

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 23, 2025

Third 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 16, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .147
 Envelope contributions. . . \$7,274.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$734.00
 WeShare. . . \$1,197.00

Total. . . \$9,205.00

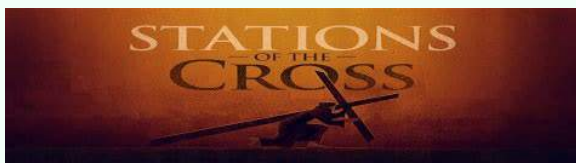
Thank you! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries! We would especially like to thank all those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through WeShare.



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 22

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/b M/M Ron Sulewski
11:45—People of the Parish

Monday, March 24

9:00—Rosemary Howell
r/b Frank Guido

Tuesday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00—Sylvia Jurczak
r/b The Beyer Family

Wednesday, March 26

9:00—Ella Cahill
r/b St. William the Abbot Parish Family
7:00—Special Intention for Hailey Raiser
r/b Bill Raiser

Thursday, March 27

9:00—Lorraine Carlucci
r/b M/M John Carlucci

Friday, March 28

9:00—For the deceased members of the Beyer and Kohler Families r/b The Beyer Family

Saturday, March 29

9:00—Eddie DeLaCruz
r/b Fr. Tom
4:00—People of the parish

Sunday, March 30

8:00—Sandy Campos
r/b The Sosnicki Family
10:15—Kathleen Lorenc
r/b Luann Clarkson
11:45—John Van Sickle
r/b The Fee 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 Manuel Sousa, requested by M/M Steve Sousa.



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: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Moses is granted a visible and audible manifestation of God's glory, technically a "theophany." He receives his calling to lead Israel out of slavery.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Paul urges his Corinthians to learn from Israel's mistakes. This means heeding God's call and avoiding any self-righteousness.

The Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Jesus refers to current events to teach spiritual truths. He then offers a parable which expresses both God's patience and the urgency to repent.



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

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.

Give blood.

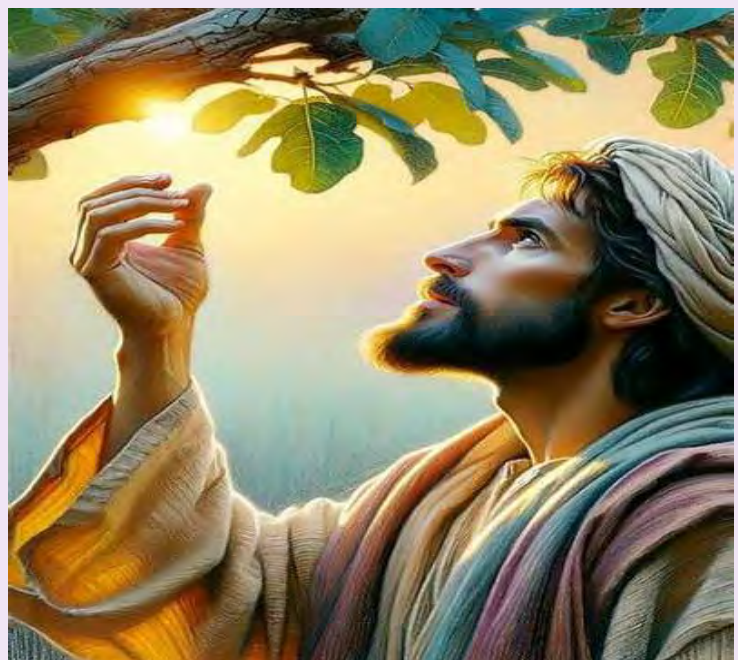
BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, APRIL 6
"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

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. BETTER THAN GIVING UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT.

"He said to the gardener, for three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.

Sir, leave the fig tree for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down."

Luke 13:1-9



**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

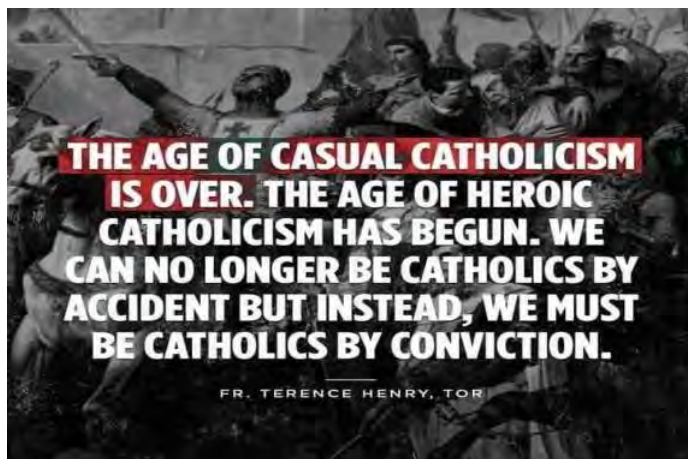
St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

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.



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.

MARCH 25 FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

O most holy Virgin Mary, to whom God sent the Angel Gabriel to announce that you should be the Mother of His only-begotten Son, pray for us who have recourse to thee.





- ◆ Choose weekly or monthly donation
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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.

Lent



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.

FASHION SHOW & GIFT AUCTION

RUNWAY of ROSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
1-4pm

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FASHION SHOW



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