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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
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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.

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



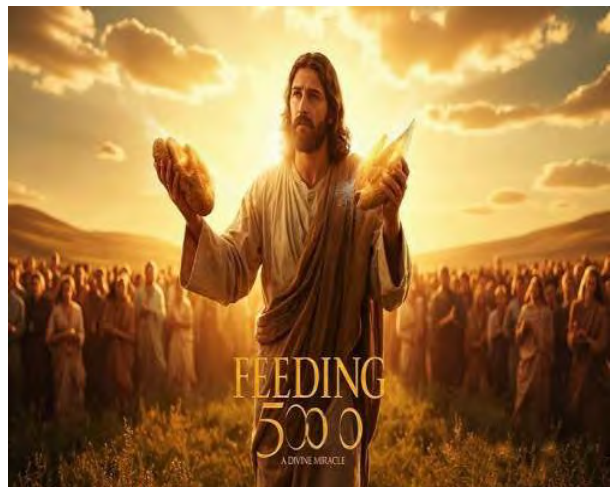
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



August 2, 2026 Eighteenth 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 Lamp is lit in memory of Robert Zisko r/b the Zisko Family.



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Weekly for July 19, 2026*

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .130
 Envelope contributions. . .\$4,675.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$391.00
 WeShare. . .\$1,659.00

Total. . .\$6,725.00

***Due to early bulletin deadlines, the figures for 7/26 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: Isaiah 55: 1-8 The prophet promises a new covenant that will fulfill the one made by the Lord with David. Meanwhile he also notes that the mercies of God are too abundant for us sinners to truly comprehend.

Reading II: Romans 8: 35, 37-39 The suffering person cries out for deliverance. We must remember that salvation cannot be threatened by any force outside of ourselves.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21 Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes appears in all four gospels. This underscores its importance for us, as it anticipates the miracle of the Last Supper. There would come the priesthood of the ordained and also of the faithful people of the Church.



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, 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 R. 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

Monday, August 3

9:00—Joan Lee-You
r/b Karen & Mike Puglisi

Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney / Priest

9:00—Maureen O'Neill
r/b Diane Verdon

Wednesday, August 5

9:00—Frank DiBiano
r/b Diane Verdon
7:00—Lorraine Fuller
r/b R & L Kelly

Thursday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00—John Carlucci special intention
r/b The Music Ministry

Friday, August 7 St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions; St. Cajetan, Priest

9:00—John H. Jansen
r/b Peter & Susan Furmato Famly

Saturday, August 8 St. Dominic, Priest

9:00—Robert Sarkissian
r/b Gloria & John Messina
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, August 9

8:00—Janina Gurdak
r/b Kath Ferraro
10:15—Dorothy Price
r/b M/M Rich Capitan
11:45—Eugene & Florence Malik
r/b Terry Kelly

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.



"Five loaves and two fish are all we have here"...and Jesus said, "Bring them here to me...Taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied...Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children."

Matthew 14:17-21



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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Sat 3:30-5pm Sun 7:30 am-1pm



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You're Invited to Vacation Bible School!



Every child will learn how to be grounded in God's love and use
their talents and gifts to make a difference in the world!

Location: St. William the Abbot Parish Hall

Dates: August 17th - 21st

Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ages: 5 - 10

Cost: \$40

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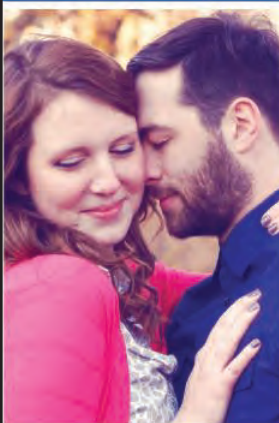
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