

# 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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## 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 16, 2025

Second 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.



Weekly Collection for March 9, 2025

- Number of registered families. . .1209
- Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .131
- Envelope contributions. . . \$4,064.00
- Loose contributions. . . \$448.00
- Ash Wednesday . . . \$3,426.00
- Capital Contribution . . . \$590.00
- Votive Candles . . . \$184.00
- WeShare. . . \$3,361.00

**Total. . . \$12,073.00**

**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 15**

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

**Monday, March 17—St. Patrick**

9:00—Patrick Cleary  
r/b M/M Bernard Cappiello

**Tuesday, March 18—St. Cyrill of Jerusalem**

9:00—Special Intention for Shayna & Rio Virgoe  
r/b Debbie Miller

**Wednesday, March 19—St. Joseph**

9:00—Sandy Campos  
r/b M/M Stephen Cisek  
7:00—Alina Mikrut  
r/b Leemann Family

**Thursday, March 20**

9:00—Michael Cheselka  
r/b Georgette Bars

**Friday, March 21**

9:00—Marie DeSantis  
r/b Beyer Family

**Saturday, March 22**

9:00—Alfred Gomez  
r/b School of Religion Staff  
4:00—Jack Benigno  
r/b St. William the Abbot Parish Family

**Sunday, March 23**

8:00—Mary Cleary  
r/b Lenny Munyer  
10:15—Bob Hough  
r/r M/M Ron Sulewski  
11:45—People of the Parish

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 Laura Camp, 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: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

God lays Abram’s uncertainties to rest by strengthening His promises with a covenant oath, as He appears amid the offerings as smoke and fire.

**Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1; or 3:20-4:1**

Paul appeals to his readers to follow his example, as he models his own life after Christ’s. He further notes that Christ will transform our mortal bodies to be like His own.

**The Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36**

The Transfiguration shows Christ revealing His glory to offset the shock of the first Passion prediction. The presence of Moses and Elijah testifies that Jesus will fulfill both the Law and the Old Testament Prophets.



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.



**Catholic Trivia**

1. A lily is the symbol of what? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What term applies to the actual moment of the Incarnation, when the angel informed Mary that she would be the mother of God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is the author of the Acts of the Apostles? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did St. Peter die? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was the first pope to fly in an airplane? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Where is the “Holy See” located? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How was St. John the Baptist martyred? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the term for the words used in the Sacrament of Penance by a priest, while making the sign of the cross, by which sins are forgiven? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who is the patron saint of children? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the name given to a section of the rosary that consists of one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s and one Glory be to the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 5.

**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.



**Whatever your trial,**  
**God Sees.**  
**Whatever your struggle,**  
**God Knows.**  
**Whenever you cry,**  
**God Hears.**  
**Whatever your difficulty,**  
**God Cares.**  
**Whatever your problem,**  
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**God Understands.**  
**Whatever your need,**  
**God Will Provide.**  
**Amen** ☆



The Knights of Columbus are asking any parishioners with used eye glasses to donate them to the Joe Mazzarella 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.

**Who was Pontius Pilate?**

His first name is unknown today, but his middle name was "Pontius" (indicating the tribe he came from) and his family name was "Pilate." We don't know what he looked like, for no images of him survived.

Roman records indicate we know that in 26 A.D. he was appointed roman Prefect of the southern region of present day Israel. He served there until 36 A.D. when he was summoned to Rome to stand trial before the Emperor Tiberius for cruelty and oppression. Nothing is known about him after that. There is a legend that in 39 A.D. Pontius Pilate killed himself on orders from the Emperor Caligula.

Pilate clearly knew that Jesus was not guilty. Should he stand for the truth or take an opinion poll? Pilate took the coward's way, to avoid trouble at all costs including the truth, for it would be easier to go with the trend.

-The Lenten Season



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**Answers to the Catholic Trivia**

1. Purity, 2. The Annunciation, 3. St. Luke, 4. He was crucified upside down, 5. Pope Paul VI, 6. Rome, 7. Be-headed, 8. Absolution, 9. St. Nicholas, 10. Decade



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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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