

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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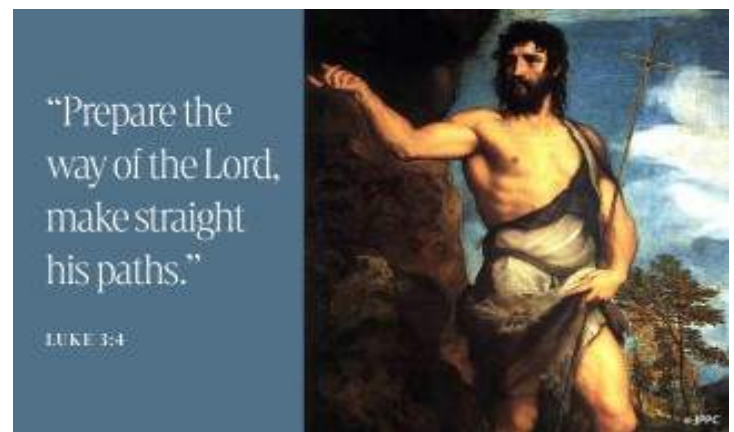
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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.



December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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 24, 2024
 Number of registered families . . .1,266
 Number of weekly envelopes returned—140
 Envelope contributions . . .\$5,508.00
 Loose contributions . . . \$674.00
 Human Development. . . \$508.00
 Mortgage Reduction. . . \$655.00
 WeShare. . . \$2,512.00

Total: \$9,857.00

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.

Arcadian Chorale (NJ)
Richmond Choral Society (NYC)
 Marina Alexander, Musical & Artistic Director
 Ruslan Odintsov & Tom Molesso, Accompanists

Johanna • The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace
 plus works on peace
 by contemporary composers
 & music for the holidays
 with orchestra

The Hope & Peace

Sun., Dec. 15 - 4:00 pm

with the
Matawan Regional H. S. Vocal Academy
 Andrea Rattaschewski, Director

St. Rose of Lima RC Church
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Tickets
 Only Adults - \$25, Seniors - \$20
 Students - \$10 (Group discounts available)

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<https://www.stroslimarc.org/tickets.html>

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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, December 7

4:00—JoAnn Magee
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat

Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Jennifer Joy Cullari
r/b Terracciano Family
11:45—Eugene Malik
r/b Terry Kelly
4:00—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (vigil Mass)
For the People of the Parish of St. William the Abbot

Monday, December 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b George Weis
12:00—For the People of the Parish of St William the Abbot

Tuesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

9:00—Michael Anthony Kurzeja
r/b M/M Fred Manzella

Wednesday, December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

9:00—Richard Simeone
r/b Sal Ciardiello
7:00—Deacon George—special intention
r/b Mary Lou Beyer

Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b M/M Jack Tiernan

Friday, December 13 St. Lucy

9:00—Jeanne Walter— special intention (living)
r/b Bill Raiser

Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

9:00—Norman Heilos
r/b Papapietro Family
4:00—Louise Chiusano
r/b Debbie Miller

Sunday, December 15

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Katelyn Morales
r/b St. William the Abbot
11:45—Joseph Riccardi
r/b Riccardi 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.

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.



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: 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 & 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;
Mitchell McKenney—Coast Guard; Katie Austin Underhill—Army; Jeremy Ramos—Air Force; Eddie Roszkowski—Navy; Aaron MacDonald—Marines

Symbols of the Advent Wreath

Circular shape

Reminds us that God has no beginning and no end. He is one and eternal.

Pink candle

Lit on Gaudete Sunday. It symbolizes joy as we approach the birth of Jesus.

4 candles

The 4 Sundays of Advent. When we light each one we are reminded that the light of Jesus is coming into the world.

Green branches

Green symbolizes hope and life. It reminds us that Christ lives among us.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of James Dahlkemper r/b M/M Peter Gilbert.

**Reading I: Baruch 5: 1-9**

The setting here is the ceremony whereby Jerusalem mourns her lost children while in exile. The speaker offers hope and comfort because they are still the Lord's people. He will lead them in joy out of their captivity.

Reading II: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

The community has a share in the joy of the gospel through their conversion, and their support of the Apostle. They have good standing with the Lord that comes through Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

The story of the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry as prophet opens with a list of the major rulers at the time. St. Luke uses this to illustrate that John's announcement of the Messiah will have worldwide impact.

PEACE**Prayers for Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Week 2: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



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 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE '2024****TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE AS FOLLOWS:**

NO MORNING MASS
MASSES ARE AT: 4:00, 6:00 AND 8:00

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

MASSES ARE AT: 10:15 AND 11:45



Please send us a picture Christmas card of your family, so we can display them on the bulletin board. Thank you!

****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. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to lend tents for the evening and anyone interested in helping with the event set-up.

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!



Bambinelli Sunday

The 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) has for many years been the day when the children of Rome bring the figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to St. Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope during the Angelus.

The day is affectionately known at "Bambinelli Sunday." Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II, the tradition has continued and grown in popularity across the universal Church. Children are invited to wrap the blessed figurines in Christmas wrapping paper when they return home, and to place them under the tree, to be opened as the first gift of Christmas; thus encouraging young children to make the connection between the gifts they receive on Christmas Day and the greatest gift that any of us can receive, Jesus; and the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local Church where they worship each weekend.

You may also bring your baby Jesus from your nativity to be blessed even if you do not want to do the wrapping part.

Fr. Tom will bless all the baby Jesus' after all Masses, the weekend of December 7 & 8.

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.



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They are on their way!



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 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed who was with child." Luke 2:4,5

Cursillo Corner

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- St. Therese of Lisieux*

*"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."
- St. Paul VI*

*"Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son . . . Let us enter; let us not be afraid."
- St. Alphonsus Liguori*

*"Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man . . . I tell you again: for your sake, God became man."
- St. Augustine*



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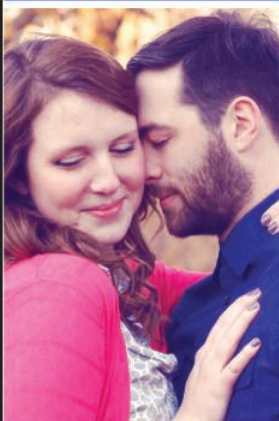
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