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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.

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)

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.



July 26, 2026 Seventeenth 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?

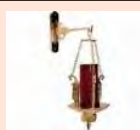
Parishioners seeking to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or those wishing to be joined in Holy Matrimony must first be verified as "active members" of the parish.

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 Flowers for Jesus are in memory of Emilio & Geronima Tapnio r/b Cezar & Mariet Tapnio.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Harold Travaglione r/b Steven & Anna Sousa.



Weekly for July 12, 2026*

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .130
 Envelope contributions. . . \$5,883.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$436.00
 Capital contributions. . . \$630.00
 WeShare. . . \$766.00

Total. . . \$7,715.00

***Due to early bulletin deadlines, the figures for 7/19 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
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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.



Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 God comes to Solomon in a dream, as He has done for others. Solomon asks the Lord for "an understanding heart," unlike others who ask for things like long life or wealth. God admires this and so he grants Solomon's request.

Reading II: Romans 8: 28-30 The predestined are those who are selected by divine adoption. Man is free to reject this choice. But no one is ever predestined for damnation.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52, or 13: 44-46 Two parables stress the inestimable value of the kingdom of God and therefore surrender to its demands is true wisdom.



We are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazarella 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.



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!

Catholic Women of Zion - Chapter 1

A Ministry to Catholic Women Young and Older Alike at The Church of St. William the Abbot

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER ONE RETREAT DAY

The day consists of Mass, prayer, with music led by *Joyful Praise*, a guest speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing.

This month's speaker is *Viola Lifrieri*. As President of CWOZ Chapter 3, she has been working with a team of holy women who have responded to the call to bring CWOZ Retreats to Northern New Jersey. Viola is an active parishioner of St. Andrew's Church in Westwood, NJ, and serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She has served on the Parish Council and continues to coordinate many adult faith-formation programs. Her heart is most deeply drawn to serve the people of God through the Charismatic Renewal, weekly prayer meetings and has Co-Chaired NJ Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conferences. Viola delights in the gift of her family: Her husband, Larry of 55 years, three married children and eight grandchildren. After her move to New Jersey, Viola experienced the call to have a deeper relationship with Jesus and found her life transformed by the personal Love of God, and in response to His Love, has found ways and opportunities to return that Love. *Viola invites you as she shares: "If Jesus says He is the I Am; Then who does God say I am?"*

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass: 9:00 AM will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Maher

Place: Church of St. William the Abbot
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd
Howell, NJ 07731

Admission: \$25.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door

Come and bring a friend! Reservations are necessary.

Please select a Box Lunch from the list on the Registration Form. (Choice of Sandwiches is listed below - FYI)*

[Register Online](#) for the Retreat on Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Online Registration is now open.

You can also register by phone - Please leave your phone number, spell your last name, and indicate your box lunch selection - Call 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, August 4, 2026.



Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, July 25 St. James the Apostle

9:00—Eileen Wehrhahn
r/b John & Patty Tiernan
4:00—Frances Faviano
r/b Barbara, Rich & Suzanne

Sunday, July 26

8:00—Carlos De Dios Dominguez
r/b De Felice De Dios Family
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—James Howell
r/b Hlava Family

Monday, July 27

9:00—Janice Ciardiello
r/b Sal Ciardiello

Tuesday, July 28

9:00—Justin Pasquariello
r/b Ron & Marlene Neal

Wednesday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9:00—Thompson Family
r/b Mary Lou Beyer
7:00—Frank DiBiano
r/b Luann Clarkson & Family

Thursday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

9:00—Fred Zinser
r/b Larry & Elaine Grolemond

Friday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00—John DeSantis
r/b Mary Lou Beyer

Saturday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop / First Saturday

9:00—In reparation for the blasphemies of those who revile the Sacred Images of Our Blessed Mother
4:00—Nancy Sanford
r/b M/M Rich Capitan

Sunday, August 2

8:00—Sally Israel
r/b Dorothy & Richard Kelly
10:15—Frank DiRienzo & Carmela Barchetta
r/b DiRienzo & Barchetta Families
11:45—People of the Parish

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, Donna Warters & Michael Walton. 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.

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.

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Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence and immigration services. If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at:
: www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org
or call 800-360-7711.



Jesus said to his disciples: "the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field..."; it is "like a merchant who finds a pearl of great price" or "like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind..." **Matthew 13:44-48**



Join us at 1:00pm on Wednesdays to play Mah Jongg. If you don't know how to play and would like to learn, we do have experienced players to help you. All are welcome. Please call the parish office.



The St. William the Abbott Knights of Columbus are always looking for members. Our council has 77 members and growing. Besides being active in the church, we do many other charitable activities. The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide organization with four principles which are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Collectively as a group the Knights donated \$235 million dollars to charitable endeavors and volunteered 48,000,000 hours. If you are interested email us at kofccouncil10005@gmail.com or call me (Dave Milanowycz, Financial Secretary) at 732.664.0259. We thank you for all your support.

We need your cooperation!

In an effort to keep our files current, please notify us if:

- You have a new phone number or address
 - You no longer have a land line that we may have on file
 - Your children are out of school and need to register on their own
 - You have an email address you would like on file or if you have a new email address
 - You no longer want to be registered
 - You donate electronically and no longer need envelopes
- Please email the parish office your updates. Thanks!

40th Anniversary Finale!!! 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
Purchase tickets after masses.

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Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to ...

The annual Diocesan Collection for Retired, Elderly AND Infirm Priests

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On World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Diocese's annual collection for retired, elderly and infirm priests set for July 25-26

As Catholics observe on July 26 the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, the Diocese of Trenton will take up its special collection during July 25-26 Masses for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund.

The annual collection is taken up in all Catholic churches across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties, coinciding with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Begun in 2022 by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., the fund supports more than 80 priests of the Diocese in their retirement housing and healthcare needs.

Kevin Cimei, diocesan chief administrative officer, reported that \$339K was collected in the 2025 collection, a 6% increase over the prior year's donations.

Reminding Catholics of the treasure the Church has in the elder members of its community – not only among family members, but clergy as well – Bishop O'Connell called elderly priests of the Diocese “our spiritual grandparents,” who continue to pray for our faith community, and many of whom continue to minister in parishes in retirement.

For more information about the collection, contact the Office of Communications at 609-403-7169; dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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