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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
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2740 Lakewood Allenwood Road
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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.

**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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St. William the Abbot
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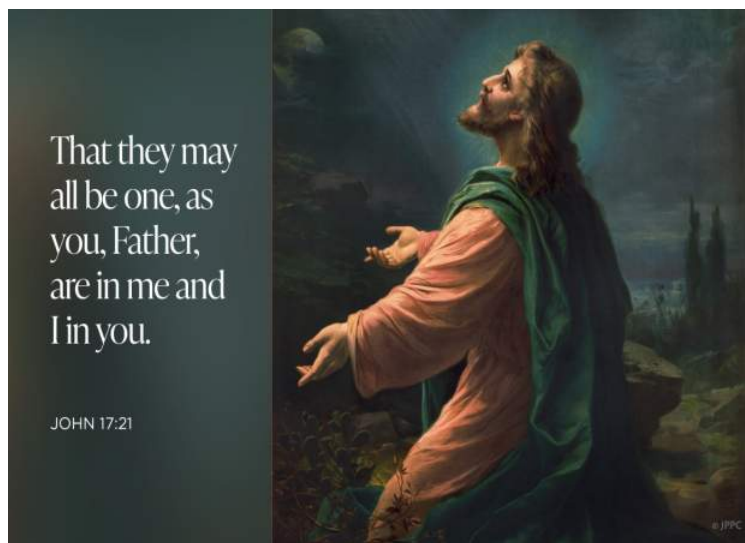
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Rev. Lewis Papera, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Michael Vona, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

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.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
SAVE THE DATES:

6/28/2025—Annual Parish Picnic after 4pm Mass.

8/31/2025—40th Anniversary of the Parish of St. William the Abbot, Kickoff Year of Celebration. Please see information on table in Narthex and in bulletin.



Weekly Collection for May 18, 2025

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .126
 Envelope contributions. . .\$4,327.00
 Loose contributions. . .\$507.00
 WeShare. . .\$1,649.00

Total. . .\$6,483.00

*Due to early publishing deadlines, collection for 5/25 will appear in future bulletin.

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.



Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©PPC

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

Saturday, May 31 The Visitation of Mary

9:00—Joyce Cappelto
r/b Dawn Cappelto
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, June 1

8:00—Sandra Campos
r/b Ron Campos
10:15—Terry Thompson
r/b Dougherty Family
11:45—Rita Hayden
r/b Deering Family

Monday, June 2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

9:00—Special intention for John Andrew Daley
r/b Beyer Family

Tuesday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

9:00—Special intention for John Sproat III & Family
r/b Lenardo Family

Wednesday, June 4

9:00—Special intention for the people of Florida
r/b Elizabeth Sentner
7:00—Ann Russo
r/b Irene Mester

Thursday, June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop

9:00—Special intention for Ellen Ramer
r/b Dougherty Family

Friday, June 6 First Friday, St. Norbert

9:00—Manuel Sousa
r/b M/M Steven Sousa

Saturday, June 7 First Saturday

9:00—In reparation for the offenses of those who outrage Our Lady directly in her holy images
4:00—Carolyn Inzinna
r/b Downey Family

Sunday, June 8

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Lori Owens
r/b Mata Family
11:45—Salvatore Scarlato
r/b Beyer Family

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPC

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., 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, Lauren Jarvis, Daniel Bivona, Alana Parisi, Nicholas Asterino & Joseph Yehle, Anthony & Grace Santisi. 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.

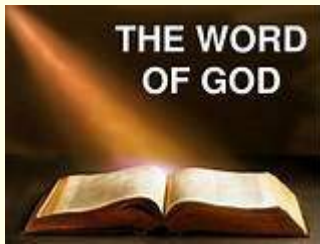


Please keep in your prayers those serving in our military. Send in names of friends or family members you would like us to pray for:

- 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



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.



THE WORD OF GOD

Reading I: Acts 7: 55-60

The feast of the deacon St. Stephen, our Church's first martyr, is annually celebrated the day after Christmas. Christians immediately learn that following Christ is not always "a walk in the park." So today we hear the full story of this saint's bravery.

Reading II: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17

In this "epilogue" to the vision story, Jesus gives Himself the title used to describe God, namely as the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of all things. The Church, as a "bride," is wedded to Christ the "groom."

The Gospel: John 17: 20-26

Jesus "great prayer" reaches into the future to bless believers in Him of every age. He also envisions a visible unity that will speak volumes to the observant world.



DIocese of TRENTON

Celebrating
THE HOLY YEAR



For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all "our hope."

— Pope Francis, *Spes non Confundit*

THE DISPOSITIONS NECESSARY TO GAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE:

"Mercy is a pure gift from God, unmerited on our part. The Church asks those seeking a plenary indulgence to be properly disposed, (in a "state of grace" i.e. free of mortal sin) by:

- Making a sacramental **confession** of sin **within 20 days** of the pilgrimage, (not required on the day itself)
- Make a pilgrimage to a Jubilee Shrine and participate at Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary or other pious exercise.** In cases where this is impossible, one might carry out a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy, fast or abstain for at least one whole day
- Receiving of Holy Communion**
- Carrying out the prescribed good works and or prayers**
- Praying for the intention of the Holy Father on the day of the pilgrimage,** (usually the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory be or other suitable prayers)

Indulgences may be received once a day. A single Confession suffices for several indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and prayers for the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence.

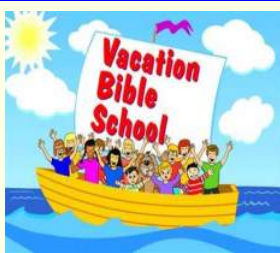
Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are invited to take part in the Eucharistic Celebration.

spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, by offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic Celebration.



The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting monetary donations **May 31 - June 12** for Father's Day We will be making gift bags with lots of goodies for the male residents, who have no families, at a needy care facility. We are projecting around 60 men. The monies collected will be used to purchase socks, card games, large print game books, pens, candy, cookies, chips, crackers, gift bags and cards, etc.

Please leave your donation in the box. Thank you for being so very generous. This could mean the world to a lonely man in a nursing care facility. Thanks you all so much for being so generous.



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!



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.

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.

Celebrating 40 Years of the St. William the Abbot Parish

We are in the process of forming an Anniversary Committee to plan year long events to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. ALL are welcome to join the committee and help with the planning. Below is a list of members of the committee so far; if you would like to join it, please email one of the members below and we will reach out to you.

- Tricia Berwick: tberwick@live.com
- Diane Smith: foodiedcs@aol.com
- Pete Gilbert: pete2516@optimum.net
- Deacon Smith: kmsmith9@aol.com
- Sal Ciardiello: salmaypink@hotmail.com
- Mike Eadicicco: 195mead2@aol.com
- Lorrie Gratton: lorrie915@aol.com





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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.

Prayer for those away from the Church

O God, You love all your people. You seek out those who do not know you, those who have forgotten you, and those who no longer come to your banquet table. Heal the hurting, give hope to the fearful, and grant new faith to those in doubt. Make us all one in you. Amen.

POPE LEO XIV
Habemus Papam!



We pray that our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, be blessed with the wisdom and compassion needed to guide the Church. May he, in communion with his fellow bishops, serve you and your people with dedication and joy, deep compassion, and profound faith, hope, and charity so that the light of the Risen Christ will continue to dispel the darkness of this world.

Ascension of the Lord

“He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.”
Acts 1:9

“And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”
Matthew 28:20



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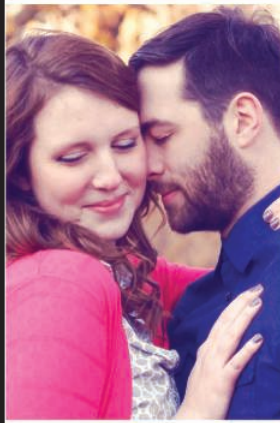
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