

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

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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.

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## 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.



*February 16, 2025*

*Sixth 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 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.

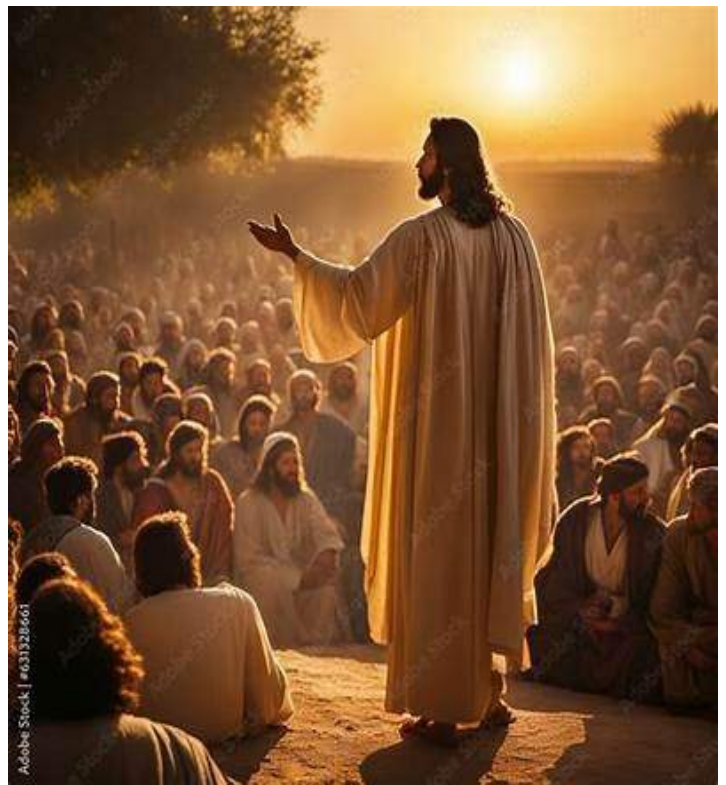


Weekly Collection for February 9, 2025

Number of registered families . . . 1,209

Due to early bulletin deadlines, figures will be provided at a future date.

**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.



**Jesus said:** "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh...**Luke 6:20,21**"

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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

**Saturday, February 15**  
4:00—Mary Cleary  
r/b M/M Steve Sousa

**Sunday, February 16**  
8:00—Mary Cleary  
r/b Sara Rizzo  
10:15—People of the Parish  
11:45—Madeline Mielke  
r/b Deering Family

**Monday, February 17**  
9:00—Danny Vasollo  
r/b Medina Family

**Tuesday, February 18**  
9:00—Michael Cheselka  
r/b Jackie Van Glahn

**Wednesday, February 19**  
9:00—John & Anna Gryglak  
r/b Daughter & Family  
7:00—Natalia Ilyinsky  
r/b Michael Kazmier

**Thursday, February 20**  
9:00—Elizabeth Degiulio  
r/b Ellen Cerreta

**Friday, February 21 St. Peter Damian**  
9:00—Michael Cheselka  
r/b M/M Art Morsillo

**Saturday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle**  
9:00—Elizabeth Degiulio  
r/b Camporeale Family  
4:00—Mary Cleary  
r/b Brian & Jenn Abatemarco

**Sunday, February 23**  
8:00—Sandra Mamus Ngesayan  
r/b M/M Rodger Kelly  
10:15—Pedro Mata  
r/b Mata Family  
11:45—People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of John and Anna Gryglak r/b Daughter & 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, 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 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 Arway—Coast Guard; Mitchell McKenney—Coast Guard; Katie Austin Underhill—Army; Jeremy Ramos—Air Force; Eddie Roszkowski—Navy; Aaron MacDonald—Marines



**LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON MARCH 5TH. OUR SCHEDULE TO RECEIVE ASHES IS: MASS 9:00, MASS NOON, SERVICE 4:00, MASS 7:00PM.**



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: Jeremiah 17: 5-8**

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life from a nearby stream.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20**

Corinthian skepticism about Christ's resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

**The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26**

Here is "The Sermon on the Plain," much like Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount." (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.

**Catholic Trivia:**

1. What is the name given to the underground cemeteries used by early Christians?  
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2. What feast is celebrated on September 14th, commemorating the recovery of a portion of Christ's cross? \_\_\_\_\_
3. To whom was Christ speaking when He said "Upon this rock, I will build my Church?"  
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4. Who provided the burial plot where Jesus' body was placed after His crucifixion?  
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5. Did Jesus add water to his wine at the Last Supper as the priest does at Mass?  
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6. What was the name of the hill just outside Jerusalem where Christ was crucified?  
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7. Which apostle was not in the room when Jesus visited them after His crucifixion and death?  
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8. Which sacrament takes away original sin? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Approximately how old is a child when he/she makes his or her first confession?  
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10. Who is the priest that sent Jesus to Pilate for official condemnation to death?  
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Answers on page 4.

**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.

**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.



We are going to be following the Howell Public Schools when we decide to close due to weather. If the schools are closed, then the Church and the parish office will also be closed. No Mass will be celebrated.

Fr. Tom will satisfy the Mass intention for that day at a private Mass.

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 man-gelo@dioceseoftrenton.org

**Answers to the Catholic Trivia:**

1. Catacombs, 2. Exaltation of the Cross, 3. Peter, 4. Joseph of Arimathea, 5. Yes, 6. Golgotha, 7. Thomas, 8. Baptism, 9. 7, 10. Caiaphas



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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!



Healing the Wounds of Abortion...

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

28th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Conference

Saturday, February 22th, 8AM to 3PM
St. Mary Mother of God Parish, Middletown, NJ
Doors open at 8AM for bagels and coffee; lunch is also included

Our Bishop, The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, will be the presider and the homilist for celebration of the Holy Mass.

The speakers will be:
Trent Horn, Catholic Answers Apologist, Speaker & Author
Matthew Arnold, EWTN Host & Author
Elvis Grbac, KC Chiefs QB, Super Bowl XXIX Champion

Fee: \$60 Pre-registration, \$60 at the door, \$20 for students

Order tickets online at: CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org
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SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

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We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends!

We are currently offering a 12-Week Program
Beginning Thursday, March 6, 2025
From 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room
Located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ

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Our programs are run by trained and certified Facilitators who are divorced and who have completed our 12-week Program and now would like to bring the healing they received to you!

To register or to have one of the Facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com.

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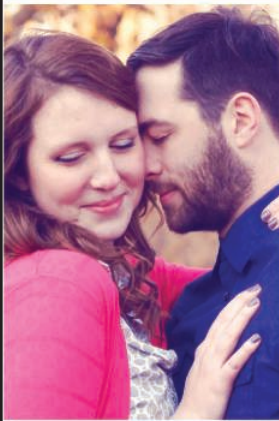


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