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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. James Redstone, In Memoriam  
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant  
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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.



January 4, 2026

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**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.

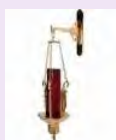


**Weekly Collection for December 21, 2025**

Number of registered families. . .1209  
 Number of envelopes. . .167  
 Envelope contributions. . .\$9,118.00  
 Loose contributions. . .\$627.00  
 Capital Contribution. . .\$665.00  
 Flowers. . .\$340.00  
 Christmas. . .\$2,440.00  
 WeShare. . .\$1,301.00

**Total. . .\$14,491.00**

**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 Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of James Dahlkemper r/b Peter Gilbert Family.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPCC

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

**Saturday, January 3**

9:00—Andrew Howard  
r/b M/M Venuto  
4:00—Mary Powers  
r/b Joe & Sharon Acconzo

**Sunday, January 4 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00—People of the Parish  
10:15—Joseph Macaluso  
r/b Linda & Joe Macaluso  
11:45—William Baunagh  
r/b Deacon Kevin & Diane

**Monday, January 5**

9:00—Cecilia Ann Colfer  
r/b Debbie & Kevin Moroney

**Tuesday, January 6**

9:00—Joan Lee You  
r/b Mary Puglisi

**Wednesday, January 7**

9:00—Richard J. Weber  
r/b Gaul Family  
7:00—Tommy Hanrahan  
r/b Betty Ann & Jim Correia

**Thursday, January 8**

10:00—Barbara Schockaert  
r/b Donna Perrapato

**Friday, January 9**

9:00—Special intention requested by Susan Furmato  
r/b none noted

**Saturday, January 10**

9:00—Gladys Lukas  
r/b M/M James Rotberg  
4:00—Bobby Mattessich  
r/b Mircovich Family

**Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00—Dr. Stephen DeFelice  
r/b Cartiglia Family  
10:15—Ann Pasquarillo  
r/b Ron & Marlene Neal  
11:45—People of the Parish

The power of prayer!  
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPCC

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 50: 1-6** The prophet offers a vision of Zion as a city that radiates with divine glory. It draws the nations together to worship the one true God. It is honored by foreigners.

**Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6** St. Paul is a steward of divine mysteries. God's grace has come to him on its way to others, namely the "Gentiles," as well as "the sons of Israel."

**The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12** As the new Davidic king, Jesus is born in David's hometown. The Magi, who were most likely astrologers from Persia, become the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to recognize the Kingship of Jesus. In a real way, in that regard, they were our ancestors.

"WHEN Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Juda, in the days of king Herod, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to adore him. And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

St. Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

**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

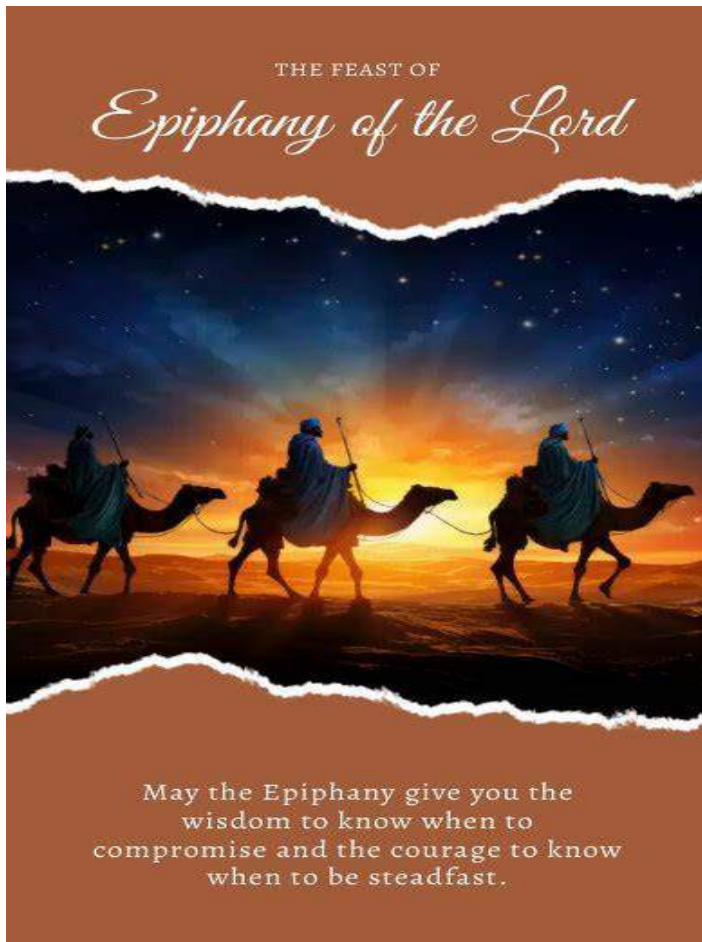
St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

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 Eadicco: 195mead2@aol.com
- Lorrie Gratton: lorrie915@aol.com

**Thank you to all who have donated to our Christmas Flowers. These are the people for whom we have been asked to pray:** Sime Hidalgo, Leonor Hidalgo, Emilio Tapnio, Geronima Tapnio, M/M P. Ozzo & Children, M/M M. Dragotta, Alva & Randall Kelly, Beatrice Anderson, Duncan & Zipporah Wallen, Verona Anderson, Crudelle Family, O'Connor Family, DiPaul Family, Ceferino Costales, Roberto Mendoza, Patricia Mendoza, Jankowski Family, Alfred DeDominicis, Helen DeDominicis, Vincent Scalese, Kevin Corr, Loretta Petri, Lucy Battaglia, Peter C. Petri, Domenic Battaglia, John & Mary Morsillo, Cosmo & Carmela Silvestri, Janice Ciardiello, Jean Ciardiello, James Ciardiello, Mike Duggan, Mary Powers, Bess Stillwell, Mary Powers, Bess Stillwell, Marge Vultee, Anne Maruk, Brian O'Reilly, James Morecraft, Ana Guillermo, Rosa Sofia Guillermo, Jose J. Guillermo, Antonia Guillermo, Belinda Jackson, The Jones & Eckert Families, John & Eleanor Corti, Tom Nebus, Ben & Hatti Nebus, Butala Family, Connie D/Amico, Susan Gondevas, Mary Venezia, Mircovich Families, Seymour Families, Agnes guiff, Parise & Cannavale Families, Sue Iacangelo, Elizabeth Capitan, Theresa Capitan, Margaret Kristofer, Robert Pignatore, Veronica Malecki, Edward Malecki, Danny Bacsik, John Szydal, Augustyniak Family, Szydal Family, Philip & Rivalta Valenza, John & Nimfa Shomers, Erica Dahlkemper Baughman, Robert & Laura Camp, John & Mildred Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Dennis Gilbert, James & Roberta Dahlkemper, Jack Culbertson, Goldie Gomes, M/M Leo Bizzarro, M/M John Ruane, Linguard Family, Edward Truax, Patrick Truax, M/M Louis Angelucci II, M/M Joseph Smoyak, Ernest Smoyak, Louis Angelucci, Sr., Helen Zmijewski, Joan P. Frammosa, Joseph & Anna Spoto, Rose & Steve Marino, Lucille Wood, Henry & Evelyne Filipek, Laurentino & Nidia Vieira, Jensen & Maloney Family, Haberjan Family, Philemena Passarella, Michelle & Alan Tatusko, Lucienne Haberjan, M/M Kenneth Mayer, Kitty Rucci, Thomas Gebhardt, Kevin McCormick, Ann Munyer, George Munyer, Joan Moroney, Thomas Moroney, Saverio Camporeale, Maria Camporeale, Peter Cerreta, Sr., Denise Bartone, Flora DiGiallonardo, Frank Giovina, Nicholas Castagna, Joseph & Marie Selvaggi, Elaine Nilsen, Patsy & Marie Franzese, Catherine & John Acconzo, Edward & Patrick Truax, Durnin Family, Kerrigan Family, Rotberg Family, Nick Angiulo, Fran Angiulo, Mary Golio, Tony Golio, John & Elizabeth Duffy, Eugene & Alice Cisek, Martinez Family, Joseph Caccese, Kayo & Jennie Adams, Biagio & Grace Amato, Isabella Family, M/M Gene Kelly, Sally Idrael, Fr. Charles & Norma Moore, Jill Galante, Mandola Jr. Family, Cranwell & Nunziata Families, Gladys Echevarria, Jose A. Torres, Carmen L. Santiago, Herimo Santiago, Lorec Brown, Jill Gergurich, M/M Michael Kollar, Ann Sanguetti, Spampanato Family, Mata Family, Russo Family, Mackintosh Family, Mildred Casazza, Titus Casazza, Anna Ghigliotti, Louise Ghigliotti, John McAleavey Sr., Joan McAleavey, Ruth Joan McAleavey, Ruth Steele, John Matthews, Holmes Family, Bars Family, Manzella Family, Maselli Family, Bachurek Family, Martino Family, Lenardo Family, Lenardo Family Friends, Trusso Family, Gaul Family, Gray Family, Christopher Lysstianto, Joseph Marano, Jean Marano, Kay & Harry Redmond, Mary & Warren Dougherty, Robert Dougherty, Robert Dougherty, Richard Grasso, Murray Family, William Clark, McTague Family, De Felice Family, Morin Family, Marie DeSantis, John DeSantis, Nancy Ciano, Josephine Rizzo, Mary Thompson, Linda Romano, M/M Joseph Modica, M/M Anthony Somma, Antoinette Modica, Anthony Modica, Thomas A. Di-Mattina, Kevin Rizzo, Elsie Harkins, Catherine Brunetti, Mary & Patrick Cleary, James Gratton, Debbie Gratton, Gerald F. Caci, Joyce M. Caci, Lois DeRosa, Vincent Portera, Pete & Theresa Schmidt, Lorraine & Ronald Masarik, Ralph Pizzano, Tony Del Guercio, Christine Pizzano, Ann Del Guercio, Ernest Russo, Frances Crispino, Anne Russo, Emanuel Puglisi, Mary Puglisi, Harold Turner, Theresa Turner, John & Virginia Ball, Fr. Jim Redstone, Vincent M. Maher Jr., Rosemary Maher, Michael Maher

### Christmas Flowers continued:

Halina Kotowski, Gehrsitz Family, Hager Family, Rotberg Family, Ellin Gates, Debbie Gates, Kathleen Aberer, William Aberer, Francis Quinnan, Sandra Campos, Mary & Alex Kubik, Jane & Albert Zisko, Ronald Kubik, Robert Zisko, Sue & Tom Christman, Benny Sellette, John Cartiglia, Paul Spampanato, William Portera, Alva & Randall Kelly, Duncan & Zipporah Wallen, Beatrice & Verona Anderson, Minnie Wallen, Dominguez Family, Busa Family, Linda Boxer, Villa Family, Pasquale Bivona, Judi Bivona, Anna Bivona, Frank Hrael, John and Virginia Ball, Sevey Vignola





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steady support, it's environmentally friendly, and less costly than using envelopes. Look for the WeShare link on the parish website.

**Why is it so important to register with a parish?**

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. Registering as parishioners requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor certificate, and getting donation statements for your taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



Join us at 1:00pm on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please call the parish office.

**Sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation**

**Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate include:**

- ~ A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation and, if married, must be 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. In other words, he/she must be an Active member of the parish.
- ~ If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William the Abbot years ago but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not an active member of this parish. Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.



We are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazarella Eye Glass Donation Program. An eye receptacle is located in the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program who since 1932, provide over 8 million needy people in the United States and throughout the world the gift of better sight. We thank you for all your donations and support.



Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence and immigration services. If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) or call 800-360-7711.



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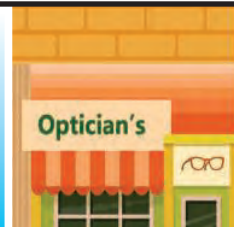
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