

The Church of  
**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. 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.



*February 15, 2026*

*Sixth 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.



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**Weekly for February 1, 2026**

Number of registered families. . .1209  
 Number of envelopes. . .132  
 Envelope contributions. . . \$6,694.00  
 Loose contributions. . . \$438.00  
  
 We Share. . . \$1,218.00  
  
**Total. . . \$8,350.00**

**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.

**♥ Senior Citizen Care Drive ♥**

8th grade Students in the School of Religion program are collecting comfort, care, and activity items for senior citizens at a local nursing home **through March 8th. Please see the flyer in the church foyer with the bulletins** for a full list of requested items and donation details. There will be drop-off boxes in the foyer or in Parish Hall.

Thank you for helping us brighten a senior’s day!

--  
 Dawn Cappetto  
 School of Religion Administrator

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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

**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

**Monday, February 16**

9:00—Special intention for John Sproat, Jr.  
r/b Lenardo Family

**Tuesday, February 17**

9:00—Dolores Edkins  
r/b The Housmans

**Wednesday, February 18 ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:00—William Neal  
r/b Marlene & Ron Neal  
12Noon—Mary Puglisi  
r/b Dougherty Family  
4:00—Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00—People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 19**

9:00—Mary Puglisi  
r/b Sal Ciardiello

**Friday, February 20**

9:00—Mary Puglisi  
r/b George & Mary Weis

**Saturday, February 21 St. Peter Damian**

9:00—Margaret Furmato  
r/b Peter & Susan Furmato  
4:00—Katherine McGuire  
r/b Sharon, Ginny & Janice

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00—People of the Parish  
10:15—Elizabeth Wood  
r/b M/M Joe Macaluso  
11:45—Alice Miller  
r/b Terry & Jim Correia



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 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



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**Reading I: Sirach 15: 15-20** The writer places the choice before us between good and evil and insists that those who keep the Lord's commandments are the truly happy people.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10** Jesus reveals a whole new wisdom. To follow it in one's life is to be rewarded by one day seeing "what no eye has seen" and hearing "what no ear has heard."

**The Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37, or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37** Jesus completely fulfills, or makes complete, the Law of Moses and the Old Testament prophecies. He also introduces a New Covenant that not only surpasses the Old but now embraces the Gentile world also. His powerful words repeat: "But I say."



**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.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! COMING SOON TO ST WILLIAM THE ABBOT! RELIGIOUS GIFTS / SHOWCASE AND SALES! PLEASE LOOK FOR DISPLAY ANNOUNCING THE KICK-OFF ON TABLE OUTSIDE THE PARISH OFFICE.**

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***UPCOMING EVENTS!!!***



**\*February 21st Wine & Chocolate Bingo Night**

5:30pm \$20 incl. 10 Games/3 Boards per Game  
BYOB & Snacks Win a win & chocolate gift basket!

*\*Wine glasses commemorating our 40th Anniversary are on sale now! The cost is \$10 per glass. Bring your glass to Bingo Night and the first glass of wine is on us!*

**March 7th ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

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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...



# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2026

## Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Shortly after the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV spoke words that continue to echo in my heart and in the heart of the Church: ***"This is the hour for love."*** His message was not just poetic—it was prophetic. Love is not meant for later. Love is for now—strong, courageous, joyful, and true.

That same love shapes our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, ***"Love That Strengthens, Joy That Sustains."*** We are invited not only to give, but to love—to care boldly and act with faith. Your gift joins you to something much greater than yourself:

- You sustain joy in our schools, parishes, and youth ministries.
- You walk with the elderly, the poor, the sick, and our retired priests, ensuring they are never forgotten.
- You support future priests, deacons, catechists, and leaders of our Church, investing in the future with love.

This Appeal is not about numbers but about hearts—saying “yes” to love, joy, strength, and courage, all lived out through our diocesan ministries. I have seen the grace that flows when we come together in faith. Love gives strength, and joy sustains us. Even in difficult times, it is the joy of Christ, not the ease of life, that carries us through.

Your continued support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a beautiful act of faith, an expression of love that continues to touch countless lives within our parish and beyond. Every gift you make is a living witness to your faith and compassion, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment each year.

With all my heart, I ask you to continue with me in this holy work. Give as you are able—generously, joyfully, and with great hope. Your gift is a declaration of faith, proclaiming that love is stronger than fear and that Christ’s joy is for everyone.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell  
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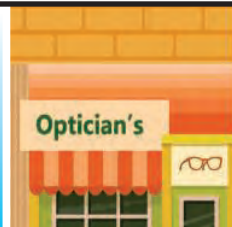
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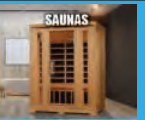


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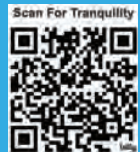
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