

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.



He was lost and has
been found.

Luke 15:31

March 30, 2025

Fourth 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.



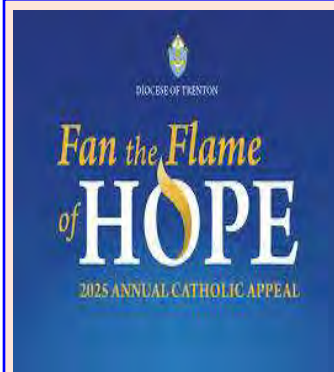
STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

Weekly Collection for March 23, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .132
 Envelope contributions. . . \$5,879.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$576.00
 WeShare. . . \$2,285.00

Total. . . \$8,740.00

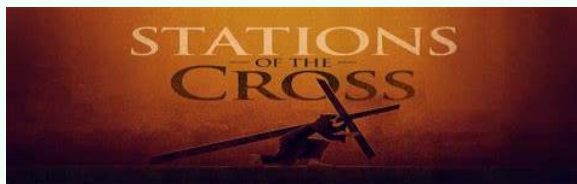
Thank you! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries! We would especially like to thank all those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through WeShare.



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



EASTER CANDY ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY! PICK UP WILL BE NEXT WEEKEND. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT CANDY.



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 29

4:00—Helen Burnetti
r/b Sulewski Family

Sunday, March 30 Laetare Sunday

8:00—Sandy Campos
r/b Sosnicki Family
10:15—Kathleen Lorenc
r/b Luann Clarkson
11:45—John Van Sickle
r/b Fee Family

Monday, March 31

9:00—Danny Vasollo
r/b Medina Family

Tuesday, April 1

9:00—Mary Ann Kozachenko
r/b Dougherty Family

Wednesday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

9:00—Rogelio Tapnio, Sr.
r/b Joven & Julia
7:00—Multiple Intention Mass
Rev. William Grogan r/b St. William the Abbot,
Amodio Grossi r/b M/M Barry Matrale

Thursday, April 3

9:00—Ricardo Hilario
r/b Joven & Julia

Friday, April 4 First Friday / St. Isidore, Bishop

9:00—Father Patrick M. Mulewski
r/b Luann Clarkson & Family

Saturday, April 5 First Saturday / St. Vincent Ferrer

9:00—In reparation against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of Men.
4:00—Claire Farrell
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat Abatemarco

Sunday, April 6

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—John Nappa
r/b Nancy & Roy, John & Linda
11:45—Maureen Mulligan
r/b Brian & Jenn Abatemarco

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 John 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: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

The Hebrews celebrate the Passover. The end of the manna signals the beginning of a new era, when Israel reaps the blessings of Canaan.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

The ministry of the Apostles is to reunite the human family with God the Father. That mission is now entrusted to us.

The Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

The familiar name of the parable omits a fuller understanding of Jesus' message, which is all about a loving and merciful God the Father.



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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

April 17
Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

No morning Mass
7:00PM Mass

April 18
Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

No morning Mass
3:00PM

April 19
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

No morning Mass
8:00PM

March 20
Easter Sunday

8:00AM
10:15AM
11:45AM

The Eucharist

follows the pattern of Christ's offering, which is the pattern of his suffering. It looks to all the world like a wafer and a sip of inexpensive wine. Yet we call it by the most exalted names. We call it the *Marriage Supper of the Lamb*, the *eschatological banquet*. We call it *Jesus*.

We call it God.

CONSUMING THE WORD



**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.



"Today is also known as **"LAETARE SUNDAY"**. The word "Laetare" means "rejoice" in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday, the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fast and penances. The color "rose" indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide."

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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1
YOU ARE INVITED!**

Women's Conference & Workshops
Saturday, April 12, 2025 9:00am-3:00pm
"STEP INTO NEW BEGINNINGS"

The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Music by *Joyful Praise*, Six Professional Workshop-Speakers, Sharing and Prayers for Healing. We are reaching out/focusing on a new group of women ages 30-35 yrs. old in Mid-life crisis to help those in need, especially those experiencing losses, grieving, divorce, health problems, to name a few.

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

Place: St. William the Abbot

2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Admission: \$35.00 includes Box lunch and Workshop

Pay at the door—Please let us know if you are unable to attend - possible waiting list

Reservations are necessary - Seating is limited - must select a Workshop and Box Lunch Go to 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 and of Workshop at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, April 8, 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.



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.



Luke 15:11-32 "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found."

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!



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