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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.

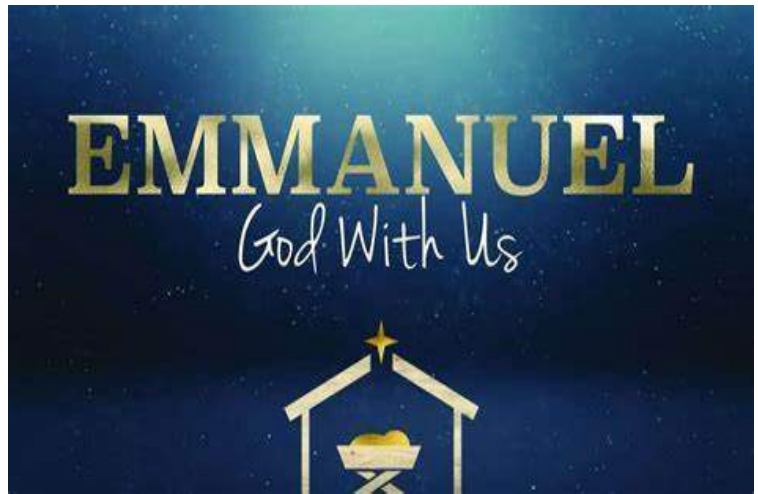
CONFESSIONS

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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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
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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 21, 2025

Fourth 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 December 7, 2025

Number of registered families. . .	1209
Number of envelopes. . .	164
Envelope contributions. . .	\$10,523.00
Loose contributions. . .	\$590.00
Immaculate Conception. . .	\$1,154.00
Flowers. . .	\$1,675.00
WeShare. . .	\$3,024.00
Total. . .	\$16,966.00

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.



"People look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: 'Love, the Guest, is on the way.'"



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Carol Deputato r/b Peter Gilbert Family.



Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, December 20

9:00—Anthony Pasquarillo
r/b M/M Ron Neal
4:00—Larry DeWise
r/b Liz Cerbie

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Nicholas Mariniello
r/b M/M Richard Capitan
11:45—Virginia Ball
r/b Cathy Ball

Monday, December 22

9:00—Cecilia Colfer
r/b Stephen Dzuby

Tuesday, December 23 St. John Kanty

9:00—James Tavormina
r/b Lenardo Family

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Vigil

4:00—Anthony & Mary Grifa, Sr.
r/b Debbie Grifa-Miller Family
6:00—Haberjan, Gates, & Aberer Families
r/b Liz Cerbie
8:00—Deceased Members of Bonner & Pangaro Families
r/b Pangaro Family

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day / The Nativity of the Lord

10:15—Irene & Jim Miller
r/b Miller Family
11:45—Joseph Riccardi
r/b Riccardi Family

Friday, December 26 St. Stephen / the First Martyr

9:00—Special intention for Hailey Raiser
r/b Grandmpa

Saturday, December 27 St. John, Apostle

9:00—Special intention for Ian Miller
r/b Miller Family
4:00—Stella Capriotti
r/b Capriotti Family

Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family

8:00—Sandra Campos
r/b Ron Campos
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Carol Tutone
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat

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, 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
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
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 7: 10-14 The name of the Savior to come, "Immanuel," is Hebrew for "God is with us." It signifies both of His natures in one person.

Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7 These introductory verses of Paul's Letter finds him calling himself a "slave" for Christ. What this means is that he has made his whole life a gift to Christ. For Paul, the gospel bears a message long refigured in the Hebrew Scriptures, which we Christians call "The Old Testament."

The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24 The birth account of Jesus includes the betrothal period of Joseph and Mary, a time more meaningful than our modern engagement understanding, which could only be ended by divorce. We see Joseph as a man of sterling moral character, committed to the Law and to Mary.



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 4:00pm 7:00pm

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

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

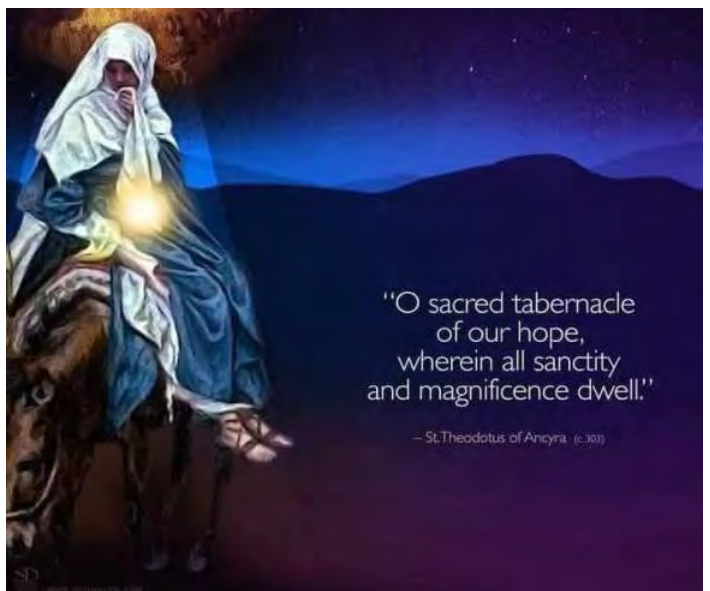
Flowers for Jesus is a bouquet of flowers that will be bought in honor or memory of a loved one. They will be placed at the Altar for the weekend Masses. It will be announced in the bulletin and at each Mass. The donation is \$50.



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.



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



"O sacred tabernacle of our hope, wherein all sanctity and magnificence dwell!"

— St. Theodotus of Ancyra (c. 300)



St. Joseph's Dream: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."** All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanu-el" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus." **Matthew 1:18-24**



"As the star once led the wise men to rejoice with exceeding great joy, so may the guiding light of Christ fill your path with peace everlasting. Blessed are they who follow His star, for their hearts shall overflow with heavenly gladness. May His Spirit crown your days with rejoicing, and His presence bring blessing to your soul."

Matthew 2:10 "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

"Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light! With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia to our King!" Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"



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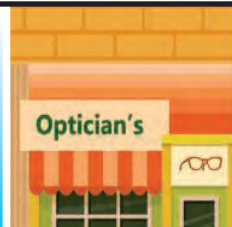
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