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**ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT**  
A Roman Catholic Church  
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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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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  
(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.



*December 7, 2025*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**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.



**Weekly Collection for November 23, 2025**

Number of registered families. . .1209  
 Number of envelopes. . .156  
 Envelope contributions. . .\$5,019.00  
 Loose contributions. . .\$478.00  
  
 WeShare. . .\$2,361.00  
  
**Total. . .\$8,336.00**

**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.

**GIVING TREES**



It’s that time of year again! The Social Concerns Committee will be putting up giving trees on Saturday, November 22nd. We will have two trees.

**One tree will assist our local families in need.** In addition to their wish list, we will be collecting gift cards from Shop Rite, Target, Walmart, Visa, American Express, restaurants, and movies. We will get the gift cards to them early in December so the families will have time to shop for Christmas. **Please return the UNWRAPPED gifts and gift cards by: December 8th.**

**The second giving tree will be for the Seniors at our local nursing home.** Please take a tag and return the gift in a gift bag with the tag attached by December 8th.

If your family is in need of assistance for Christmas, please call the parish office at 732-840-3535. Thank you for your continued generosity. St. William the Abbot parish community is so giving and compassionate. It make a tremendous difference in peoples’ lives. God bless!



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Cesar & Basilla Larracas r/b The Tapnio Family.

## Weekly MASS Intentions

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

### Saturday, December 6 **St. Nicholas, Bishop / First Saturday**

9:00—Elizabeth Knych  
r/b Nosnicki Family  
4:00—Edward Mansfield  
r/b Barb & Rich Capitan

### Sunday, December 7 **Second Sunday in Advent**

8:00—San dra Campos  
r/b Ron Campos  
10:15—People of the Parish  
11:45—Anna & Joe Kelly  
r/b Terry Kelly

### Monday, December 8 **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00—Hank & Evelyne Filipek  
r/b Vieira Family  
12:00—In reparation for the blasphemies and offenses to the Immaculate Conception of Mary

### Tuesday, December 9 **St. Juan Diego**

9:00—Jaime Infante  
r/b Name withheld by request

### Wednesday, December 10 **Our Lady of Loreto**

9:00—Joseph Boyle  
r/b Perrapato Family  
7:00—Michael Semes  
r/b Name withheld by request

### Thursday, December 11 **St. Damasus I, Pope**

9:00—Corriene and Joseph Pangaro  
r/b Pangaro Family

### Friday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:00—Patrick Michael Landry  
r/b a Loving Family

### Saturday, December 13 **St. Lucy**

9:00—Donald & Vivian Goff  
r/b Daughter  
4:00—People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 14 **Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday**

8:00—Janice Ciardiello  
r/b Sal Ciardiello  
10:15—Pat & Mary Cleary  
r/b Reynolds & Cleary Families  
11:45—Carmine Arico  
r/b Valente Family

## The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

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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, Donna Calamia & 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  
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Kathryn McEnaney—Coast Guard  
Mitchell McEnaney—Coast Guard  
Katie Austin Underhill—Army  
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Aaron MacDonald—Marine  
Max Culbertson—Navy  
Eric Hertel—Navy  
Lauren Millerbernd—Marines  
Darlene Pabon—Army



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.*



Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

This is the clearest of Isaiah's messianic visions: The coming of an ideal Davidic king, who brings justice and peace to the world.

Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Paul counts himself among the strong Christians set free from Mosaic rules. Christ followed His Father's will. Israel's Scriptures (the Old Testament) remain essential to the life and liturgy of the Church.

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist is the forerunner of the Messiah, and here, in verse 2, is the overarching theme of Matthew's whole gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." The words appear 32 times in the gospel.

### 🎄 **The Night the Savior Was Born** 🎄

Join us for a weekend of faith and festive fun!

**Saturday, December 13th, right after the 4:00 mass:**

Enjoy our *musical Christmas pageant* in the church, followed by **crafts for kids** and an **Adult Beverage Garden** in the parish hall.

**Sunday, December 14th at 3:30:**

**Don't miss the Christmas play, plus crafts, hot cocoa, and cookies** for all.

👼 **Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there both days!**

Celebrate the joy of Christmas and the night our Savior was born!



--  
Dawn Cappelto  
School of Religion  
Administrator

### **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  
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Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand!

MATTHEW 3:2

St. John the Baptist said: "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." Luke 3:16



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

Mother Teresa



OUR ANNUAL BON-FIRE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 6:00PM, WEATHER PERMITTING. JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

PEACE

Week 2: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"



Our Holiday Mass Schedule '2025  
Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
Vigil Solemnity of Christmas  
4:00pm 6:00pm 8:00pm

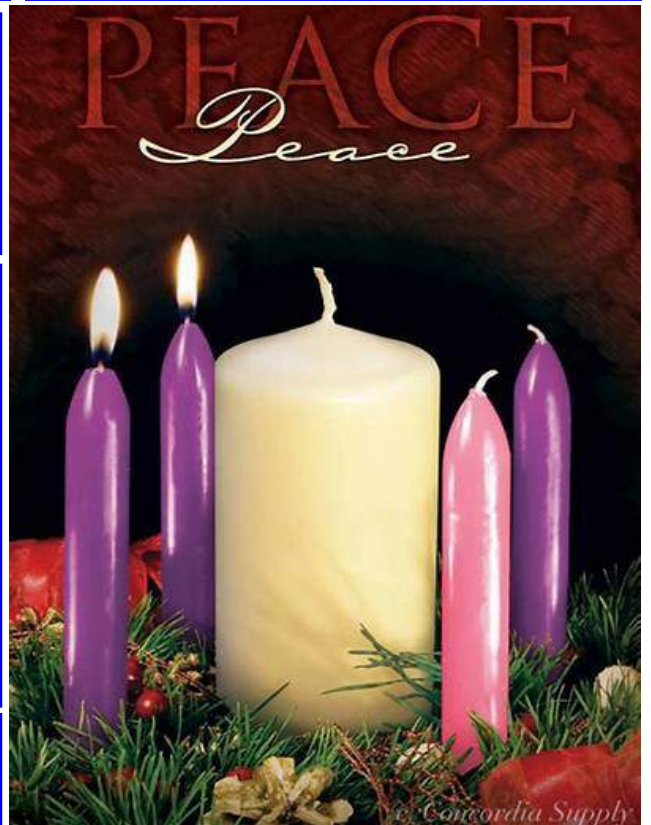
Thursday, December 25, 2025 Nativity of the Lord  
10:15am and 11:45am

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2025  
Vigil Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
9:00am and 4:00pm

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026  
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
10:00AM



Please send us a picture Christmas card of your family, so we can display them on our bulletin board!



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# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:



**IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**IT PERTAINS** to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

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Our Father,

We humbly beseech Thee to honor the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us her purity and grace, guiding our hearts to emulate her virtue. May her intercession lead us closer to Thy love and mercy, as we strive to reflect the light of Christ in our lives. Amen.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE A RECENTLY REGISTERED PARISHIONER AND ARE USING ENVELOPES, PLEASE PUT YOUR LAST NAME AND ENVELOPE NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPE OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CREDIT YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY GIVING. STOP BY THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.**

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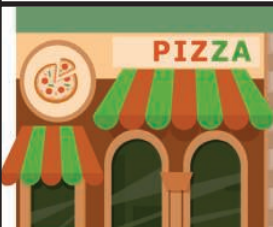
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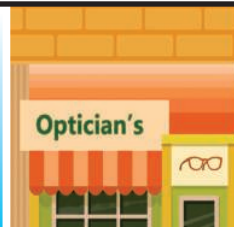
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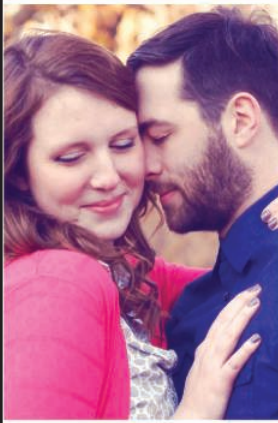


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