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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.

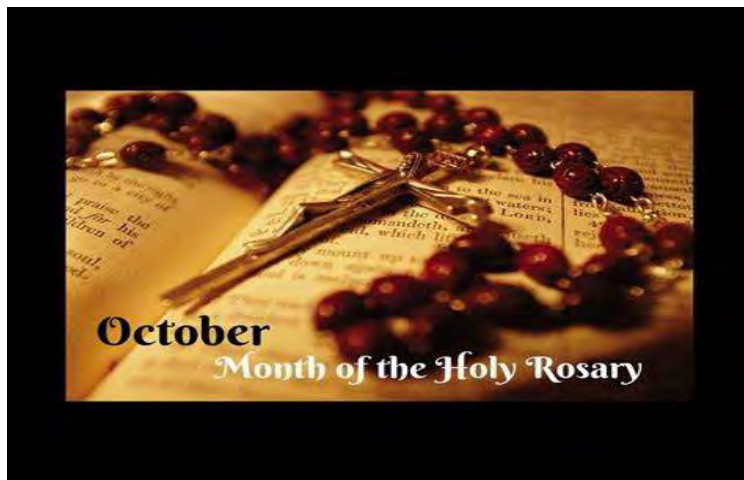
CONFESSIONS

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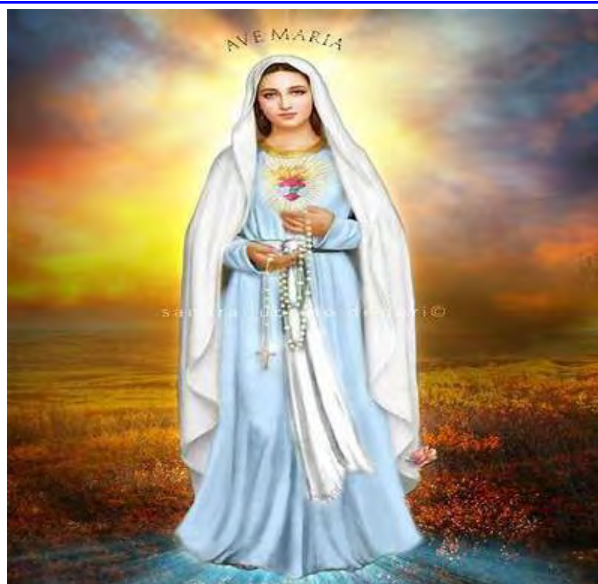
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh 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.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Harold Travaglione r/b M/M Steven Sousa.



Weekly Collection for September 28, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Envelope contributions. . .\$7,036.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$532.00

Total. . .\$8,401.00

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"

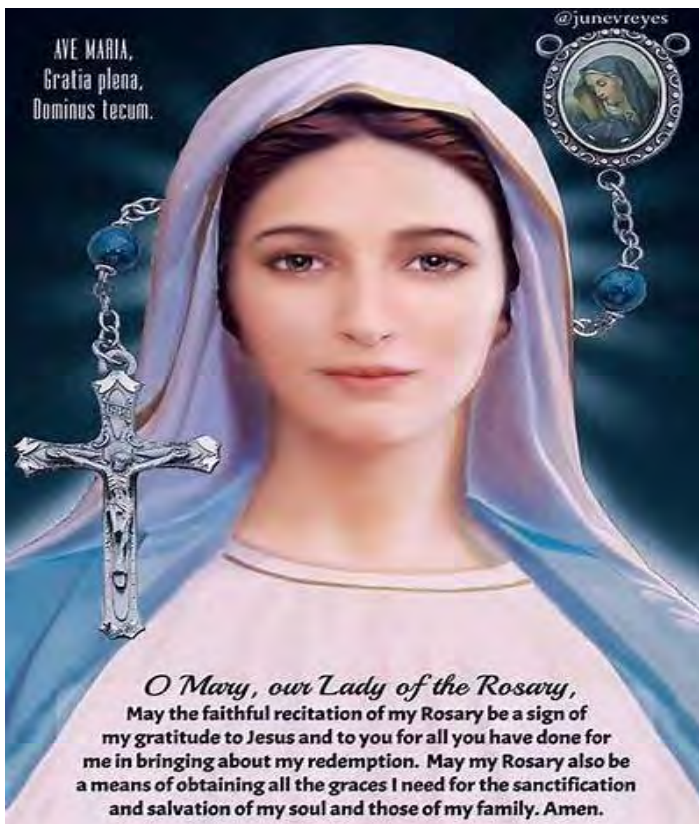
Complete the order form which is located in the Narthex and return it to the office with your payment by Tuesday, October 28th.



Reading I: Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:3-4 Old Testament revelation came piecemeal, but in the New Testament, everything is revealed in Christ. He “bears the very stamp of (God’s) nature.”

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14 Timothy, who was ordained a bishop by Paul, is urged to complete his mission at Ephesus. He is to yield to the Spirit’s power and preserve the teaching of Paul that he received.

The Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10 True disciples should not expect congratulations for their service. Their work is important, but not beyond the call of Christian duty. No one can fully repay God for His gifts.



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.

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



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Weekly MASS Intentions

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

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

Monday, October 6 Sts. Bruno & Marie Rose Durocher

9:00—Dorothy Osborne
r/b Sal Ciardiello

Tuesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00—Ann Russo
r/b Jackie Van Glahn

Wednesday, October 8

9:00—Dulce Fria
r/b Felix Guillermo
7:00—Harold Travaglione
r/b M/M Steven Sousa

Thursday, October 9 Sts. Denis and John Leonardi

9:00—Patricia Enger
r/b M/M Fred Manzella

Friday, October 10

9:00—William Clark
r/b Toni Clark

Saturday, October 11 Pope St. John XXIII

9:00—Jack Daly
r/b Peggy & Joe McInerney
4:00—Salvatore Abazia
r/b M/M Richard Capitan

Sunday, October 12

8:00—Deborah Monek
r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15—Mark Murasso special intention
r/b Yvonne Weichert
11:45—People of the Parish

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...** **THE CUT OFF DATE FOR SIGN UP IS OCTOBER 5TH.** **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.**



**Choosing Godparents
Important Role Models of Your Child's Faith**

The practice of two Godparents for an infant's baptism goes back to the time when Church law and civil law were one and the same in Europe. If anything did happen to the parents, the custody and well being of the child became the responsibility of the Godparents. Adult baptism required that one have a sponsor from the Church who would act as a guide or mentor, in bringing the person to faith.

Today, being a Godparent has no legal implications. It is a spiritual matter. Godparents, must be practicing Catholics and have received all sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. A non-Catholic Christian cannot be a Godparent but can be a Christian Witness. This distinction recognizes the difference between faith and religion. A Christian can be a witness because of his/her relationship to God (faith), but the Catholic is a mentor in the practice of the religion.

In any event, it is vital that parents give serious consideration to the people they choose to be the child's Godparent. That choice should be based on practice of faith, solid moral character and ability to give good example. Too often the choice is left to whose turn it is in the family or to friends that parents wish to honor or acknowledge in some way. A Godparent is also someone who will pray and sacrifice for your child. Your choice of Godparents is the first lesson of faith you teach your child. Make it count!



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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.



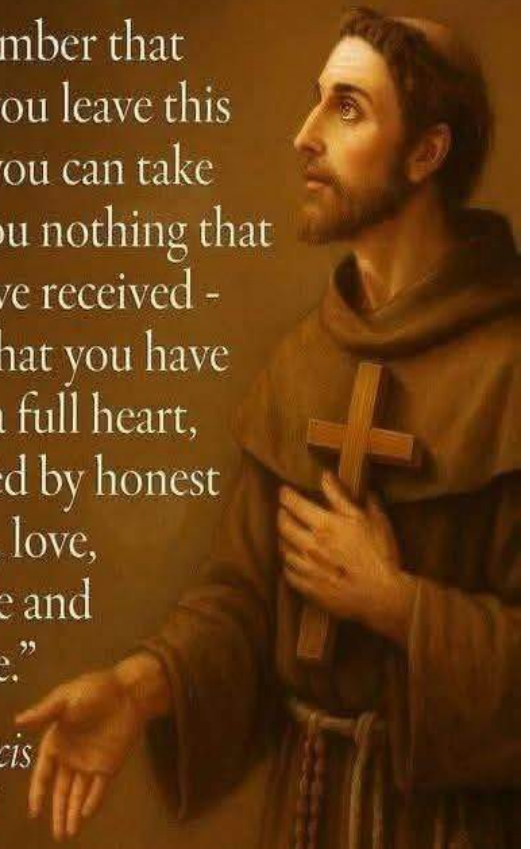
Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25, after the 4:00pm Mass. There will be pumpkin painting after Mass as well. The cost per pumpkin is \$5.00.

6 STIGMATIC SAINTS

<p>FRANCIS OF ASSISI On his feet, his hands, and his side</p>		<p>ST. PADRE PIO On his feet on his hands on his side</p>	
<p>CATHERINE OF SIENA Invisible stigmata: felt the pain but no visible wounds</p>		<p>VERONICA GIULIANI On her feet, her hands, & her side</p>	
<p>ST RITA OF CASCIA Crown of thorns stigmata</p>		<p>GEMMA GALGANI on her feet & her hands,</p>	

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

-St Francis of Assisi



October 7th Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus’ life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary’s giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion. Blessed Mother, pray for us.

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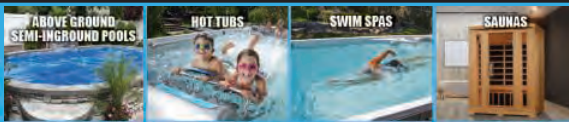
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