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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
A Roman Catholic Church
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road
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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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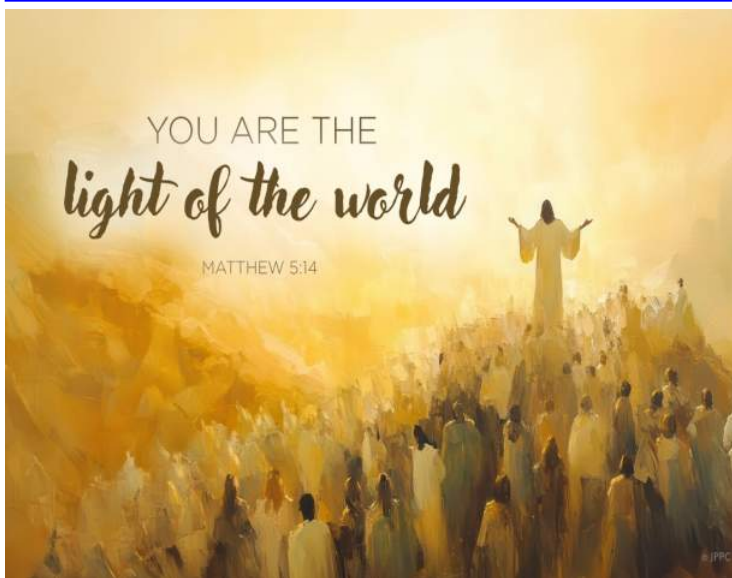
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



February 8, 2026 *Fifth Sunday 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.



Weekly for January 25, 2026

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .70
 Envelope contributions. . .\$2,180.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$395.00

 We Share. . .\$1,932.00

Total. . .\$4,507.00

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.

ATTENTION FAMILIES!!! HOSTED BY THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH @ 5PM. FOR EVERY CANDY BAR YOU BRING TO THE EVENT, YOU EARN A BINGO BOARD! THERE WILL ALSO BE A DOLLAR STORE GIFT AUCTION! FUN FOR ALL!

C A N D Y B I N G O



Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPCC

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

Saturday, February 7 First Saturday

9:00—William Casey
r/b Juanita Casey
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, February 8

8:00—Rudolph Ruddy & Merlene Breakenridge
r/b L. Kelly
10:15—Beyer/Kohler Families
r/b Mary Lou Beyer
11:45—Joseph Scaramella
r/b Cartiglia Family

Monday, February 9

9:00—Patricia Prindiville
r/b M/M Steve Ferraro

Tuesday, February 10 St. Scholastica

9:00—Josephine Buononato
r/b Juanita Casey

Wednesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00—Nancy Ciano
r/b Mary Lou Beyer
7:00—Shayna & Rhett special intention
r/b Mom

Thursday, February 12

9:00—Margaret Furfato
r/b Juanita Casey

Friday, February 13

9:00—Kathleen Roselle
r/b Sosnicki Family

Saturday, February 14 Sts. Cyril & Methodius

9:00—Russell Grifa
r/b Grifa & Miller Families
4:00—Bobby Mattessich
r/b Mircovich Family

Sunday, February 15

8:00—Robert Shaughnessy
r/b Sean & Janet O'Sullivan
10:15—Joseph Macaluso
r/b Linda Macaluso
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. Amen.*



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the special intention of Carol Oster Murphy r/b the Lenardo Family.



Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10 True religion requires easing the burdens of others by providing them with the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter. That makes the provider a true light in the darkness.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 God saves the world through what is held to be foolish and weak. In that way God alone can be praised for the result.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16 Disciples described as “salt” means that they season and preserve the world for God. As “light” they are to bear witness to Jesus and His message so that they shine out to the world.



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.



The Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Lenten dinner for Friday, February 27 in the Parish Hall.

The dinner will be served before Stations of the Cross from 5:00pm to 6:45pm.

The dinner (eat in or takeout) will consist of 2 pieces of fish fillet, coleslaw and french fries for a cost of \$12.00. Payment can be made at the door.

No one will be turned away. If anyone wants to partake in the dinner but is suffering a financial hardship please contact the front office and accommodations will be made.

LENT BEGINS WITH
**ASH WEDNESDAY ON
 FEBRUARY 18TH.** OUR SCHEDULE TO RECEIVE
 ASHES IS: **MASS 9:00, MASS 12:00 NOON, SERVICE
 4:00, MASS 7:00PM.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



February 7th Candy Bingo

5:00pm For every candy bar you bring, you get a free bingo board! \$Dollar store\$ gift auction, too!



February 21st Wine & Chocolate Bingo Night

5:30pm \$20 incl. 10 Games/3 Boards per Game
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March 7th ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Food

BYOB

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April 12th Easter 50/50 Drawing

Come on, take a chance! \$\$\$



May 1st Blue Claws Eve at the Park

Stay tuned for details...

June 20th Annual Parish Picnic

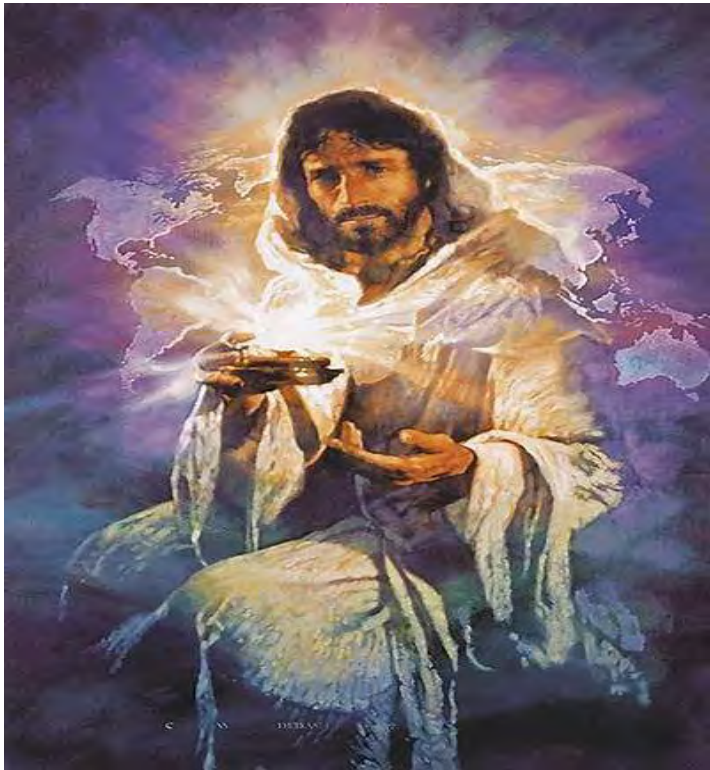
Details to follow...



August 22nd River Queen Dinner—50/50 Drawing

Details to follow...





"You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven." *Matthew 5:14, 16*



ATTENTION!!! Planning a party for Baptism? Birthday? Anniversary? Family Reunion? Baby Shower? Holy Communion? or ??? You may want to check out our remodeled Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to check availability.

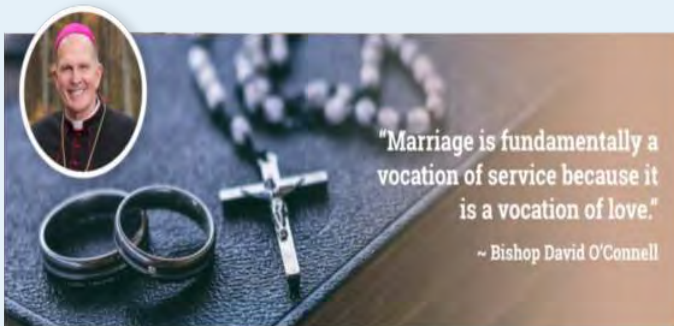
ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

"LOVE THAT STRENGTHENS JOY THAT SUSTAINS"

Our annual Catholic Appeal "Kick Off" for 2026 has begun! Many thanks to those parishioners who participated in last year's campaign. We surpassed our goal and received a rebate check for over \$8,000.00! In 2026, we hope to do the same. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in this effort.

In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2026) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2026), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse, 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage. Find all this and more at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-forcouples and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newlymarriedresourcepage - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

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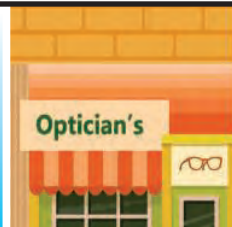
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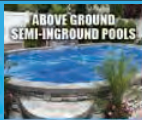


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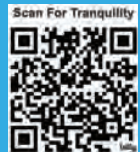
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