

The Church of
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
A Roman Catholic Church

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.

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEKENDS

Saturday: 4:00PM (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00, 10:15 & 11:45AM

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00AM
Wednesday: 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As announced in the bulletin.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday after the 9:00AM Mass, and 3:00 to 4:00PM. Half hour before each weekend Mass, and Wednesday at 6:00PM.

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited weekdays and Saturdays after the 9:00AM Mass with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:30AM—1:30PM
Also Wednesdays 4:00PM—6:30PM
(Closed on Holy Days & Legal Holidays)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is given for those facing serious illness or surgery, and for those of advanced years. If you or a family member plan to enter the hospital, please see Fr. Tom following Mass if you would like to receive this sacrament. In case of emergency, please call the parish office.



May 4, 2025

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.

Again, many thanks to all those who donated money to our Easter Flowers: Dorothea Gleason, Robert Gleason and to all whose loved ones names appeared in previous bulletins. God bless!



Weekly Collection for April 20, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .247
 Envelope contributions. . .\$14,731 .00
 Loose contributions. . .\$1,396.00
 WeShare. . .\$1,649.00

Total. . .\$17,766.00

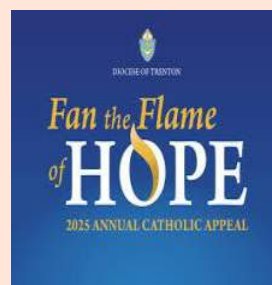
Weekly Collection for April 27, 2026*

Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .
 Envelope contributions. . .
 Loose contributions. . .
 WeShare. . .

Total. . .\$

***Due to early bulletin deadlines, figures will appear in future bulletin.**

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 those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through WeShare.



We would like to extend our thanks to those who have already contributed to the '2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. To date, we have reached 72% of our goal of \$30,000.00. If you have not yet done so, please consider a donation.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPC

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

Saturday, May 3 First Saturday

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

4:00—Maureen Mulligan
r/b Jason & Erica Abatemarco Abatemarco

Sunday, May 4

8:00—Sandra Campos
r/b Ron Campos

10:15—Lillian Stefanacci
r/b Macaluso Family

11:45—William Nigro
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat Abatemarco

Monday, May 5

9:00—Arlene McArdle
r/b Georgette Bars

Tuesday, May 6

9:00—Rosalba Favela
r/b Robert & Veronica Conkling

Wednesday, May 7

9:00—Florence & Gene Malik
r/b Terry Kelly

7:00—Matteo Magnone
r/b Sosnicki Family

Thursday, May 8

9:00—Mary Ann Borghi
r/b The Cenacle

Friday, May 9

9:00—George Prevosti special intention
r/b Beyer Family

Saturday, May 10 St. John of Avila, St. Damien

9:00—Rosalba Favela
r/b Robert & Veronica Conkling

4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00—Sandra Campos
r/b Sal Ciardiello

10:15—Joan Perry
r/b Macaluso Family

11:45—Emery Szabo
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat Abatemarco

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPC

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., Jesse Pintillo, Eileen Bertola, Michael Untisz, Joseph Untisz, Wayne Farmer, Barbara Maloney, Natasha Sanchez, Richard Policastro, Erin Mackintosh, Gene Sacco, Johnny Daley, Richard Romano, Kerry O'Connor, Ethel Lowe, Nicola Schirripa, Mary Ann Carissimo, Mike Nucciarone, Dr. Fiore, Lisa Brooks, Lauren Jarvis, Daniel Bivona, Alana Parisi, Nicholas Asterino & Joseph Yehle. We also ask you Lord, to watch over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and for all those who are afflicted with cancer, 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.



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 & Emma Carlucci—Air Force
- Anthony Morsillo—Marines
- Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard
- Mitchell McKenney—Coast Guard
- Katie Austin Underhill—Army
- Jeremy Ramos—Air Force
- Eddie Roszkowski—Navy
- Aaron MacDonald—Marine
- Max Culbertson—Navy



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.



Reading I: Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Here we find the foundational premise for civil disobedience in the stance that St. Peter takes before the accusing Sanhedrin. Believers like us can never submit to human authority if it contradicts God's laws

Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14 This wondrous vision presents us with a picture of countless angels gathered to praise the Lord and the Lamb who was slain for our sins.

The Gospel: John 21: 1-19, or 21: 1-14

Peter is again featured in this epilogue section apparently added on to the text of the gospel. His profession of love to the Lord is set in reminders of his previous denial of Christ. Jesus offers His chosen "Rock of Ages" a second chance.

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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Please keep our Holy Communicants and their families in your prayers as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time on May 3 and May 10.

What is Benediction?

Benediction is an ancient Catholic tradition of using the Blessed Sacrament, which is Christ himself, to give special blessing to the congregation at the conclusion of a service. It is ordinarily an afternoon or evening devotion and consists in the singing of certain hymns, or litanies, or canticles, before the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed upon the altar in a monstrance and is surrounded with candles. At the end, the priest takes the monstrance into his hands and with it makes the sign of the cross (hence the name Benediction) in silence over the kneeling congregation. Here at St. William the Abbot we have the opportunity to be blessed with the Blessed Sacrament at a Benediction at the conclusion of all the weekday and Saturday 9AM Masses. The Rosary is also prayed. Latin Benediction is a beautiful ancient Catholic tradition which the church continues to uphold and gives us special grace and blessing.

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!

Ways to remember or commemorate an 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 \$50.

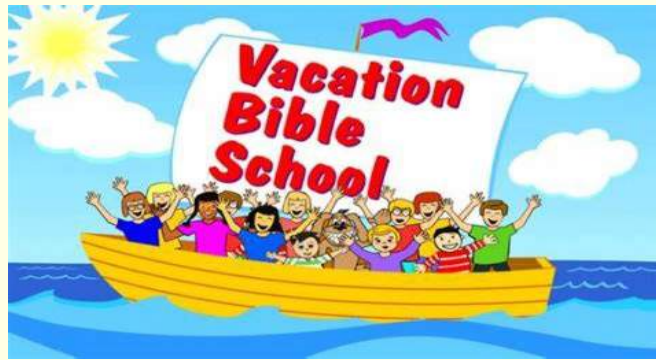
Vacation Bible School is back and registration **HAS** begun!

Dates: June 23-27, 2025
Time: 8:00am -12:00 noon

Ages: 5-10 (age as of 6/13/25)

Cost: includes daily snacks, crafts, and activities. \$40—First child; \$30—Second child; \$20—Third child; \$10— Fourth and any additional children with check made payable to St. William the Abbot and envelope to Vacation Bible School.

Stop by the office to pick up/complete the registration form. This is a popular program which fills up quickly!



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.

A Special Mothers Day Project



The Social Concerns Committee will again be creating beautiful floral arrangements for our dear Senior Women who are alone with no family in a nursing care facility. We have 60 women this year, double from last year. Please consider a monetary donation for all the supplies needed. Let's make this a special day for them. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. There is a box in the narthex for your contribution. God Bless You.



- ◆ Choose weekly or monthly donation
- ◆ Update desired offering any time
- ◆ And, print your year-end statement in seconds—at any time!

Online giving is the best way to support St. William the Abbot—now more than ever! It provides steady support, it's environmentally friendly, and less costly than using envelopes. Look for the WeShare link on our website.



Join us at 1:00pm 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. Please call the parish office.

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!

Eternal Father,

-In Your infinite mercy,
You called home Your faithful servant,
Pope Francis,
during the radiant joy of the Easter Octave— a sign of the Risen Christ's triumph over death.

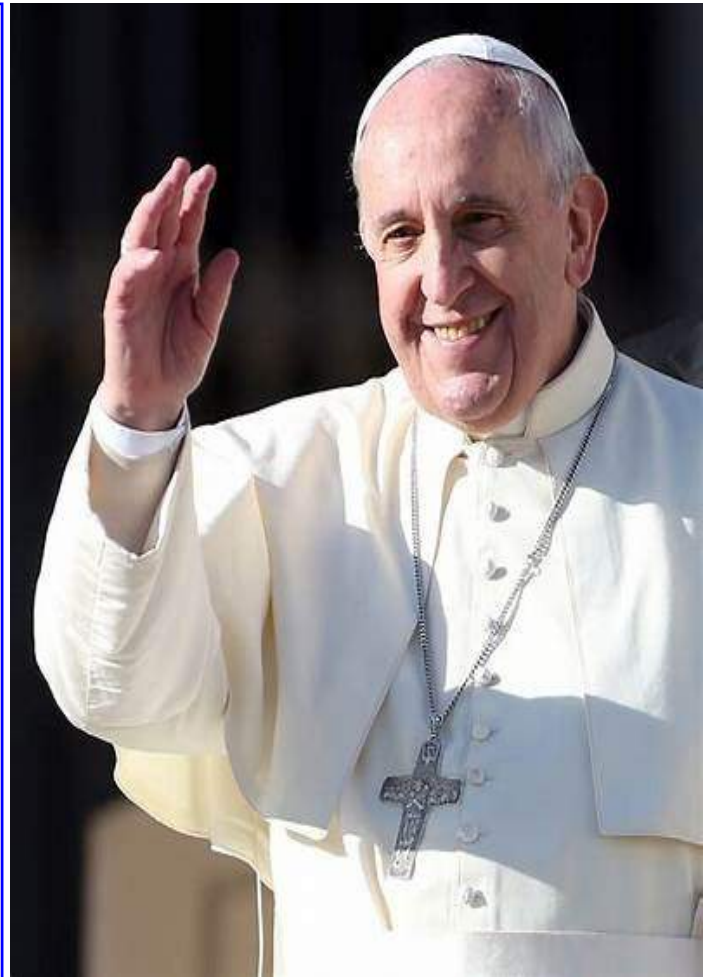
-We give You thanks
for his life of humble service,
his unwavering commitment to the poor,
his courage in seeking peace and justice, and his gentle witness to the mercy of Your Son.

-Receive him now into the fullness of Your glory.
May he rest in the peace promised by Christ, whom he served as the Vicar on earth.

-May his soul,
and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

-O Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for him.
Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
receive him.

All you holy Popes and confessors,
intercede for him. Amen.



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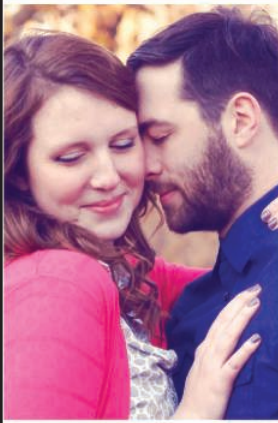


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