

The Church of  
**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.

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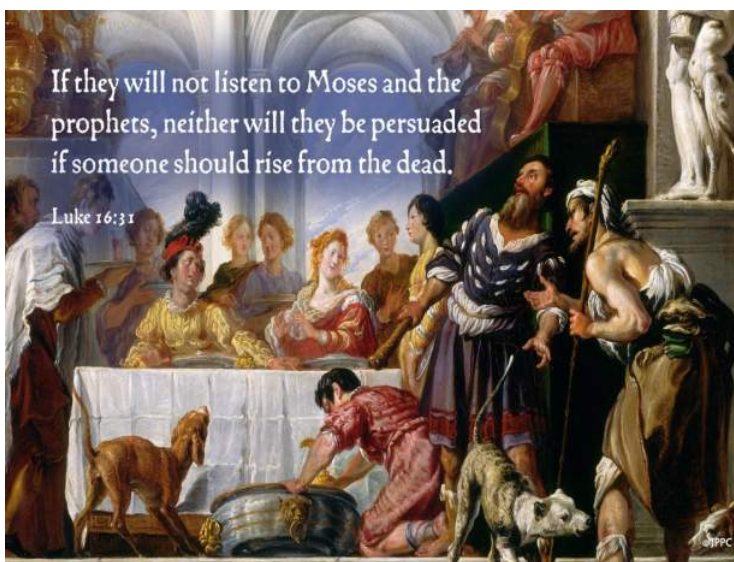
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam  
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon George A. Prevosti  
Deacon Kevin Smith

**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 28, 2025 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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.



We ask that you pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Puglisi and of Ron Neal, longtime parishioners of St. William the Abbot and their respective families. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."



**Weekly Collection for September 21, 2025**

Number of registered families. . .1209  
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .142  
 Envelope contributions. . .\$4,959.00  
 Loose contributions. . .\$603.00  
 Capital Contributions. . .\$822.00  
 WeShare. . .\$1,546.00

**Total. . .\$7,930.00**

**FYI: 50/50 Raffle Pot to date: \$2,270.00**

**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.

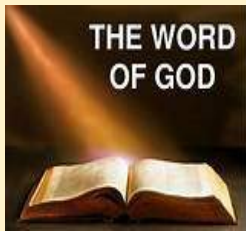


**THE CHURCH OF ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT**

For All Soul's Day, which this year will be celebrated on Monday, November 3rd, we will be offering the purchase of a candle, which will burn in the sanctuary for one week, starting at the 9AM Mass on Monday, November 3rd. The cost is \$20 per candle and may be personalized with the following:

- A. One single name: "John Smith"
- B. A couple: "Mr. & Mrs. John Smith"
- C. A family: "The Smith Family"

Complete the order form which is located in the Narthex and return it to the office with your payment by Tuesday, October 28th.

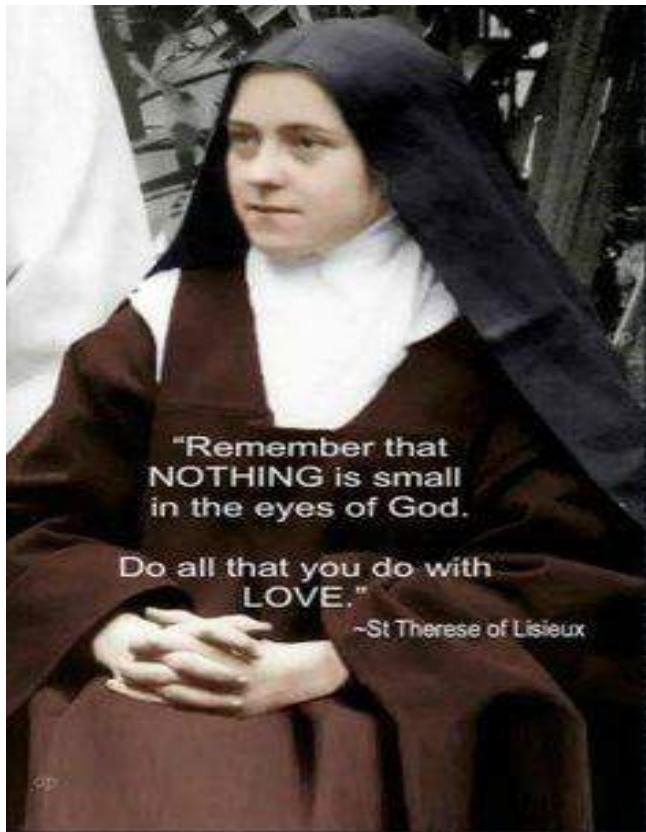


### THE WORD OF GOD

**Reading I: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7** The prophet pronounces doom on the wealthy aristocrats of Israel. They enjoyed the pleasures that money could buy, and yet they gave no thought to the misery they had brought upon others.

**Reading II: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16** Paul urges Timothy to “shun” the love of money (v. 10) and aim at godliness, faith, and love. Tell the rich to set their hopes on God, who “furnishes us with everything to enjoy.”

**The Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31** Our Lord’s story depicts the lot of “the wealthy” and “the poor” first in this present life and then in the next. A similar reversal of fortunes underlies the Beatitudes. We learn that not even miracles will benefit those who are indifferent to the Scriptures.



### 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

### 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.



-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.

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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

**Saturday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

9:00—Ann Nucciarone  
r/b Mike Nucciarone  
4:00—Belinda Jackson  
r/b Sharon & Joe Acconzo

**Sunday, September 28**

8:00—People of the Parish  
10:15—Consolation Bool  
r/b Mata Family  
11:45—Deacon George Prevosti special intention  
r/b Beyer Family

**Monday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

9:00—David Murday  
r/b Fr. Tom

**Tuesday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor**

9:00—Fred Azcarate  
r/b M/M Fred Manzella

**Wednesday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

9:00—Anthony DelGuercio  
r/b M/M Fred Manzella  
7:00—Philemena Passarella  
r/b Liz Cerbie

**Thursday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**

9:00—Anna Guillermo  
r/b Felix Guillermo

**Friday, October 3 First Friday**

9:00—Chmielewski Family  
r/b David Chmielewski

**Saturday, October 4 First Saturday, St. Francis of Assisi**

9:00—David Murday  
r/b Sal Ciardiello  
4:00—Mary Jean Johnson  
r/b Lopez Family

**Sunday, October 5 Respect Life Sunday, World Communion Sunday**

8:00—Sandra Campos  
r/b Ron Campos  
10:15—People of the Parish  
11:45—Maria Rosa DiMarco  
r/b Cartiglia 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
- Lauren Millerbernd—Marines



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.**



World Mission Sunday 2025  
**October 19th**

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**Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/  
Letter of Eligibility**

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874)

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.
- A sponsor must be registered here at St. William. If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William, but does not live here, they are not a member of this parish but a member of the parish whose territory he/she now resides in. That parish is the one to go to, to receive a sponsor certificate.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND SOLEMN ROSARY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 6:30PM. ALL 5TH GRADERS MUST ATTEND.**



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25, after the 4:00pm Mass. There will be pumpkin painting after Mass as well. The cost per pumpkin is \$5.00.



**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House  
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Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!  
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.



**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.



**Feast of the Guardian Angel  
October 2nd**

Beginning on the 2nd of October for eight days, a candle will be burning in front of the icon of the Guardian Angel in the Sanctuary in thanksgiving to God for the gift of all the Guardian Angels of the People of the Parish of St. William the Abbot.



**A VERY HAPPY FEAST TO YOU!**

**Michael, Michael**  
of the morning,  
Fresh chord of  
Heaven adorning,  
Keep me safe today,  
And in time  
of temptation  
Drive the devil away.  
Amen.

May the offering of  
our service and the  
prayer of the Blessed  
Archangel Gabriel be  
acceptable in Thy sight,  
O Lord; that he whom  
we venerate on earth,  
may be our advocate  
before Thee in heaven.  
Through Our Lord. Amen.

O God who to Tobias,  
Thy servant, when on  
his journey, didst give  
Blessed Raphael the  
Archangel, as a  
companion; grant to us  
Thy servants, that we  
may be ever protected  
by his custody and  
strengthened by his  
help. Through Christ  
our Lord. Amen

**(29th September - Feast of the Archangels)**

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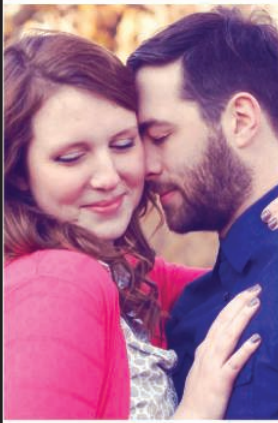
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