham/Swiss,

3. Chicken/Roasted Pepper & Mozzarella, or

4. Grilled Vegetables

at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, December 6, 2022



Our Christmas Mass schedule

Saturday, December 24th,

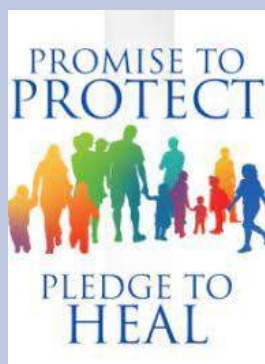
4:00 in the church and in the hall,

6:00 in the church.

Sunday, December 25th

8:00, 10:15 and 11:45

Please note that there is no 8:00 or mid-night Mass on Christmas Eve this year.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Our Annual Christmas Sing-a-long and Bon Fire will be held on Monday, December 19th, 6:30PM. We will have hot chocolate, a cupcake contest and a cookie contest. Bring your treats by 6:00PM.

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 and make an appointment to speak to Fr. Tom. You will be so glad you did! For more information you can go to the diocese at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/convalidation-resources>

Prayer to Mary Mother of God

Dear Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, with you, we thank God for choosing every mother to be an instrument of His love. Look down with your singular love today on all expectant mothers, who join you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. Through your intercession, please grant to each one the courage they need to face the adventure of life with children. Bless the sweet hope they nurture within their wombs. Through your intercession, may God grant each expectant mother a heart that is pure, generous, and true. May her baby be born healthy in spirit, soul, and body. Please help all mothers to choose life, to choose to carry out the plan God has hidden in their bodies, to bless others with the fruit of their womb. Give them the faithful support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to God and you for help when they need it most.

Upcoming Events at St. William

December 10
Catholic Women of Zion Retreat Day
9:00AM to 2:00PM
Register at www.cwoz.org

Christmas Pageant
Friday, December 16th, 6:30PM
Saturday, December 17th, 6:30PM
Refreshments in the hall after

December 19
Christmas Sing-a-long and Bon Fire
6:30PM



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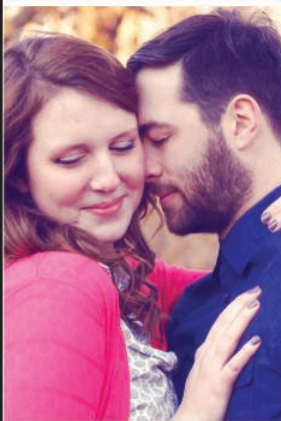
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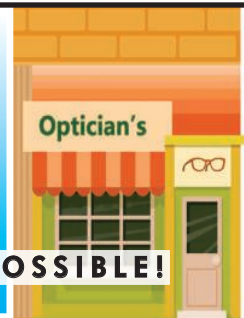
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