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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
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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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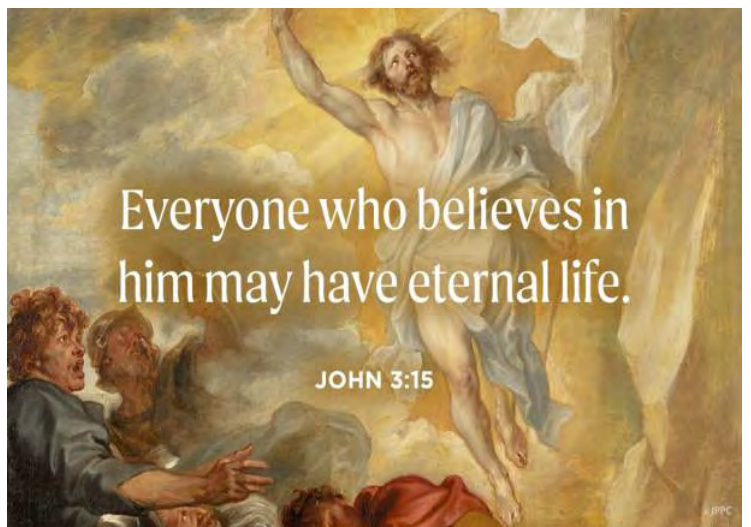
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:30AM—1:30PM
(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.



September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

The month of September is devoted to **Our Lady of Sorrows**. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.



Weekly Collection for August 31, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .142
 Envelope contributions. . . \$ 5,129.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$493.00
 Mortgage Reduction. . . \$678.00

 WeShare. . . \$1,325.00


Total. . . \$7,625.00

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


NJ BISHOPS’
Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.


Cathedral of St. Mary
 of the Assumption
 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton




PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
 Bishop David M.
 O’Connell, C.M.
Diocese of Trenton




HOMILIST
 Bishop Kevin J.
 Sweeney
Diocese of Paterson





Hosted by the Diocese of Trenton. All New Jersey bishops and priests are invited to concelebrate.





*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral



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Reading I: Numbers 21: 4b-9 The Lord prescribes an antidote to the venomous snake attacks on the people. He tells Moses to mount a bronze serpent to a pole and tell the people to look at it and be healed. An allegory about the Cross of Christ whereby sinners who look upon it with faith will be spared the sting of death.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

This is probably an early Christian hymn. It follows the story line of Christ's mission and sets Him forth as the model of Christian living.

The Gospel: John 3: 13-17

Jesus sees the relic from Moses' time of the bronze serpent mounted to save the Israelites as an image of His crucifixion meant to save mankind from sin and bring healing to a rebellious world.

IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT!!!

Our annual Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is scheduled for September 21st, Sunday, 8:30am-1:30pm. Your donations last year helped so many, especially children. Please sign up in the Narthex or main office. You can also sign up on the NJ Blood Services site at:

www.nybc.org/drive. Use sponsor code: 67211. Thank you for your kindness in this effort.



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.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Roberta Dahlkemper r/b Peter Gilbert Family.



The Flowers For Jesus are in memory of Stephanie Tapnio r/b Tapnio Family.

Celebrating 40 Years of the St. William the Abbot Parish

Our Anniversary Committee is now diligently planning special events to celebrate our 40th Anniversary throughout the year. ALL are welcome to join the committee and help with the planning. Below is a list of members of the committee so far; if you would like to join it or get involved, please email one of the members below and they will reach out to you.

- Tricia Berwick: tberwick@live.com
- Diane Smith: foodiedcs@aol.com
- Pete Gilbert: pete2516@optimum.net
- Deacon Kevin: kmsmith9@aol.com
- Sal Ciardiello: salmaypink@hotmail.com
- Mike Eadicicco: 195mead2@aol.com
- Lorrie Gratton: lorrie915@aol.com



-Choose weekly or monthly donation

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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.

Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

9:00—Patrick Truax
r/b Debra Duggan
4:00—Edward Truax
r/b Sharon & Joe Acconzo

Sunday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00—John Andrew Daley special intention
r/b Beyer Family
10:15—Priseilla J. Scarpati
r/b Nancy & Roy Dragotta
11:45—People of the Parish

Monday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00—Elizabeth Kynch
r/b Dougherty Family

Tuesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

9:00—Shannon Sagan
r/b Angelo & Susan Furmato

Wednesday, September 17 Sts. Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen

9:00—John James Lukaszewski
r/b St. William the Abbot
7:00—Mary & Robert Hough
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Macaluso

Thursday, September 18

9:00—M/M Louis Angelucci II
r/b Donna & Louis Angelucci

Friday, September 19 St. Januarius, Bishop

9:00—Daniel Eadicicco
r/b Mike Eadicicco

Saturday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions

9:00—Eleanor Sammond
r/b Debbie Miller
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, September 21

8:00—Richard John Lanza
r/b HSLI Board
10:15—Eleanor Sammond
r/b The Music Ministry
11:45—Alice Cisek
r/b Cisek Family

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., June Daquaiust, 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, Debbie Palmer, Gina Furci, Dr. Fiore, Lisa Brooks, Daniel Bivona, Alana Parisi, Nicholas Asterino, Nicholas Serzan, Michael Thompson, Anthony, Randy Zawacki & Grace Santisi. 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 McEnaney—Coast Guard
Mitchell McEnaney—Coast Guard
Katie Austin Underhill—Army
Jeremy Ramos—Air Force
Eddie Roszkowski—Navy
Aaron MacDonald—Marine
Max Culbertson—Navy
Eric Hertel—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.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!
ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF EVENT #3 COMING UP ON
OCTOBER 11TH AT ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
"WILLKOMMEN ZUM"**

Mark your calendars on Saturday, **October 11th at 5pm**, for our **OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION!** Featured foods will include: **Bratwurst, Sauerbraten, Red cabbage, Seasoned potatoes, and more...** **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AS WE NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR CATERING PURPOSES. THERE WILL BE A \$10.00 CHARGE PER PERSON. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SWA 40TH ANNIVERSARY MUG FOR FREE BEER AND ROOTBEER ALL NIGHT.**



The Seven Promises:

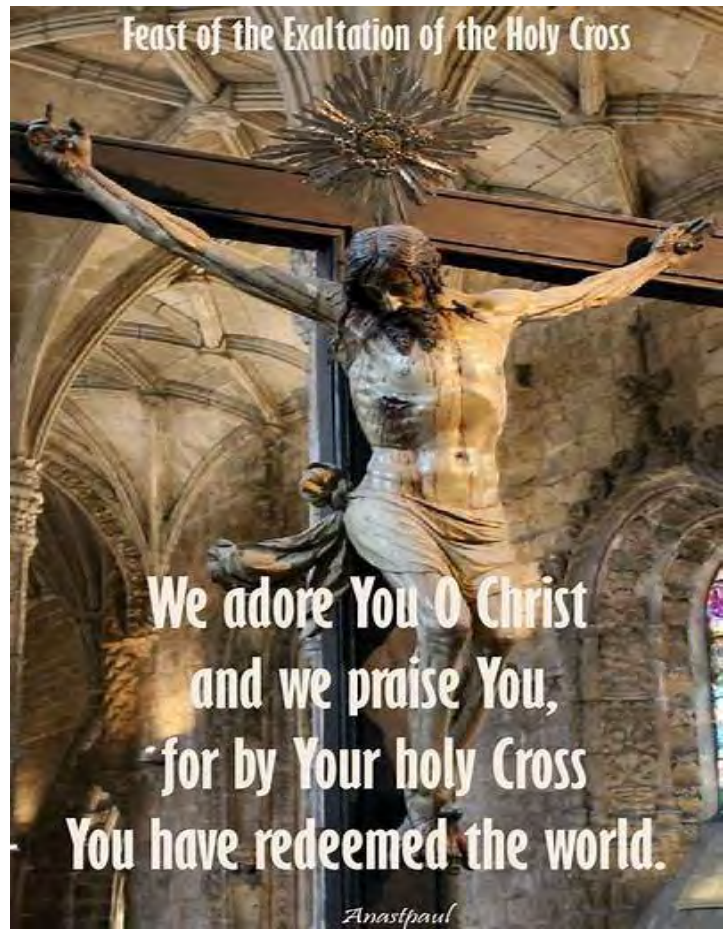

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

Pray The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady:

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross. (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion. (John 19:18-30)
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. (John 19:39-40)
7. The burial of Jesus. (John 19:39-42)



“The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the alleged discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine in 326 AD. The cross was discovered near the site of Christ's crucifixion. It was divided into three parts, with one part remaining in Jerusalem, one part sent to Rome, and a third part sent to Constantinople.”
(CATHOLIC.ORG)

THE NIGHT THE SAVIOR WAS BORN

🌟 Calling All Students Grades 1-8! 🌟

Be Part of the Christmas Pageant: *The Night the Savior Was Born*

We invite YOU to be part of our joyful celebration of Jesus' birth in a beautiful, musical Christmas pageant!

📌 Open to All Students in Grades 1-8
❗ You do NOT need to be a parishioner of Saint William the Abbot to join!

REHEARSALS BEGIN:
Choose your rehearsal night:

- **TUESDAY** rehearsals: 5:30-6:30 PM (Starting Sept 30)
 - Performance Date: Saturday, December 13
- **WEDNESDAY** rehearsals: 5:30-6:30 PM (Starting Oct 1)
 - Performance Date: Sunday, December 14

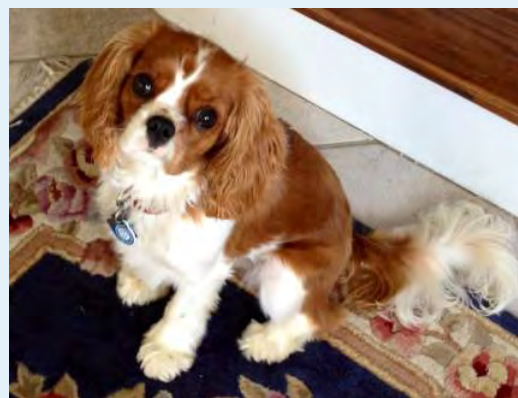
Students must not miss the School of Religion to attend rehearsals.

- If you have class on Tuesday, 5:30-6:30, sign up for Wednesday rehearsals.
- If you have class on Wednesday, 5:30-6:30, sign up for Tuesday rehearsals.
- If your class is at 4:30, you may stay and attend rehearsals at 5:30.

Dress Rehearsal Week:
December 7-11 (specific schedule to follow)

👧 Angels, Shepherds, Wisemen, Narrators, Singers, Dancers & More!
🌟 No experience necessary—just bring your Christmas spirit and joy!

📍 Location: Saint William the Abbot School of Religion
❓ Questions? Contact Mrs. Dawn Cappetto at dawn.stwilliam@gmail.com



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, St. William's Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 10AM, on the parish lawn, by the Blessed Mother's Statue. (If raining we will move inside).

All are invited to bring your beloved pets and animals for a blessing. Please invite your friends and neighbors, even if they are not members of our parish. Join us as we thank God for His gift of the beautiful creatures that share our lives and bring joy and delight to our hearts.

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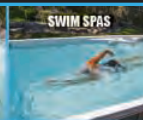
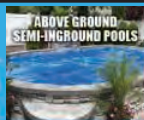
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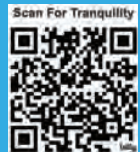
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