

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.

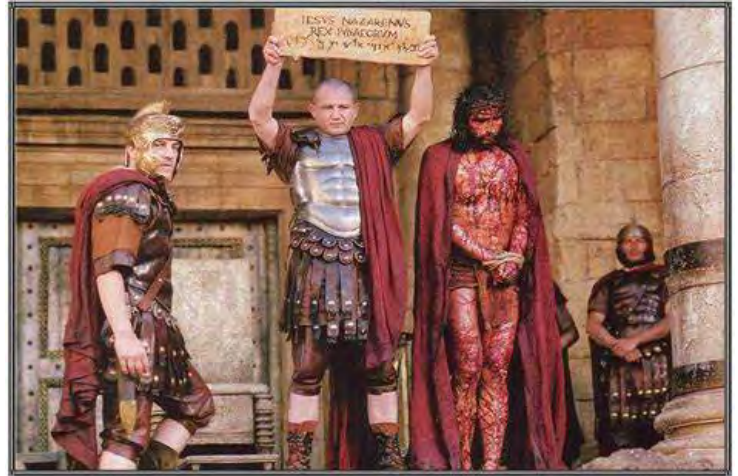
CONFESSIONS

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.



April 6, 2025

Fifth 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.



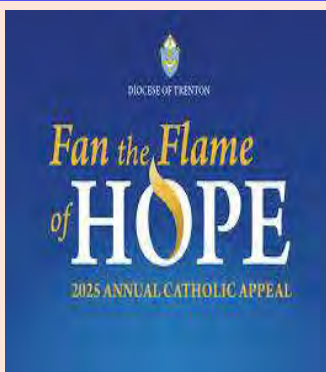
STEWARDSHIP
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Weekly Collection for March 30, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .143
 Envelope contributions. . .\$5,795.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$434.00
 WeShare. . . \$1,658.00
 Bishop's Overseas. . . \$651.00

Total. . . \$8,538.00

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!



Sincere thanks to all parishioners who participated in our Diaper Drive. All donations will go to Child Care Resources of Monmouth County to help all those families in need of diapers. It was a huge success!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS IS HELD EVERY FRIDAY AT 7PM

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPCC

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

Saturday, April 5 First Saturday / St. Vincent Ferrer

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

Monday, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle

9:00—Danny Vasollo
r/b Medina Family

Tuesday, April 8

9:00—Joey O'Reilly
r/b St. William the Abbot

Wednesday, April 9

9:00—Martha Lou Kuchler
r/b O'Sullivan Family
7:00—David Murday
r/b Dr. Joe Mannion

Thursday, April 10

9:00—Kyle McNamara
r/b Barnes Family

Friday, April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop

9:00—Frank & Cecile Calderaro
r/b Bernard & Margaret Cappiello

Saturday, April 12

9:00—Special intention for Jennifer Daley
r/b Beyer Family
4:00—Giovanni Bussanieh
r/b Marcovitch Family

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00—Sandy Campos
r/b John & Pat Carlucci
10:15—John & Bridget McGlynn
r/b Bernadette Mastowski
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, Lisa Brooks, & 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—Marine
- Max Culbertson—Navy



On Monday, March 24th, we commended to the Lord's love and mercy, John Eadicicco. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

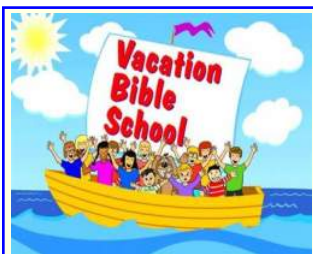
The prophet foretells of a deliverance from the Babylonian exile which he poetically describes as a new exodus.

Reading II: Philippians 3: 8-14

Paul renounces his former life and tells his readers that he is now dedicated to living a new one in Christ. He "presses on," comparing the life of faith to a race.

The Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Jesus avoids the trap set by His usual opposition. By bending down to write on the ground, He teaches the woman's accusers and us also to "bend low" in humility to examine ourselves before we ever address the faults of someone else.



Vacation Bible School is back and registration HAS begun!
 Dates: June 23-27, 2025
 Time: 8:00am -12:00 noon
 Ages: 5-10 (age as of 6/13/25)

Cost: includes daily snacks, crafts, and activities.
 \$40—First child; \$30—Second child; \$20—Third child;
 \$10— Fourth and any additional children with check made payable to St. William the Abbot and envelope to Vacation Bible School.

Stop by the office to pick up/complete the registration form. This is a popular program which fills up quickly!

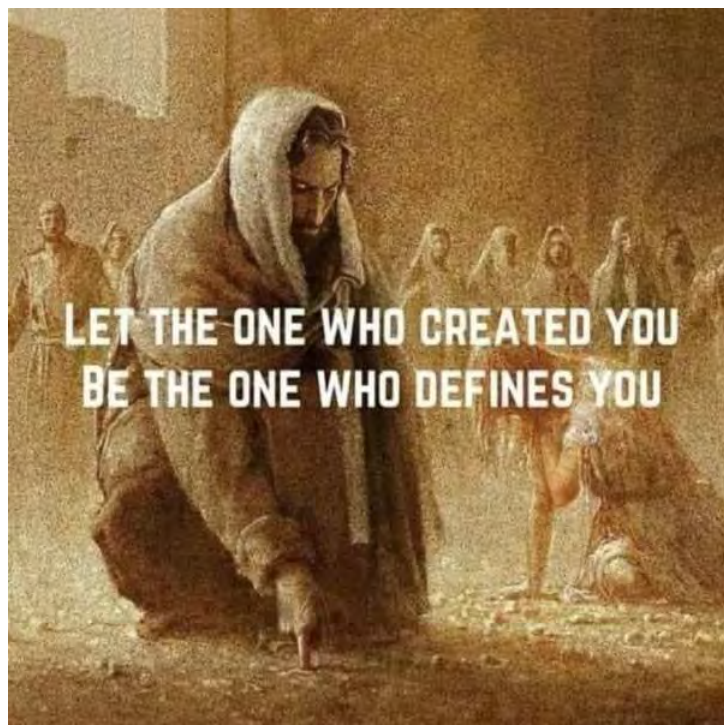


BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY, APRIL 6
 "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"

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



**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.
- St. William the Abbot can only provide sponsor certificates for registered, active parishioners. 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.

**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.

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!

Catholic Trivia*

1. How many years did Christ live on earth? _____
2. Fill in the blank: Baptism makes you a _____ of God.
3. What famous Catholic wrote the *Canterbury Tales*? _____
4. On what three days of the week are the glorious mysteries of the rosary traditionally said?

5. Why is the Our Father the best of all prayers? _____
6. What is the name for the changing of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus?

7. In what country did the Blessed Virgin Mary appear in the village of Knock?

8. What feast day is celebrated on January 6th? _____
9. Who was the only apostle not martyred? _____
10. What is the official language of the Catholic Church? _____

***Answers to the Catholic Trivia (No peeking)**

1. 33, 2. Child, 3. Geoffrey Chaucer, 4. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 5. Because it is the Lord's Prayer, taught to us by Jesus Christ Himself, 6. Transubstantiation, 7. Ireland, 8. The Epiphany, 9. John, 10. Latin

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