

The Church of
ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
A Roman Catholic Church
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road
Howell, NJ

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.

Parish email: stwilliam@optonline.net
Website: stwilliamtheabbot.com
Phone: 732-840-3535

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)

ANONTING 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.



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July 12, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Sanctuary is lit in memory of Robert Zisko r/b Zisko Family.



Weekly for June 28, 2026*

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .137
 Envelope contributions. . . \$4,781.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$406.00
 Holy Father. . . \$379.00
 SWA Feast Day. . . \$1,358.00
 WeShare. . . \$2,058.00

Total. . . \$8,982.00

***Due to early bulletin deadlines, the figures for 7/5 will appear in a future publication.**

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.

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

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.



THE WORD OF GOD

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11 God's word is the instrument of His will. It never fails to achieve its purpose and always remains effective.

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23 Paul wants his readers to know that even our heaviest sufferings in this life are far outweighed by the glory that awaits us as Christ's faithful followers.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23 Jesus' private instructions to His disciples, after proclaiming a parable to the crowd, reflects His intent to arrange His Church hierarchically. Yet our distractions can hinder our understanding of the Word and put obstacles to our best response.

Please join the Howell Knights of Columbus Council #10005 in supporting this important fundraiser that provides much needed assistance to expectant and distressed mothers along with their born and unborn children.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Beginning on June 27th and 28th before and after all Masses!

As you exit your Mass, you will see Knights & Youth Group members handing out "baby bottles." Simply take one home & fill it with coins, bills, or if you prefer - a check made payable to:

Howell Knights of Columbus #10005

Please return all bottles before July 25th and 26th

Knights will be in the gathering area before and after all Masses collecting bottles

Any questions, contact:

Parish office, 732-840-3535 Event Director, 732-966-4974

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!!

Students will become "Changemakers" and learn how to be grounded in God's Love and use their gifts to make a difference! Through worship and drama; Bible study; STEAM activities and active games, children are invited to see and experience the transforming love of God. Vacation Bible School runs from August 17th-21st, 8:15AM—1:00PM and is for ages 5-10. Please sign up in the parish office!



We are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazzarella Eye Glass Donation Program.

An eye receptacle is located in the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program who since 1932, provide over 8 million needy people in the United States and throughout the world the gift of better sight.

We thank you for all your donations and support.

FACTS ABOUT ST. BONAVENTURE:

FEAST DAY: JULY 15TH
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ST. BONAVENTURE

*If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing.
If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.*

ST. BONAVENTURE, OFM

Pray for us!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot

9:00—Robert Neal
r/b Ron & Marlene Neal
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, July 12

8:00—Janice Ciardiello
r/b Sal Ciardiello
10:15—Katherine McGuire
r/b Elizabeth & Tino Almeida
11:45—Sandra Campos
r/b Ron Campos

Monday, July 13 Saint Henry

9:00—Robert Zisko
r/b Zisko Family

Tuesday, July 14 USA—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00—Joseph Chaves
r/b Lucia Bell

Wednesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop

9:00—Andrew Feeney
r/b Kyle & Friends
7:00—Anna Wehrhahn
r/b John & Patty Tiernan

Thursday, July 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:00—Sean Meehan
r/b Maureen & Matt Bakke

Friday, July 17

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Donna & Louis Angelucci

Saturday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

9:00—Maria Rosa Pereira
r/b Merkel Family
4:00—Katherine McGuire
r/b Lucy & Larry Bagoon

Sunday, July 19

8:00—Barbara Mannion
r/b Cathy Ferraro
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Rose Murtagh
r/b Mircovich Family

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Steve Dzuby, Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., June Daquai, 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, Tony Grifa Jr., Donna Calamia, Susan Grifa, 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.



**BUT THE SEED SOWN ON GOOD
SOIL IS THE ONE WHO HEARS THE
WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT. HE
INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND
PRODUCES A CROP-A
HUNDREDFOLD, SIXTYFOLD, OR
THIRTYFOLD."**

- MATTHEW 13:23

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letter of Eligibility

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874)

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years old.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.
- A sponsor must be registered here at St. William. If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William, but does not live here, they are not a member of this parish but a member of the parish whose territory he/she now resides in. That parish is the one to go to, to receive a sponsor certificate.



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

IN-PERSON ONLY PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Monday, July 20

Not a series. Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

IN-PERSON ONLY HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD IN SONG

Sunday, July 12 5:00 – 7:00 PM

We will begin with a light supper at 5:00 PM followed by music, prayer and some sharing together. What a lovely summer evening! (outdoors, weather permitting) Led by Rich Turrin. Donation: \$25 optional.

**Our year long celebration of St Williams
40th Anniversary is coming to a close.
Please join us for our last couple of events:**

July 25th Day at the Races at Monmouth Park.

\$7.00 admission - kids under 12 free. Bring your own food and beverages (no hard liquor). Enter at the "picnic area" gate. Look for picnic tables reserved for St. William the Abbot and picnic before the first race. Gates open at 11:00 am - first race at 12:50 pm



August 22nd Dinner and Sailing on the River Queen

Boarding at 6:15 pm - sailing at 6:30 pm
\$100.00 per person - buffet dinner - open bar and DJ
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