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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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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)

ANOIDTING 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 16, 2026 Twentieth 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.



Weekly for August 2, 2026*

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of envelopes. . .147
 Envelope contributions. . .\$5,113.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$302.00
 WeShare. . .\$1,293.00

Total. . .\$6,708.00

***Due to early bulletin deadlines, the figures for 8/9 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
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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.



THE WORD OF GOD

Reading I: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 The Lord's salvation will not be restricted to the deliverance of the Jewish exiles from Babylon. All will be called to a "house of prayer."

Reading II: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 Like the Old Testament prophets, Paul believes the spiritual recovery of Israel will experience a national resurrection.

The Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28 The Canaanite woman represents repentant souls who are able to boast and contrite sinners who lean wholly on God's mercy.



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

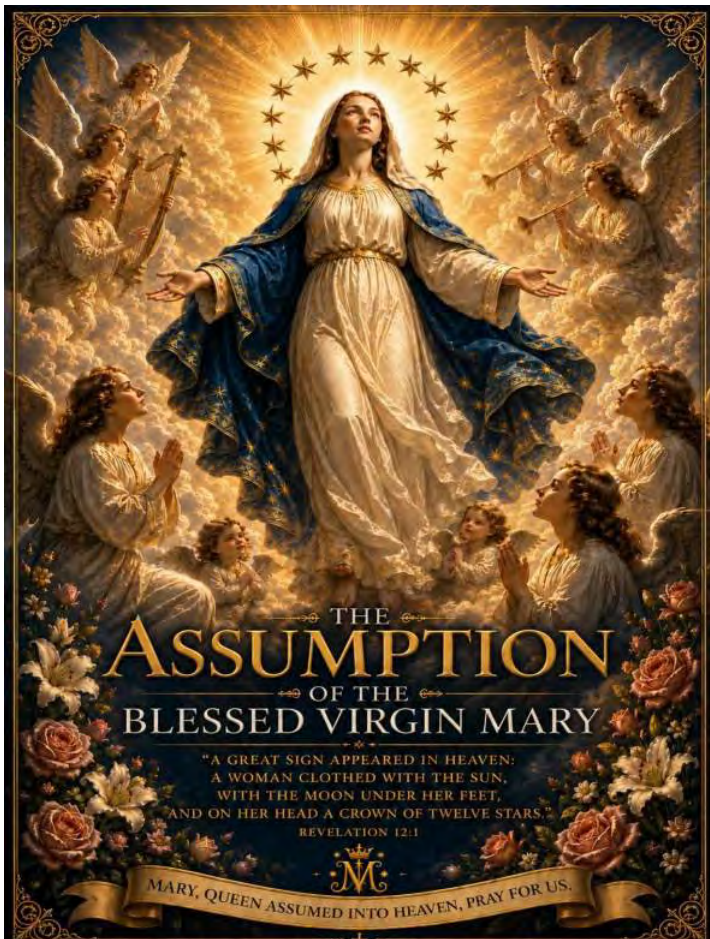
An eye receptacle is located in the parish hall. All eye glasses are donated to the Eye's for Needy Program who since 1932, provide over 8 million needy people in the United States and throughout the world the gift of better sight.

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!



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A SOLEMNITY 8/22/2026



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registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated: **IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM**

A MARY DAY

COUNTING ON HER INTERCESSION

Tuesday, September 8 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We begin our one-day programs this year with Mary, the mother of Jesus. As we celebrate the feast of her birth today, let us call on Mary, our mother, for all our needs. We all need a mother sometimes. Bring all your intentions. She will take us, with our intentions to her Son, and he in turn will take us to God. This is a very powerful prayer of intercession. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

POPE LEO'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CHURCH GETTING TO KNOW HIS HEART AND SOUL

Wednesday, September 9 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

We begin our Fall semester listening to a short summary of Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, (*Magnificent Humanity*). Often we get to know a person's heart best by reading his words. What is in Pope Leo's heart as he writes to us, all of us? Do you have time to come and listen to his message? It is easier in a group. Donation: \$25, includes materials. Peace, *Sister Marcy*

Sister Marcy Springer, SSJ

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Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Deb Miller & Family
4:00—Albino Sellitti
r/b M/M A. Spampanato

Sunday, August 16

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Rosemary & James Howell
r/b Hlava Family
11:45—Tom Noone
r/b John & Gloria Messina

Monday, August 17

9:00—Judith Mary Bivona
r/b Bivona Family

Tuesday, August 18

9:00—Blase Cannavale
r/b Lois & Daniel Furrevig

Wednesday, August 19 St. John Eudes, Priest

9:00—Mary Walker
r/b Dougherty Family
7:00—Blasé A. Cannavale
r/b Mary & Gary Rachko

Thursday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot

9:00—Blasé Cannavale
r/b M/M Berwick, M/M Brennan, M/M Sassone

Friday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope

9:00—Carole Oster-Murphy
r/b Morsillo Family

Saturday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00—Everett John Stengele
r/b Blom Family
4:00—Mary Powers
r/b Powers/Stillwell Families

Sunday, August 23

8:00—James Raiser
r/b Bill Raiser
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Michael Romano
r/b Peter & Susan Furfato

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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IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT!!!

Our annual Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is scheduled for September 21st, Sunday, 8:30am-1:30pm. Your donations last year helped so many, especially children.

Please sign up in the Narthex or main office. You can also sign up on the NJ Blood Services site at:

www.nybc.org/drive. Use sponsor code: 67211. Thank you for your kindness in this effort.



Jesus and the Canaanite woman, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus replied, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour." **Matthew 15:25-28**

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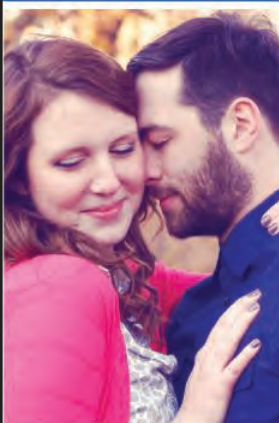
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