

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
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
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.



March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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.



STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

Weekly Collection for March 2, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .140
 Envelope contributions. . .\$6,869.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$730.00
 WeShare. . .\$1530.00

Total. . .\$9,129.00

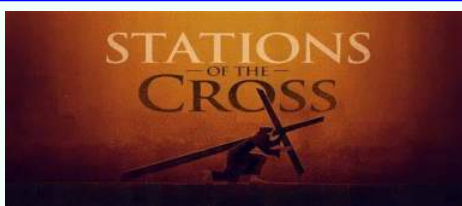
Thank you! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries! We would especially like to thank all those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through WeShare.



We are having a diaper drive starting March 16th. We once again have teamed up with Child Care Resources for Monmouth County in helping families in need of diapers. The greatest need is for larger sized diapers: sizes 4,5,6,7 and pullups. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Baby wipes are needed also. **Please bring in your donation by March 24th. Thank you!**



OUR EASTER CANDY SALE HAS BEGUN! ORDER FORMS ARE LOCATED ON A TABLE NEAR THE PARISH OFFICE. **ORDER DEADLINE IS MARCH 30TH.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS HELD **EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7:00PM.**

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPCC

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

Saturday, March 8

4:00—Elizabeth Luciano
r/b M/M John Messina

Sunday, March 9

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Jack Benigno
r/o Deacon Mike & Pat Abatemarco
11:45—Madeline Mielke
r/o Judith Virga

Monday, March 10

9:00—Danny Vasollo
r/b Medina Family

Tuesday, March 11

9:00—Michael Cheselka
r/b M/M John Carlucci

Wednesday, March 12

9:00—Angelo Aguirre RIP
r/b The People of the Parish of St. William the Abbot
7:00—Michael O. Ascari
r/b Gaul Family

Thursday, March 13

9:00—Michael B. Cassidy
r/b Melissa Ferreria

Friday, March 14

9:00—Janine Wilcox
r/b Teray Dragun

Saturday, March 15

9:00—Joseph Era
r/b Downey Family
4:00—William Quinn
r/b M/M Ron Sulewski

Sunday, March 16

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Angela Wilson
r/b M/M John Carlucci
11:45—Anthony & Susan Grifa special intention (living)
r/b Debbie Miller Family

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPCC

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, Mary Ann Carissimo, Mike Nucciarone, Dr. Fiore, & Joseph Yehle. 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



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in loving memory of Michael & Dennis Gilbert requested by 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.



Reading I: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Moses makes a confession of Israel's faith in the Lord, who as the great Redeemer from slavery, worked great wonders, and became the Giver of the Promised Land.

Reading II: Romans 10: 8-13

Israel cannot plead ignorance when it comes to the gospel, because the preaching of the Church about Jesus has come to it through the pouring out of the Spirit. This same Spirit comes for Jew and Gentile alike.

The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Satan tries without success to lure Jesus away from the path of suffering to one of power and sensationalism to fulfill the mission entrusted to Him by His Father. Satan leaves Him alone then "for a time."



O Divine Eternal Father, in union with the Precious Blood of your Divine Son, and the Holy Spirit, and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we beg you bind and drive away the evil spirits from our parish and send them to the foot of the cross. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Lenten dinner for Friday, April 4 in the Parish Hall. The dinner will be served before

Stations of the Cross from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. The dinner (eat in or takeout) will consist of 2 pieces of fish fillet, coleslaw and french fries for a cost of \$12.00 Payment can be made at the door. No one will be turned away. If anyone wants to partake in the dinner but is suffering a financial hardship please contact the front office and accommodations will be made.

**BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, APRIL 6
"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"**

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HAVE IT'S ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, ALL DAY. AS JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR US, CONSIDER DONATING A PINT FOR YOUR NEEDY NEIGHBOR.



BLOOD DRIVE

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1

Retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2025

at The Church of St. William the Abbot

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To Support an April 12th Women's Conference & Workshops

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1: Saturday, March 15, 2025. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by Joyful Praise, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: Maureen Baletti, a cradle Catholic, indebted to her mother, Claire, who shared her faith by teaching, nurturing and showing by actions, how Jesus Christ, is Lord and Savior. Maureen is a parishioner at St. Martha's Church in Point Pleasant for over 20 years, a Eucharistic Minister and Religious Education instructor. She and her husband, Ole have been blessed with two children and recently became grandparents. A pivotal point in her faith journey took place in 2013. While being prayed over during the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, during a Life in the Spirit Seminar, Our Lord invited her to come and follow Him. *'Our Lord does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.'* This calling has led to a deeper, more intimate relationship with Our Lord. Maureen is a member of 'The Light of Life Prayer Group' and 'Totus Tuus,' a women's faith sharing group at St. Joseph's Church in Toms River. Additionally, she is a core member of the N.J. Women's Emmaus, coordinating and helping at their spring and fall retreats. She attended the 'Eucharistic Congress' in Indianapolis this summer, a blessed opportunity to share His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament with thousands of faith-filled pilgrims. But it is not what she does, it is how He makes her feel, filled with joy, peace and love. **In Galatians 2:20, 'I have been crucified with Christ and no longer live, but Christ lives in me.'**

Maureen invites us to join her, as she shares:

'The Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus'

Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass-9:00am. will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher

Admission: \$25.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door

Extra: Purchase Raffle Tickets - **Cash or Checks only**

Reservations are necessary, **Seating is limited**, must select a

Box Lunch from Selections listed on CWOZ Website

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, March 11, 2025

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



- ◆ Choose weekly or monthly donation
- ◆ Update desired offering any time
- ◆ And, print your year-end statement in seconds—at any time!

Online giving is the best way to support St. 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 our website.



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.



THE '2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL HAS BEGUN! LOOK FOR CARDS AND ENVELOPES NEAR THE BULLETINS. THANK YOU!



On March 29, 2025, Pinot's Palette will be here!

Picture Painting: 7:00 — 9:00 PM \$45 per person

Doors open at 6:15 PM Sign up sheets will be available before and after each mass — payment at door.

Bring your own beverage and snacks will be provided.



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!



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.

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