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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.

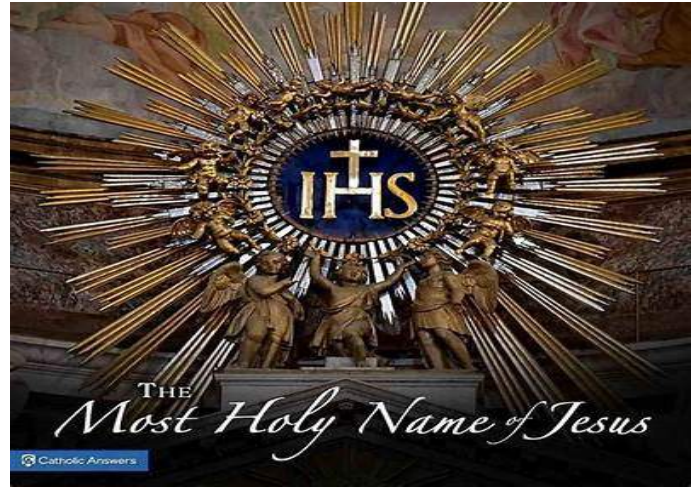
CONFESSIONS

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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Website: stwilliamtheabbot.com
Phone: 732-840-3535



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.



January 11, 2026

The Baptism 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 & Christmas Collections for December 25 & December 28, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . . 12/28 118 12/25 195
 Envelope contributions. . . \$4,075.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$761.00
 Christmas Envelope Contributions. . . \$19,088.00
 Christmas Loose Contributions. . . \$1,565.00
 WeShare. . . \$1,665.00

Total. . . \$27,154.00

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.



~ 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 the parish website.



“And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting to him; and lo, a voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Sarah Gilbert .

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPC

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

Saturday, January 10

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

Sunday, January 11 Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 12

9:00—Special intention for Maria
r/b A neighbor

Tuesday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop

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

Wednesday, January 14

9:00—John Duffy
r/b Cisek Family
7:00—Felix Rubio
r/b Beyer Family

Thursday, January 15

9:00—Ernest Smoyak
r/b Angelucci Family

Friday, January 16

9:00—John Sacco
r/b Perrapato Family

Saturday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00—Loretta Keating
r/b Dottie Kelly
4:00—Cornelius O'Donnell
r/b Natalie & Alan Schpiro

Sunday, January 18

8:00—Deborah Monek
r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—John Mulkeen
r/b Susan Fromato

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPC

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 42: 1-4, 6-7 The divinely chosen Servant will not only be gentle but also never discouraged. The Lord will form a covenant that will free all the people.

Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38 Jesus is anointed at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and power. God is with Him as He does good and heals those "oppressed by the devil."

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus approaches John the Baptist (His cousin) to be baptized. John at first protests. Then Jesus tells him "It is fitting for them to fulfill all righteousness."

Convalidation

Bringing your Marriage
into THE Church

Are you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a minister of another denomination? As a married couple, you have already made a commitment to one another. Perhaps you'd like to consider taking your marriage to the next level by inviting Jesus to dwell within your relationship. If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for marriage in the Church, or if you'd simply like to discuss your options, please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Tom. You'll be so glad you did!

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



Mass for Life & Life Expo



FRIDAY

January 23, 2026

11:00 AM | Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold



- Pray in solidarity with those travelling to Washington, DC for the national March for Life
- Engage with local life-affirming organizations that promote human dignity from womb to tomb
- Foster friendships, network and strengthen bonds to build a culture of life in our community



- Complimentary coffee & homemade hot soup will be available to enjoy in the café seating area
- **No Limits Cafe** food truck will be onsite offering assorted specialty grilled cheese sandwiches & soft drinks for purchase



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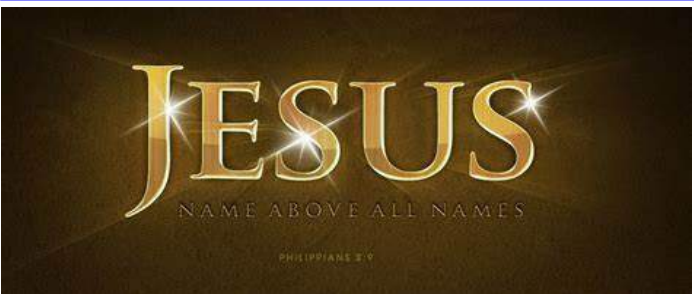
Sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

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.

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.



He became small because you were small —
 understand how great He is
 and you will become great along with Him.
 This is how houses are built,
 how the solid walls of a building are raised
 The stones brought to construct
 the building increase,
 you too, increase, understanding how great Christ is
 and how He who appeared to be small is great,
 very great indeed...

*St Augustine (354-430)
 Father & Doctor of the Church*



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 or call 800-360-7711.



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.

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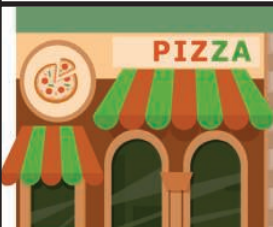
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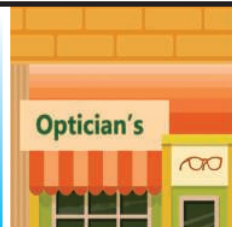
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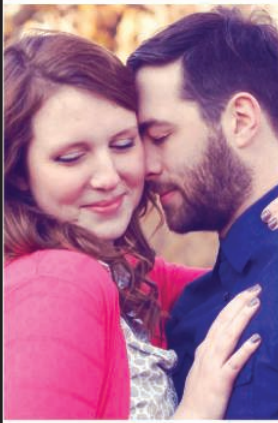
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