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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. 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)

ANONING 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.



THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASSED;
listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

March 1, 2026

Second 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.



The School of Religion will be hosting **Hospitality Sunday on March 15th after all Masses**. Please join us for coffee, tea, bagels and more. Our students will be show casing their Saints, Service, and Stations of the Cross Projects.



Weekly for February 15, 2026

Number of registered families. . .	1209
Number of envelopes. . .	140
Envelope contributions. . .	\$5,502.00
Loose contributions. . .	\$725.00
Capital Contribution. . .	\$370
C&E Europe. . .	\$308.00
 We Share. . .	 \$1,203.00
 Total. . .	 \$8,108.00

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

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

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 2

9:00—Kathleen Roselle
r/b Dougherty Family

Tuesday, March 3

9:00—Scarlato Family
r/b Mary Lou Beyer

Wednesday, March 4

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Ellen Cerreta
7:00—Paul Parzynski
r/b St. William the Abbot

Thursday, March 5

9:00—Ron Neal, Sr.
r/b Ron & Marlene Neal

Friday, March 6 First Friday

9:00—Eileen McComack
r/b Diane Verdon

Saturday, March 7 First Saturday

9:00—In reparation for the blasphemies against Our Lady's Perpetual Virginity
4:00—Don Vergara
r/b Nestor & Nora Mercado

Sunday, March 8

8:00—Deceased members of the Powers Family
r/b Powers/Stillwell Families
10:15—Eugene Fauseit, Sr.
r/b M/M Joe Macaluso
11:45—People of the Parish

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



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.*



Please join us every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm for Stations of the Cross.



Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a The great grandfather of Israel is Abraham. This holy man, "our father in faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer calls him, showed heroic trust in God. He is also the divinely chosen mediator of worldwide blessings.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Paul is alone and chained like a criminal as part of his holy calling. He tells his readers that the grace we receive from God is free and unmerited. Only if we cooperate with it can we hope to reach our life's goal.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9 Jesus' transfiguration confirms His divine Sonship. It also strengthened the faith of three early Church leaders, just after Jesus had made His first Passion prediction.

*St. William the Abbot
40th Anniversary
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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.

BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, MARCH 26

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE IT'S ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26, ALL DAY. AS JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR US, CONSIDER DONATING A PINT FOR YOUR NEEDY NEIGHBOR.



BLOOD DRIVE

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.

Give blood.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Philip Macrino r/b Peter Gilbert Family.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

March 7th ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Food

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April 12th Easter 50/50 Drawing

Come on, take a chance! \$\$\$\$
The pot is now \$980.00!



May 1st Blue Claws Eve at the Park

Stay tuned for details...

June 20th Annual Parish Picnic

Details to follow...



July 25th Monmouth Race Track

Details to follow...

August 22nd River Queen Dinner—50/50 Drawing

Details to follow...





John Carlucci Commemoration Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will honor John Carlucci on Monday, 6:30pm, March 2, at St. William the Abbot. A 4th Degree Knight and committed parishioner, Mr. Carlucci is a strong supporter of our clergy and church programs. He has been a lector, prison ministry representative, and served as a eucharistic minister for area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

To attend, contact the parish office to reserve seating.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
— THE BEGINNING OF LENT —



WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

WHY USE ASHES

Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

WHAT IS LENT

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING FASTING ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged 18 to 59



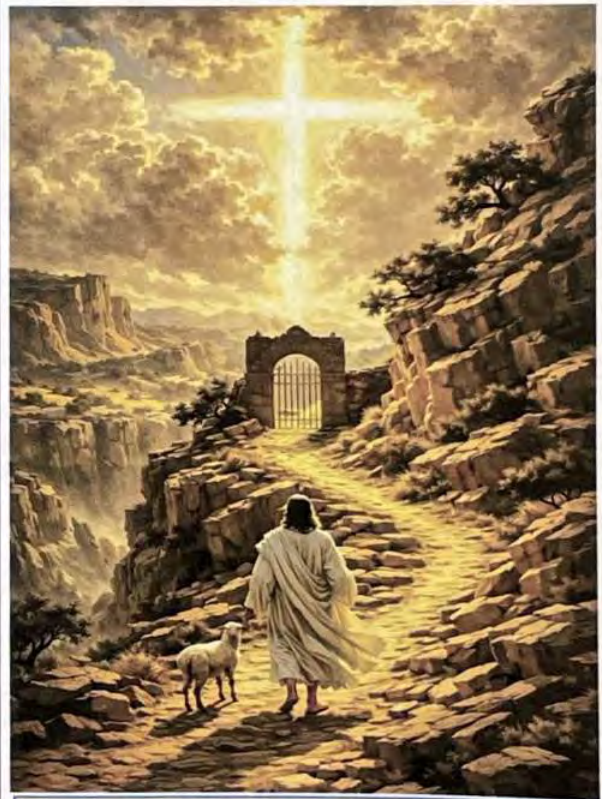
The sick are excused from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone



older than 14 years old



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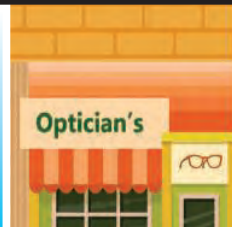
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