

# 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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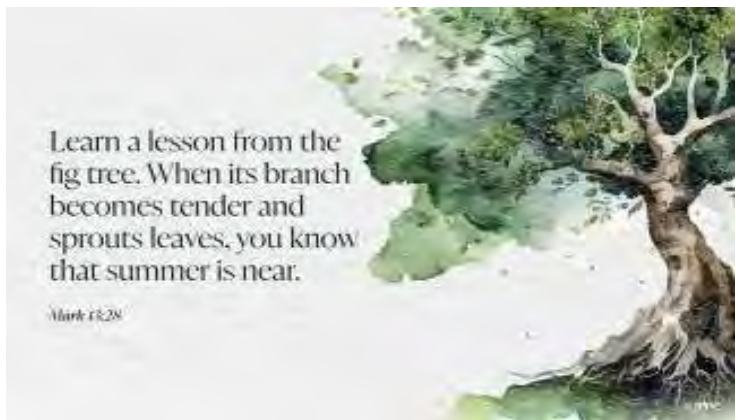
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam  
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate  
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Deacon Kevin Smith

## 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.



*November 17, 2024*

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**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.



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL! TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PAY THEM OFF.**



Weekly Collection for November 10, 2024  
 Number of registered families . . .1,266  
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—150  
 Envelope contributions . . . \$5,660.00  
 Loose contributions . . . \$693.00  
 WeShare. . . \$2,679.00  
 Capital Contribution. . . \$660.00

**Total: \$9,692.00**

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 of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through We Share.

**Sponsorship for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation****Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate**

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and 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. In other words, be an Active member of the parish.
- If he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. William the Abbot years ago **but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not an active member of this parish.** Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.

# Weekly MASS Intentions

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

## Saturday, November 16

4:00—Sevey Vignola  
r/b M/M Ron Neal

## Sunday, November 17

8:00—Barbara Mannion  
r/b Cathy Ferraro  
10:15—People of the Parish  
11:45—JoAnn Magee  
r/b Debbie Miller & Family

## Monday, November 18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

9:00—Janice Ciardiello  
r/b Puglisi Family

## Tuesday—November 19

9:00—Peter Walski  
r/b Perrapato Family

## Wednesday, November 20

9:00—Patrick Cleary  
r/b Faugno Family  
7:00—Marie Selvaggi  
r/b Beyer Family

## Thursday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00—Michael Kurzeja  
r/b M/M George Weis

## Friday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9:00—Katelyn Morales  
r/b Dougherty Family

## Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, St. Miguel Augustin Pro

9:00—Patrick Cleary  
r/b Liz Cerbie  
4:00—Thomas Lano  
r/b M/M Perrapato Family

## Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00—People of the Parish  
10:15—JoAnn Magee  
r/b St. William the Abbot  
11:45—Ronald Anthony Lejda  
r/b Marks Family



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. All are welcome. Please call the parish office.

# The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

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Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Jonathan 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 & Dr. Fiore. We also ask you Lord, to watch over all those with incurable autoimmune diseases and for all those who are afflicted with 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 Mor-  
sillo—Marines; Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard; Mitch-  
ell McKenney—Coast Guard; Katie Austin Underhill—  
Army; Jeremy Ramos—Air Force; Eddie Roszkow-  
ski—Navy; Aaron MacDonald—Marines



The flowers for Jesus and Mary are in memory of Leonor Hidalgo r/b the Tapnio Family.

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: David 12: 1-3**

Despite the great suffering to come at the end of time, those whose names are found "written in the book" of life shall be saved.

**Reading II: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18**

The Son of God will make his enemies his footstool. Then he will make perfect those who are being consecrated now.

**The Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32**

At the end of time, the Son of Man will return in glory and gather His elect. Jesus also tells the disciples that the growth pattern of the fig tree is a helpful warning sign of these future happenings.

**ATTENTION!**

IT IS ALMOST TURKEY TIME. WE ONCE AGAIN WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING. THE ITEMS NEEDED ARE: CANNED VEGETABLES, STUFFING, GRAVY, INSTANT POTATOES, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND OF COURSE TURKEYS. PLEASE BRING YOUR FILLED BOX OF ITEMS TO THE CHURCH HALL BY NOVEMBER 24.

TURKEYS WILL BE COLLECTED ON NOVEMBER 23 & 24. SATURDAY DROP OFF: 3:30-4:00PM SUNDAY DROP OFF: 8:00-11:30AM COLLECTION SITE WILL BE IN PARKING LOT.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOSTING BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH IN THE PARISH HALL AT 8:30AM AND 10:00AM. SIGN UP WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER EACH MASS. THE COST IS \$5 FOR CHILDREN 6 YRS AND OLDER AND \$10 FOR ADULTS. PAY AT DOOR.



OUR ANNUAL BON-FIRE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 6:00PM.. THERE WILL BE YUMMY REFRESHMENTS WITH HOT CHOCOLATE! JOIN US FOR SOME CAROLING!

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21st



Religious parents never fail by devout prayer to consecrate their children to the divine service and love, both before and after their birth. Some amongst the Jews, not content with this general consecration of their children, offered them to God in their infancy, by the hands of the priests in the Temple, to be lodged in apartments belonging to the Temple, and brought up in attending the priests and Levites in the sacred ministry. It is an ancient tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was thus solemnly offered to God in the Temple in her infancy. This festival of

the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin the Church celebrated this day. The tender soul of an object of astonishment and praise to the angels, and of the highest complacency to the adorable Trinity; the Father looking upon her as His beloved daughter, the Son as one chosen and prepared to become His mother, and the Holy Ghost as His darling spouse. Mary was the first who set up the standard of virginity; and, by consecrating it by a perpetual vow to Our Lord, she opened the way to all virgins who have since followed her example.



**Christmas Giving Trees . . .** The Social Concerns Committee will be putting up two giving trees on Saturday, November 30th.

One tree will assist our local families in need. In addition to their wish list, we will be collecting gift cards from Shop Rite, Amazon, Target, Walmart, restaurants, movies, American Express, Visa, and/or Wawa. We will get the gift cards to them early in December so the families will have time to shop for Christmas. Please return the UNWRAPPED gifts with tag and gift cards by: December 8th.

The second tree will be for the Seniors at Preferred Care, our local nursing home. Please take a tag and return the WRAPPED gift with the tag attached by: December 8th.

If your family is in need of assistance for Christmas, please call the parish office at 732-840-3535.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity. St. William the Abbot parish community is so giving and compassionate. It makes a tremendous difference in peoples lives. God bless!

### Ways to remember or commemorate and 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.



- ◆ Choose weekly or monthly donation
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### *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!



"And then they will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

Mark 13:27



### Cursillo Corner

Want to grow deeper in your relationship with God? Want to rediscover the sense of Christian community? Participate in the joyful experience of *Cursillo*. Cursillo is Spanish for "short Course" and has been in our diocese for over 50 years. A *Cursillo* is an encounter with self, Christ and others that enhances the rest of your spiritual life. Cursillo focuses on piety, study, and action and includes faith sharing which helps us to live our lives in a Christian manner. For more information visit our website at [www.trentoncursillo.org](http://www.trentoncursillo.org) or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.

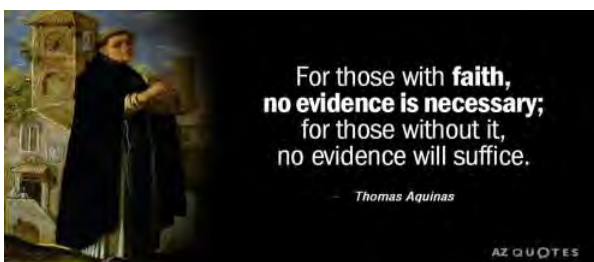


**WREATH SALE! WREATH SALE!**  
ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH-8TH, THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION WILL BE SELLING WREATHS AFTER ALL MASSES. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM IN THIS FUND RAISING ENDEAVOR.

Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

**We need your help!** If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees.

To get involved, please email our Director at [DRusinko@downeyside.org](mailto:DRusinko@downeyside.org) or call 732-359-8434. Your support can make a difference!



For those with **faith**,  
**no evidence is necessary**;  
for those without it,  
no evidence will suffice.

— Thomas Aquinas

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### Volunteers needed

Our crochet group, Stitches from the Heart, is in need of crocheters. We make blankets for baptisms, the sick, and the residents at Preferred Care in Wall at Christmas. If interested, please call or email the parish office.

### \*\*\*Christmas Around the World Event—December 14th\*\*\*

Join us for a festive celebration of global Christmas traditions at our "Christmas Around the World" event on December 14th! This free, family-friendly event will feature decorated booths representing different countries, where attendees can experience unique crafts, and holiday foods, and learn about Christmas traditions from around the globe.

If you would like to sponsor a country, please contact, Dawn Capetto, at [dawn.stwilliam@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.stwilliam@gmail.com). Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to lend tents for the evening and anyone interested in helping with the event setup.

We also need to collect gallon jugs. They can be milk or water. If it is milk, please rinse out first and dry.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!.



### PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O GOD, CREATOR AND REDEEMER OF ALL, TO WHOM IT BELONGS ALWAYS TO HAVE MERCY AND TO SPARE, WE HUMBLY COMMEND TO YOU THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THAT, THROUGH THE INFINITE MERITS OF YOUR DIVINE SON, THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND ALL YOUR SAINTS, YOU RELEASE THEM FROM PURGATORY AND PERMIT THEM TO BE RECEIVED BY YOUR HOLY ANGELS AND CONDUCTED INTO THE ETERNAL BLISS OF PARADISE.

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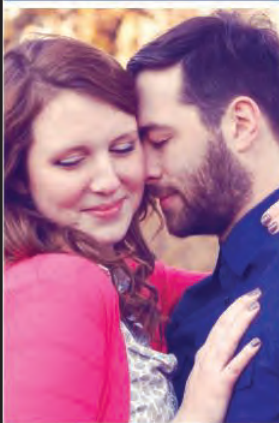
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