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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)

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.



March 8, 2026

Third 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 showcasing their Saints, Service, and Stations of the Cross Projects.



Weekly for February March 1, 2026

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .165
 Envelope contributions. . .\$7,602.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$439.00
 Catholic Missions. . .\$448.00

We Share. . .\$1,848.00

Total. . .\$10,337.00

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.

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
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Reading I: Exodus 17: 3-7 For the third time, the Israelites gripe and whine about their discomforts since leaving Egypt and blame Moses. The rock of Horeb that miraculously pours out water is, according to St. Paul, a sign of Christ giving us the living water of Baptism.

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Justified people are endowed with virtues, and so they are able to become more like Christ through suffering. The dying of Christ shows us the depths of God's unconditional love.

The Gospel: John 4: 5-42, or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42. Centuries of hate between Jews and Samaritans is the background of this famous episode. Jesus breaks tradition in order to speak to the unnamed woman about His identity and the Good News of salvation. We receive a short course in what evangelization is all about.

*St William the Abbot
40th Anniversary
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday March 7 @ 5:30PM
in the Parish Hall
R.O.B.
\$20 Per Person*



The Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Lenten dinner for **Friday, March 20th** 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 be a choice of pastas 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.

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.

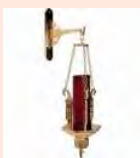
Flowers for Jesus

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 22

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE IT'S ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22, ALL DAY. AS JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR US, CONSIDER DONATING A PINT FOR YOUR NEEDY NEIGHBOR.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Michael and Dennis Gilbert r/b Peter Gilbert Family.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPCC

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

Saturday, March 7 First Saturday / Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

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 Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

9:00—David Murday
 r/b Debbie Miller

Tuesday, March 10

9:00—Mary Puglisi
 r/b Deacon Kevin & Diane Smith

Wednesday, March 11

9:00—Ron Neal
 r/b John & Pat Carlucci
 7:00—Douglas Koscal
 r/b Ruth Ziznewski

Thursday, March 12

9:00—Special intention for Maureen O'Neill
 r/b Diane Verdon

Friday, March 13

9:00—George Custance
 r/b Bill Raiser

Saturday, March 14

9:00—Ernest Smoyak
 r/b Lou & Donna Angelucci
 4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15 Laetare Sunday

8:00—Joe Mannion
 r/b St William the Abbot
 10:15—Joseph Macaluso
 r/b Linda & Joe Macaluso
 11:45—Gerard Marshall, Sr.
 r/b Amy & Peter Cerreta Family

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.**

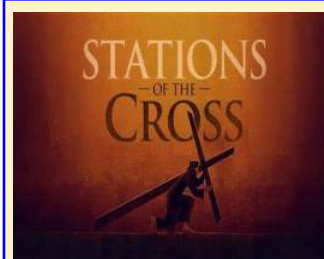


Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for:

- Oryah Hametz 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.



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

**St. William the Abbot
Celebrating 40 Years!**

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

April 12th Easter 50/50 Drawing

Come on, take a chance! \$\$\$
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May 1st Blue Claws Eve at the Park

Jersey Shore Blue Claws—Phillies A Team Affiliate

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6:35pm Ticket Price: \$20.00

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**Tickets are on sale beginning March 14th after all Masses!
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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...





**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

April 2
Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
No morning Mass
7:00PM Mass

April 3 Good Friday, Passion of the Lord
No morning Mass
3:00PM
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

April 4
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
No morning Mass
8:00PM

April 5
Easter Sunday
8:00AM
10:15AM
11:45AM

TIPS FOR A FRUITFUL LENT



Try to overcome a habitual sin



Go to confession frequently



Attend Daily Mass



Pray a Rosary daily



Spend time in personal prayer



Read a few Bible verses every day



Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays



Give up a favorite food



Cut down entertainment



And Jesus said to her,

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; **the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty...”

John 4:5-42

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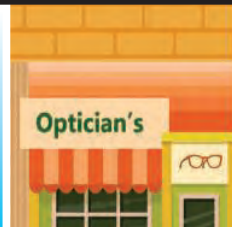
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