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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
A Roman Catholic Church
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road
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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.

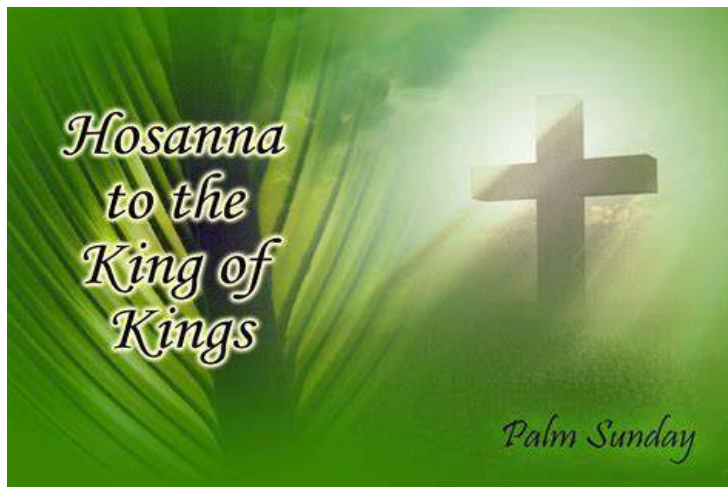
CONFESSIONS

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 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 22, 2026
 Number of registered families. . .1209

Envelope contributions. . . \$5,372.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$400.00
 Flower contributions. . . \$1,385.00
Total. . . \$7,157.00

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.



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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. 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. Donation is \$50.



Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7 The prophet extols the Suffering Servant , who endured “buffets and spitting.” The Church identifies him as Christ, and so these verses are always part of this day’s Readings.

Reading II: Philippians 2; 6-11 This is possibly part of an early Christian hymn. The content is rich in theological and moral content. We are inspired to be servants of each other.

The Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27:66, or 27:11-54 Just after Jesus’ anointing comes the opening of Matthew’s Passion account with Judas’ betrayal. Jesus offers His life on the cross for us.



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



Holy Thursday is also known as “Maundy Thursday” commemorating the Last Supper where Jesus had His final meal with His disciples before being crucified. Jesus washed His disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service, along with His commandment to “love one another”. John 13:34



SCHOOL OF RELIGION
REGULAR REGISTRATION FOR THE
'2026-'2027 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE
AS FOLLOWS:

May 5
4:30-6:00pm
May 6
6:30-8:00pm

LATE REGISTRATION will be on:

June 30
5:00-6:30pm
July 1
6:30-8:00pm

Please contact Dawn Cappetto, SOR Director, at dawn.stwilliam@gmail.com with questions/concerns.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of John Gilbert 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 28

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

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 30

9:00—Joseph Lorenc
r/b Lorenc Family

Tuesday, March 31

9:00—Ron Neal
r/b Dougherty Family

Wednesday, April 1

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat
7:00—Ron Neal
r/b Fred & Monika Manzella

Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday / Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper / Altar of Repose

NO MORNING MASS
7:00—People of the Parish

Friday, April 3 Good Friday / Passion of the Lord / First Friday

NO MORNING MASS / OFFICE CLOSED
3:00—Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord
7:00—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil / First Saturday

NO MORNING MASS
8:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00—Carmella Ferraro
r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15—Joseph Macaluso
r/b Mom & Dad
11:45—Donald B. Deacon
r/b Deacon Family

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.**

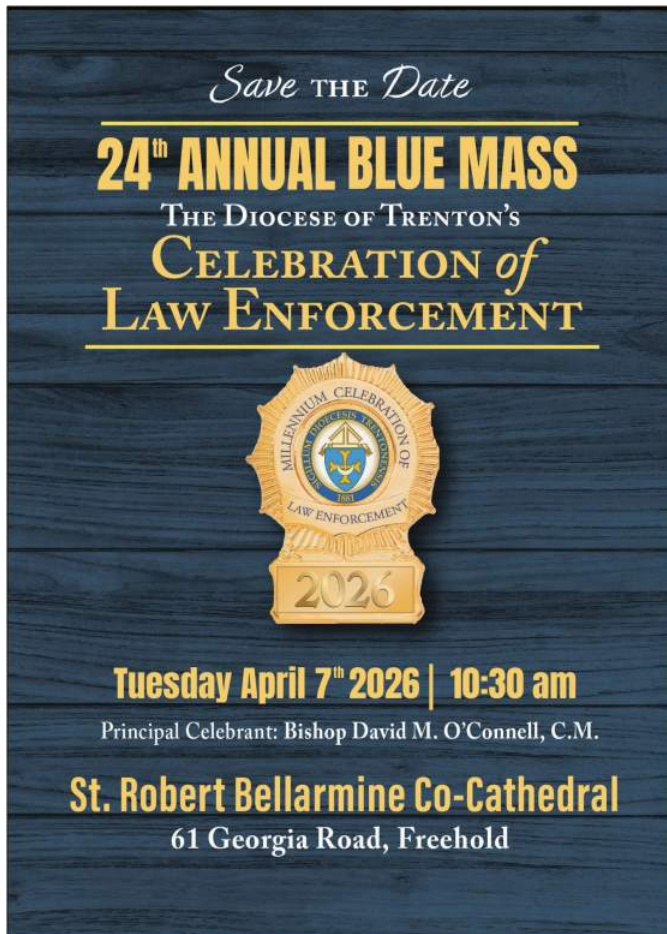


Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for:

- 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



Pray to your Guardian Angel every day:
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.



THE SYMBOLISM OF THE DONKEY:
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In biblical culture, donkeys were beasts of burden, associated with daily life and peaceful labor. By choosing to ride one, Jesus sent a clear message:

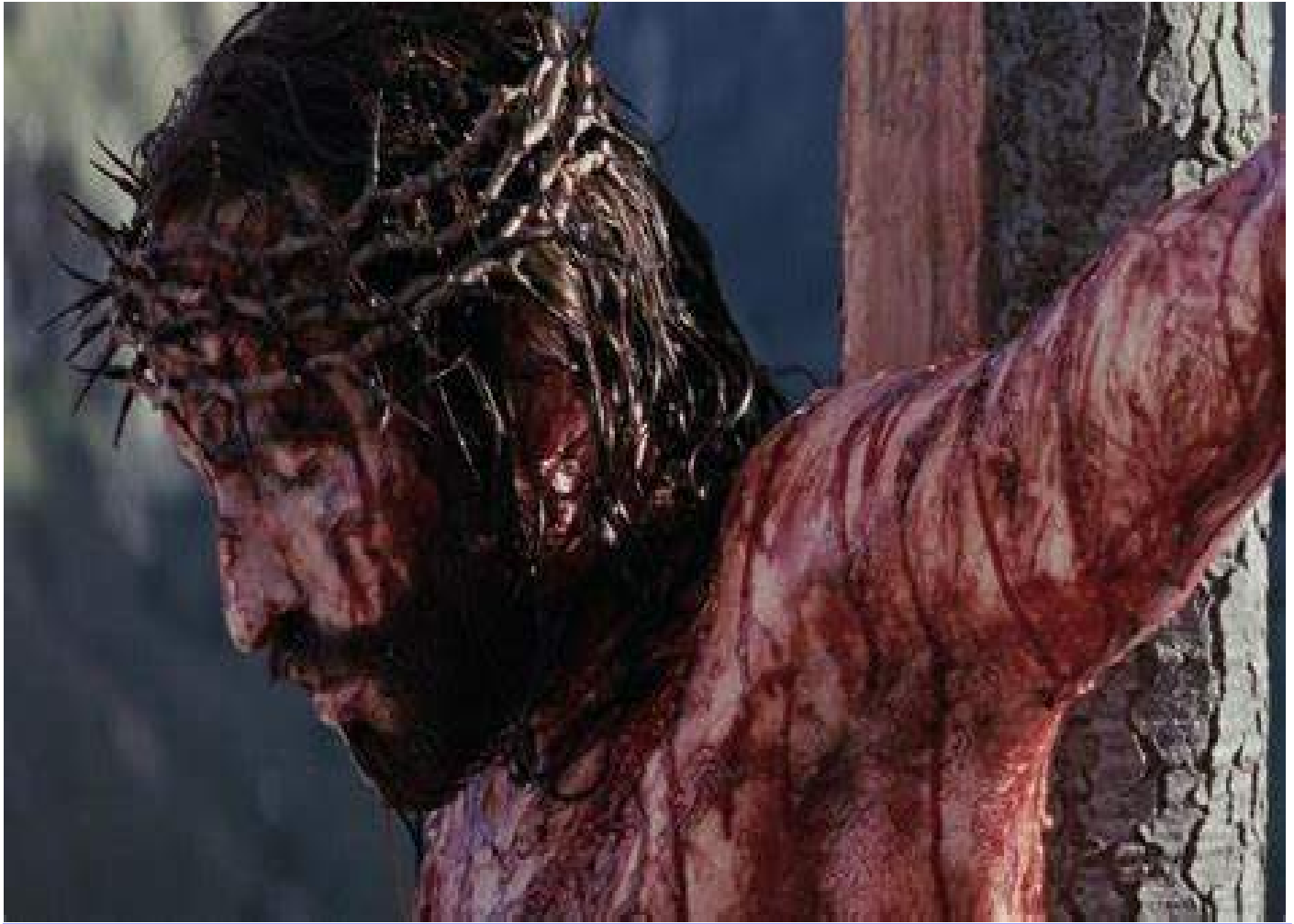
- Rejection of worldly power: While political leaders sought to dominate by force, **Christ would reign through service.**
- Fulfillment of Scripture: The Jews knew Zechariah's prophecy; by entering this way, **Jesus revealed Himself as the awaited Messiah.**
- A call to humility: **His kingdom is not imposed by the sword but through love and surrender.**

*From catholicus.eu



Hosanna!

"Father, into your hands I commend My spirit."



PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

"Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to you, my Jesus:"

*"they have pierced My
hands and My feet,
they have numbered
all My bones."*

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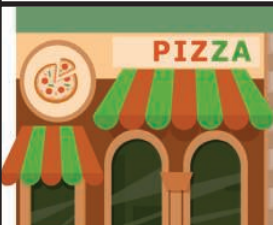
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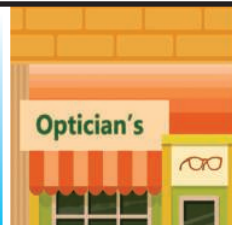


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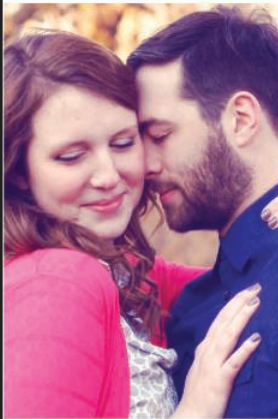
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