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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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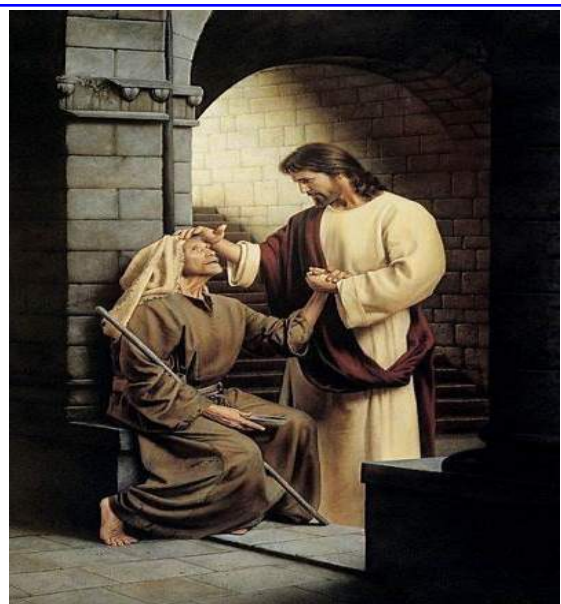
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam  
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon George A. Prevosti  
Deacon Kevin Smith

**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.



*March 15, 2026*

*Fourth Sunday of 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 8, 2026\***

Number of registered families. . .	1209
Number of envelopes. . .	
Envelope contributions. . .	\$.00
Loose contributions. . .	\$.00
Catholic Missions. . .	\$.00
We Share. . .	\$.00
<b>Total. . .</b>	<b>\$.00</b>

**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.

**\*DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES, FIGURES FOR MARCH 8TH WILL BE IN FUTURE BULLETIN.**



- ~ 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.

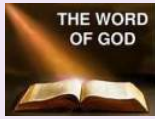


The month of March is devoted to St. Joseph. His Feast Day is March 19th.

“he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home. “

Glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection.” Amen

St. Frances de Sales



Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 The prophet “sees” the future as something present to him, and he sets it before his hearers (and readers). He does this with the promise of resurrection given him by God as the abiding Holy Spirit.

Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11 The Spirit dwells within us, so when God resurrects our mortal bodies, He completes the process of adoption that began with our Baptism.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41 Jesus said to the man blind from birth, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” - which means “Sent”. So, he went and washed, and came back able to see”. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who see might become blind.”



**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



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 Laura Camp r/b Peter Gilbert Family.

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPC

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

**Saturday, March 14**

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

**Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent "Laetare Sunday"**

8:00—Special intention for 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

**Monday, March 16**

9:00—Mary Puglisi  
r/b Sal Ciardiello

**Tuesday, March 17**

9:00—Ron Neal  
r/b Klugewicz Family

**Wednesday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor**

9:00—Carol Verdon  
r/b Diane Verdon  
7:00—Debbie Karrick  
r/b Tiernan Family

**Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00—Vince Satkovich  
r/b Tiernan Family

**Friday, March 20**

9:00—Tony Puckett  
r/b Bill Raiser

**Saturday, March 21**

9:00—Marie DeSantis  
r/b Mary Lou Beyer  
4:00—Katherine McGuire  
r/b Barb & Rich Capitan

**Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00—People of the Parish  
10:15—Robert "Bobby" Mattessich  
r/b Cusack Family  
11:45—Katherine McGuire  
r/b Colleen, Steve & Taylor



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.*

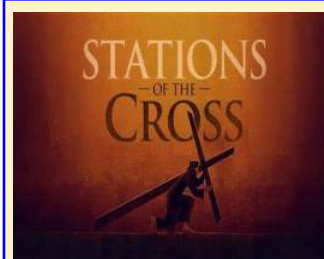
The power of prayer!  
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPC

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



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

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***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**  
See details on p. 6 of bulletin



**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...



“Today is also known as **“LAETARE SUNDAY”**. The word “Laetare” means “rejoice” in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday, the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fast and penances. The color “rose” indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of “Passiontide”.

# “A NIGHT AT THE PARK”

**MAY 1ST BLUE CLAWS EVE AT THE PARK**

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*VS*

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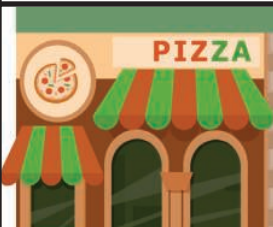
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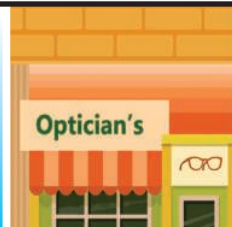
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