

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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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
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 26, 2025

Third 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.



Please join us for the next Hospitality Sunday after all Masses on February 9th.

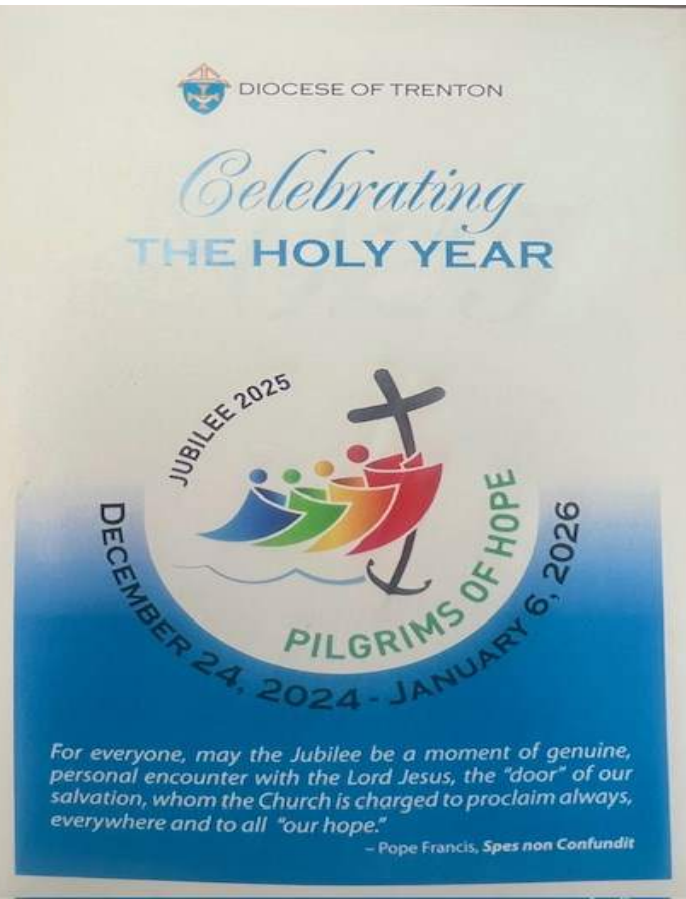


Weekly Collection for January 19th 2025

Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—127
 Envelope contributions . . . \$ 5,139.00
 Loose contributions . . .449.00
 WeShare. . .181.00

Total: \$5,769.00

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.



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 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

4:00—Mary Cleary
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat

Sunday, January 26

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Gloria Mata
r/b Mata Family
11:45—Hugh McElroy
r/b Murphy & Rappleyea Families

Monday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

9:00—Sienna Miller special intentions (living)
r/b Mom

Tuesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00—Benito Casamento
r/b Roy Dragotta

Wednesday, January 29

9:00—Dorothy Riccardi special intentions (living)
7:00—Louis Moccia
r/b Gloria & John Messina

Thursday, January 30 Sts. Vincent and Marianne Cope

9:00—MaryJo Re
r/b Lou Mastro Emerson

Friday, January 31 St. John Bosco

9:00—Elizabeth Duffy
r/b Cisek Family

Saturday, February 1 First Saturday

9:00—In reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception
4:00—Mary Cleary
r/b Rachel Rizzo

Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Mary Cleary
r/b M/M George Weis
11:45—Albert Abatemarco
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Erica Dahlkemper Baughman r/b M/M Peter Gilbert.

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, Nicola Schirripa & 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



On the weekend of Sunday, February 2nd, Candlemas, Father Tom will be blessing all candles during all Masses for your personal at home use. There will be a table set up where you can place your candles to be blessed.



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: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra proclaims the Law of the Lord as he reads it to all the people. They for their part listen and show due respect for it.

Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 12-30, or 12: 12-14, 27

In Christ we have become members of one body. It requires us to support one another rather than see others as competitors.

The Gospel: Luke 1: 1-14, 4: 14-21

Jesus returns to the Nazareth synagogue and reads from the scroll of Isaiah. He then proclaims himself as its fulfillment.

THE DISPOSITIONS NECESSARY TO GAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE:

"Mercy is a pure gift from God, unmerited on our part. The Church asks those seeking a plenary indulgence to be properly disposed, (in a "state of grace" i.e. free of mortal sin) by:

- Making a sacramental **confession** of sin **within 20 days** of the pilgrimage, (not required on the day itself)
- Make a pilgrimage to a Jubilee Shrine and participate at Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary or other pious exercise.** In cases where this is impossible, one might carry out a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy, fast or abstain for at least one whole day
- Receiving of Holy Communion**
- Carrying out the prescribed good works and or prayers**
- Praying for the intention of the Holy Father on the day of the pilgrimage,** (usually the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory be or other suitable prayers)

Indulgences may be received once a day. A single Confession suffices for several indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and prayers for the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence.

Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, by offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration."

What is Benediction?

Benediction is an ancient Catholic tradition of using the Blessed Sacrament, which is Christ himself, to give special blessing to the congregation at the conclusion of a service. It is ordinarily an afternoon or evening devotion and consists in the singing of certain hymns, or litanies, or canticles, before the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed upon the altar in a monstrance and is surrounded with candles. At the end, the priest takes the monstrance into his hands and with it makes the sign of the cross (hence the name Benediction) in silence over the kneeling congregation. Here at St. William the Abbot we have the opportunity to be blessed with the Blessed Sacrament at a Benediction at the conclusion of all the weekday and Saturday 9AM Masses. The Rosary is also prayed. Latin Benediction is a beautiful ancient Catholic tradition which the church continues to uphold and gives us special grace and blessing.

**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.

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. Thank you!

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



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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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1
A Ministry to Catholic Women Young and Older Alike
at The Church of St. William the Abbot
36th Year Anniversary Retreat Day



YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1: The day consists of Mass, Music by: *Joyful Praise*, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: Ana Maria Garcia is a Catholic lay evangelist. For nearly 30 years, she witnessed to the healing power of God's love and mercy as a team member of Good News International, a lay ministry that carried the Gospel to parishes all over this country, as well as South America and Europe. Since then, she has continued to answer the Lord's call with a resounding and joyous, YES!

Ana María has spoken throughout New Jersey and New York at Retreats, Communion Breakfasts, Women's Groups, Prayer Meetings, Workshops, and Life in the Spirit Seminars, in addition to Parish Missions conducted in English and Spanish. She has given witness at the Catholic Tent Revival of New Jersey, the New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Conference, and ecumenical organizations, and has also appeared on Religion and Ethics Newsweekly on PBS. She proclaims the gospel and witnesses to the healing power of God's love and mercy.

Ana María is the mother of three children, grandmother of eight, and a parishioner for over 30 years at the Church of St. Luke in Toms River, where she and her husband served as coordinators of the parish Evangelization Team, bible studies, and Renew 2000. She also served on the RCIA formation team, and is currently a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Most recently, Ana María began Our Lady's Power of Prayer Group at St. Luke in obedience to the May 25, 2024 request of Our Lady of Medjugorje, who asked: "Little children, create prayer groups in order to encourage each other to the good and grow in joy."

Ana Maria invites us to join her as she shares:
"Behold, I Make All Things New" *Rev 21:5*

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass-9:00am. will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher

Place: St. William the Abbot Church
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-must select a Box Lunch from
Selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org

You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number,
spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch
at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Mary Ann Collett, Co-founder/Director of Catholic Women of Zion cwoz@cwoz.org

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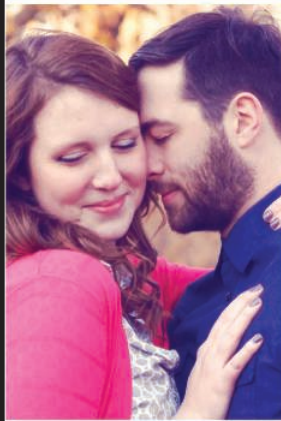


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