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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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*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You.*

Lyrics by Kari Jobe, Revelation Song

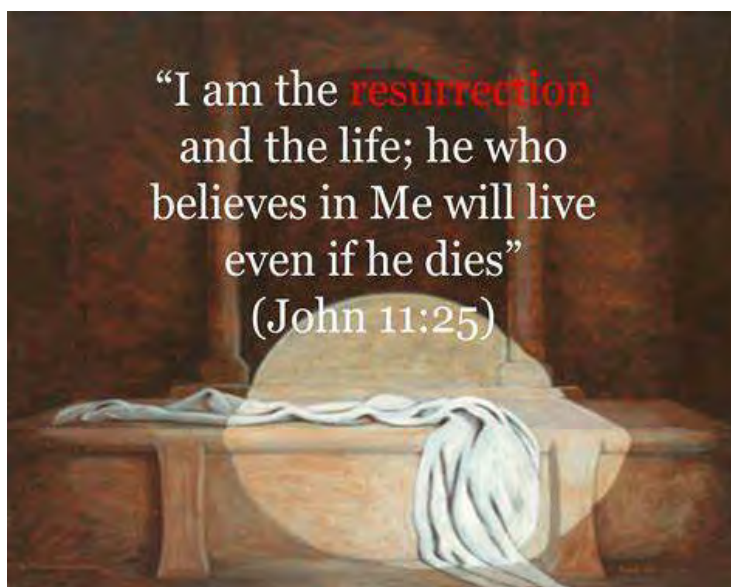
Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



“I am the **resurrection**
and the life; he who
believes in Me will live
even if he dies”
(John 11:25)

March 22, 2026

Fifth 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.



Weekly for March 8th & 15th, 2026

Number of registered families. . .1209

3/8 Number of envelopes. . .not available
 Envelope contributions. . .\$5,896.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$602.00
 Capital contributions. . .\$515.00
 We Share. . .\$. . .not available
Total. . .\$7,013.00

3/15 Number of envelopes. . .163
 Envelope contributions. . .\$6,187.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$677.00
 Flowers. . .\$585.00
 Bishop overseas. . .\$590.00
 WeShare. . .\$1,213.00
Total. . .\$9,252.00



- ~ 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.



March 25th is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Archangel Gabriel announces to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God. Amen.



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 11:1-45, or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 The raising of Lazarus is the sixth of the seven “signs” that Jesus performs in John’s gospel, which gives full support to Jesus’ claim to “give life.” “And Jesus said to Martha, “Your brother will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “**I am the resurrection and the life**; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

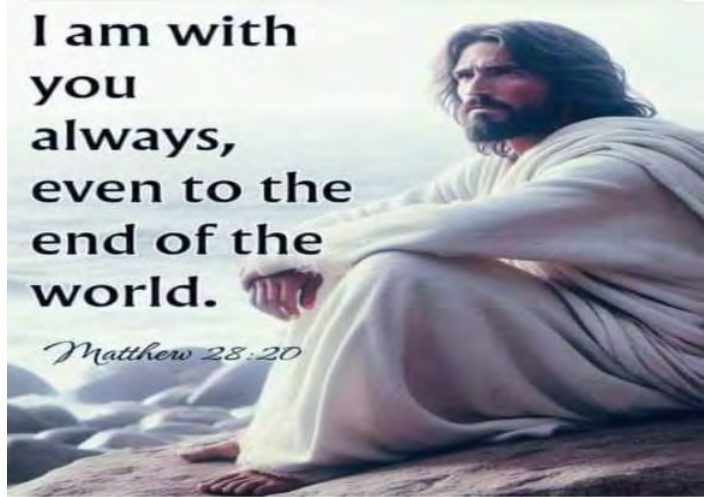


April 2
Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
 No morning Mass
 7:00PM Mass

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



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.

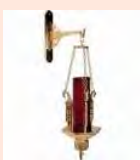
Bequests
 St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

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 Manuel Sousa r/b Steven & Anna Sousa.

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 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

Monday, March 23 St. Turibius, Bishop

9:00—Rosemary Howell
r/b Hlava Family

Tuesday, March 24 St. Oscar Romero, Bishop

9:00—Wehrhahn Family
r/b Tiernan Family

Wednesday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

9:00—Jose J. Guillermo
r/b Felix Guillermo
7:00—Michael Trezza
r/b Peter & Susan Furfato Family

Thursday, March 26

9:00—Thomas Lorenc
r/b Lorenc Family

Friday, March 27

9:00—Christopher Michael DiNardo
r/b Steve & Elaine Ferraro

Saturday, March 28

9:00—Deborah Ann Kish
r/b Gaul Family
4:00—Evelyn Squitieri
r/b Barb & Rich Capitan

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00—John & Bridget McGlynn
r/b Bernadette Mastowski
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Katherine McGuire
r/b Mary & Vera

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, Kyle G. McMann, Michael Thompson, Anthony, Donna Calamia, Margaret Franks & Grace Santisi. Lord, 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.**

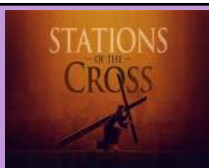


Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for:

- 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



We ask you to please remember in your prayers **Vincent J. Reilly, Jr.** and his Family as he passed on March 6, 2026. Vince was a longtime communicant of the St. William the Abbot Parish Family. He was a Sergeant in the US Army; an employee at PSE&G for 26 years; and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him." Amen.



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! \$\$\$



May 1st Blue Claws Eve at the Park

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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...





"Roman crucifixion was engineered to break the human will. It wasn't just execution - it was psychological warfare. The Romans designed it to crush the spirit long before the body finally gave out.

Victims were beaten, humiliated, forced to carry the instrument of their own death, and then nailed up in public - where the suffering could stretch for hours... sometimes days. Every breath became a battle. Every moment was a reminder that Rome ruled the world and resistance was futile.

This is what makes the story of Jesus so remarkable.

The Romans thought they understood power. They believed domination, fear, and pain were the ultimate tools of control. But on the road to Golgotha, something happened they never anticipated - the system designed to break a man's will was met by someone whose will couldn't be broken.

Jesus didn't collapse into despair. He didn't curse His enemies. He didn't beg for mercy. Instead, He carried the cross.

The Gospels tell us that along the way He spoke words of compassion, even telling the women of Jerusalem not to weep for Him. In the very place where Rome meant to display its absolute authority, **Christ revealed a deeper truth: power isn't proven by domination - it's proven by obedience to God.**

The moment that looked like defeat became the moment that changed history. The instrument of humiliation became the ultimate symbol of redemption. **The system designed to crush a man's will became the stage where the Son of God showed the world what unbreakable faith looks like".**



ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.



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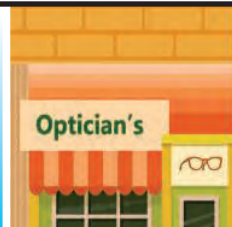


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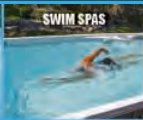
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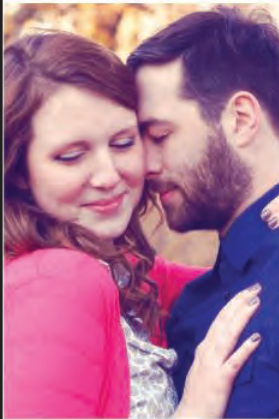


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