

The Church of ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT A Roman Catholic Church

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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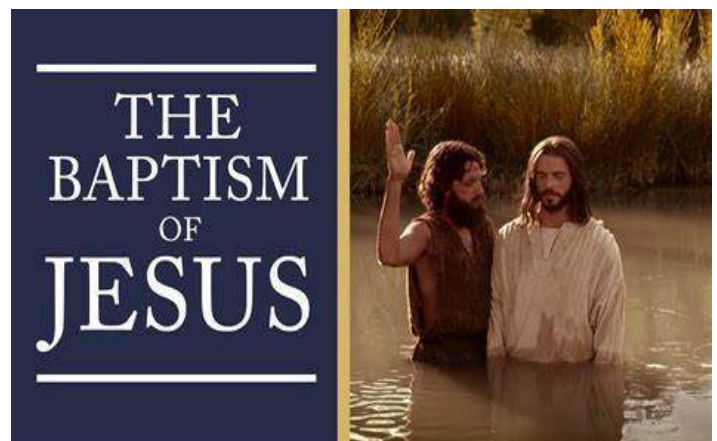
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:30AM—1:30PM
Also Wednesdays 4:00PM—6:30PM
(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.



January 12, 2025

Baptism 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 Collection for December 22, 2024

Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—127
 Envelope contributions . . .\$5,639.00
 Loose contributions . . .\$498.00
 Flower contributions. . . \$460.00
 Candle contributions. . . \$209.00
 WeShare. . . \$1,947.00
Total: \$8,753.00

Weekly Collection for December 25, 2024

Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—251
 Envelope contributions . . . \$23,032.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$1,595.00
 Flower contributions. . . \$300.00
 WeShare. . . \$3,199.00
Total: \$28,126.00

Weekly Collection for December 29, 2024

Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—105
 Envelope contributions . . . \$3,420.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$440.00
 Christmas contributions. . . \$1,521.00
 WeShare. . . \$3,215.00
Total: \$8,596.00



The Knights of Columbus 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, provided 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.

Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, January 11

4:00—Vince Reilly special intention (living)
r/b Debbie Miller

Sunday, January 12 **Baptism of the Lord**

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Patrick Cleary
r/b Deacon Kevin & Diane Smith
11:45—Ernest Smoyak
r/b Beyer Family

Monday, January 13 **St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor**

9:00—John Ciffo
r/b Perrapato Family

Tuesday, January 14

9:00—John Duffy
r/b Cisek Family

Wednesday, January 15

9:00—Ernest Smoyak
r/b M/M Louis Angelucci
7:00—Eileen & Walter McLaughlin
r/b Son & Family

Thursday, January 16

9:00—John Sacco
r/b Perrapato Family

Friday, January 17 **St. Anthony, Abbot**

9:00—Barbara Ann Cuccarese
r/b M/M John Messina

Saturday, January 18

9:00—Harriet Serio
r/b Beyer Family
4:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b M/M Bob Gratton

Sunday, January 19

8:00—Mary Cleary
r/b Peg Rizzo
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Ken Varga
r/b Donna & Joe Santangelo & Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Patrick Cleary r/b Peter & Diane Gilbert.



The flowers for Jesus and Mary are in memory of Geronimo Tapnio r/b the Tapnio Family.

Pray to your Guardian Angel everyday:
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. Amen.



The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., Joe DelGuercio, Jesse Pintillo, 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 & Dr. Fiore. We also ask you Lord, to watch over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and for all those who are afflicted with 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 Mor-sillo—Marines; Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard;
Mitchell McKenney—Coast Guard; Katie Austin Underhill—Army; Jeremy Ramos—Air Force; Eddie Roszkowski—Navy; Aaron MacDonald—Marines

Volunteers needed

Our crochet group, Stitches from the Heart, is in need of crocheters. We make blankets for baptisms, the sick, and the residents at Preferred Care in Wall. If interested, please call or email the parish office.



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. Please call the parish office.



Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

The servant of God fulfills his mission quietly. He will have a gentle respect for others, and he will heal those who acknowledge their need for it.

Reading II: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

We as Christians are given help to live virtuously now and for the future through the power of Christ. He has saved us by the bath of rebirth.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

After His baptism and while He was praying, heaven opened up. This followed John the Baptist's preaching about the "mightier One" coming.

JUBILEE PRAYER

"Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

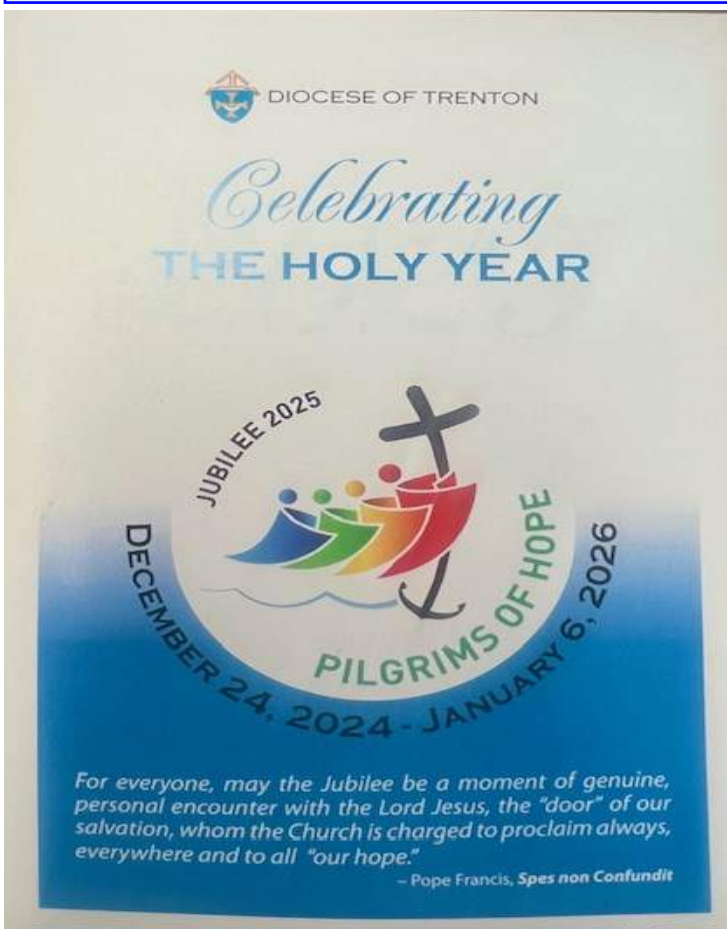
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth, to you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen."

Dicastery for Evangelization, Vatican City



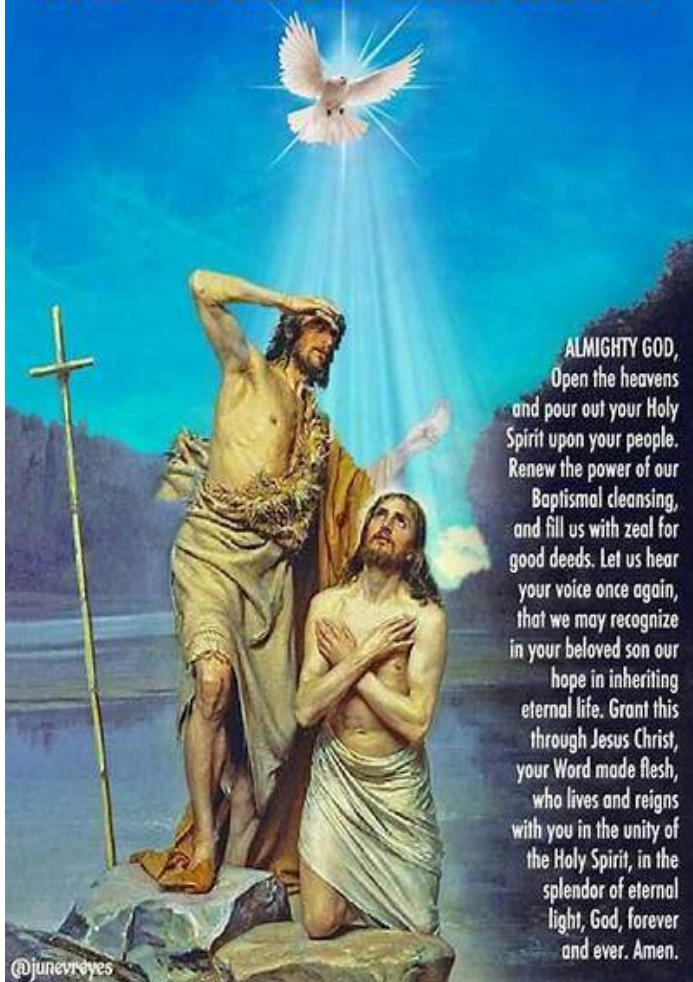
"And when Jesus was baptized...the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove on him...and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17



"At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philipians 2:10-11



HAPPY & BLESSED FEAST DAY OF THE
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



ALMIGHTY GOD,
Open the heavens
and pour out your Holy
Spirit upon your people.
Renew the power of our
Baptismal cleansing,
and fill us with zeal for
good deeds. Let us hear
your voice once again,
that we may recognize
in your beloved son our
hope in inheriting
eternal life. Grant this
through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, in the
splendor of eternal
light, God, forever
and ever. Amen.

There will be a **Bilingual Faith Formation and Parish Ministry Conference on March 29, 2025.**

Registration has begun. This Conference is perfect for everyone involved in passing on the Catholic faith—Parish Catechists, School Teachers, Youth Ministers, and more. Attendees will enjoy enriching workshops, keynote speakers, Mass with the Bishop, and excellent networking. It will be held at St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel 9:30am-3:00pm.

Our keynote speakers will be Chris Padgett (English) and Fr. Agostino Torres, CFR (Spanish). There will be over 30 workshop speakers in both English and Spanish.

Bishop David M. O’Connell will be our celebrant for Mass.

There will be something for everyone!

Registration Fee: \$35/person with an early registration discount of \$25 through 1/31/25. Questions: Contact Michelle Angelo Santoro at 609-403-7174 or email her at mangelo@dioceseoftrenton.org

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. The 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. The donation is \$50.



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Convalidation

Bringing your Marriage
into THE Church

Are

you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a minister of another denomination? As a married couple, you have already made a commitment to one another. Perhaps you’d like to consider taking your marriage to the next level by inviting Jesus to dwell within your relationship. If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for marriage in the Church, or if you’d simply like to discuss your options, please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Fr. Tom. You’ll be so glad you did!



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WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM

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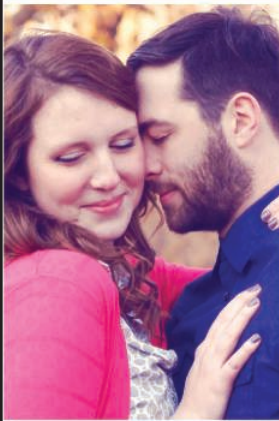


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