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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
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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. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
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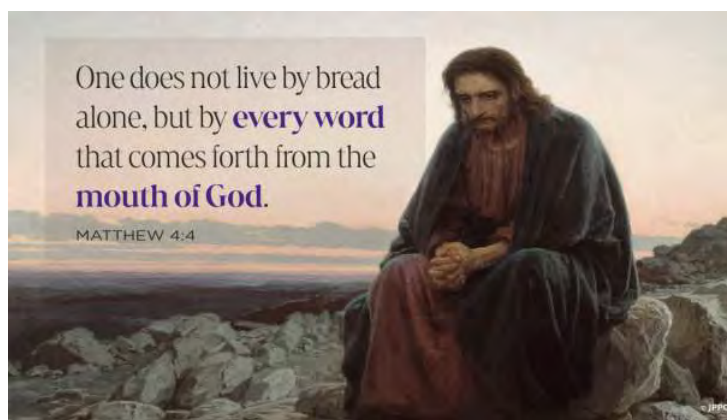
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

“Ephphatha!”



February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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.



Please pray for Elliana Marino and Ellie Rose Gehrsitz and their families as they recently received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. William the Abbot.



Weekly for February 8, 2026

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .134
 Envelope contributions. . .\$5,032.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$546.00
 Capital Contribution. . .\$200.00

We Share. . .\$2,745.00

Total. . .\$8,523.00

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 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop

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

Sunday, February 22 First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 23 St. Polycarp

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Felix Guillermo

Tuesday, February 24

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Steven & Anna Sousa

Wednesday, February 25

9:00—Jack Condon
r/b Terracciano Family
7:00—Ronald Severin
r/b Gaul Family

Thursday, February 26

9:00—Rita A. Gardella
r/b Housman Family

Friday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek

9:00—Ron Neal
r/b Peter & Susan Furmato Family

Saturday, February 28

9:00—Thomas Malia
r/b Diane Verdon
4:00—Christina Haigh
r/b John & Maria Shomers

Sunday, March 1

8:00—Stanley Radziszewski
r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Russell Iraday
r/b Nancy & Roy Dragotta

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 Hozkler—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.

Preparing for Lent

- + PRAYER
- + FASTING
- + Almsgiving
- + Penance



Reading I: Genesis 2: 7-9,3:1-7 God creates man from the dust of the earth. He then places him in a beautiful garden. In that garden, midst every other feature, there are two significant trees: One the tree of life, the other the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eventually man succumbs to the devil's lure about the latter tree.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-19, or 5:12, 17-19 St. Paul tells us that sin invaded the world through Adam. And death came as a consequence. But the obedience of one man, "the New Adam," Jesus Christ, will save many for their belief in Him.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11 We go back a chapter from the previous two weeks to read the dramatic story of Jesus' temptations. They involve three of our own common temptations and so we are encouraged by Jesus' triumph over them and the fact that He never sinned. This last would be impossible for an all-good God. But we marvel at His strength.

*St William the Abbot
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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.

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Erica Dahlkemper Baughman r/b Peter Gilbert Family

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



***February 21st Wine & Chocolate Bingo Night**
5:30pm \$20 incl. 10 Games/3 Boards per Game
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***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

Food



Irish Beer

Music

BYOB
And more...

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...



What to Give Up...

- Give up complaining... focus on Gratitude
- Give up pessimism... become an Optimist
- Give up worry... trust Divine Providence
- Give up bitterness... turn to Forgiveness
- Give up hatred... return Good for evil
- Give up negativism... be Positive
- Give up anger... be More Patient
- Give up pettiness... become Mature
- Give up gloom... enjoy the Beauty all around you
- Give up jealousy... pray for Trust
- Give up gossiping... control your Tongue
- Give up sin... turn to Virtue
- Give up giving up... Hang in there!



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"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights..."

Devil: "All these I shall give you, if you prostrate yourself and worship me."

Jesus: "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

"Then, the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him."

Matthew 4:1-11

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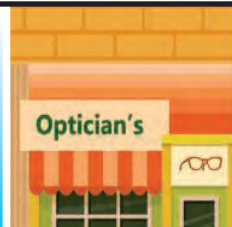
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