

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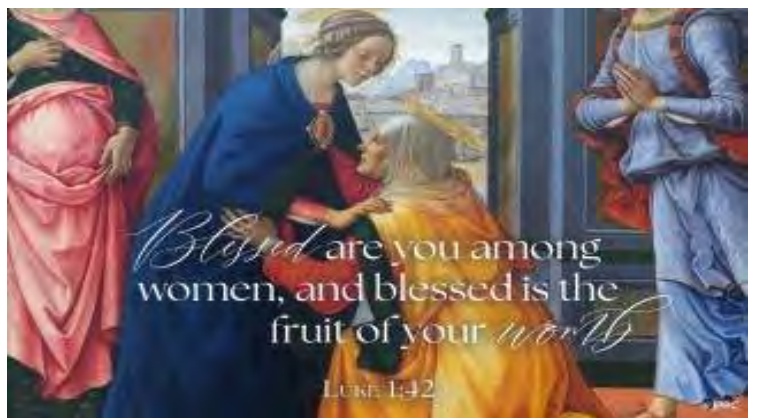
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Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
Deacon Michael Abatemarco, Pastoral Associate
Deacon George A. Prevosti
Deacon Kevin Smith

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 22, 2024

Fourth 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 December 8, 2024

Number of registered families . . .1,266

Number of weekly envelopes returned—138

Envelope contributions . . . \$6,441.00

Loose contributions . . . \$581.00

Immaculate Conception. . . \$1,409.00

Religious Retirement. . . \$525.00

WeShare. . . \$3,459.00

Total: \$12,415.00

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.



St. Joseph . . What do we know about St. Joseph from the Gospels? The Gospels give no date that would imply that he was an older man. One can presume that he and Mary were no different than any other couple.

Though probably not poor (Joseph was a tradesman) they were not well-off. When Luke tells the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, he notes that instead of offering a lamb in sacrifice, Joseph and Mary chose the option provided for those of lesser means: two turtle-doves or pigeons.

Nor were Joseph and Mary of the upper class. Their "neighborhood" was sometimes ridiculed ("Can anything good come from Nazareth?") and Joseph's trade was cited by critics to offset Jesus' success ("Is he not the carpenter's son?").

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 21 St. Peter Canisius

4:00—Nicholas Mariniello
r/b M/M Rich Capitan

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Anica & Sime Svorinic
r/b Cathy & Boze Bozicevic
11:45—Joseph Anthony Pace
r/b Rosetta Pace (wife)

Monday, December 23 St. John of Kanty

9:00—Richard Simeone
r/b Donna Duggan

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

No morning Mass

4:00—Haberjan & Aberer Families
r/b Liz Cerbie
6:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b St. William the Abbot
8:00—Carrie Wolfe
r/b Debbie Miller & Family

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day /The Nativity of the Lord

No 9:00AM Mass

10:15— John Czimcharo
r/b Sal Czimcharo Family
11:45—John & Elizabeth Duffy, Eugene & Alice Cisek
r/b M/M Stephen Cisek

Thursday, December 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr

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

Friday, December 27 St. John, the Apostle

9:00—Michael Anthony Kurzeja
r/b Carol Sproat

Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b Sulewski Family
4:00—People of the Parish

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family

8:00—Patrick Cleary
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat Abatemarco
10:15—Matthew & Florence Cerritelli
r/b Cathy & Boze Bozicevic
11:45—Greg Maguire
r/b Cisek Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of Carol Deputato r/b the Gilbert 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.



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, Kerry O'Connor & 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 Morillo—Marines; Kathryn Arway—Coast Guard;
Mitchell McKenney—Coast Guard; Katie Austin Underhill—Army; Jeremy Ramos—Air Force; Eddie Roszkowski—Navy; Aaron MacDonald—Marines



"We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star..."



Reading I: Micah 5: 1-4a

David, son of Jesse, will be the future ruler of Israel. He will be the long-awaited Messiah, and he will bring peace.

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 5-10

God prefers obedience to His commands to sacrifice. It is a simple statement about our priorities as well.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Luke brings together the 2 mothers-to-be so that both might praise God. Elizabeth's child will be the precursor for Mary's Child.

LOVE

Prayers for Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Week 4: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Why Christmas trees?



The first Christmas trees appeared in the 16th century Germany. They were used both indoors and out and were decorated with apples, roses and colored paper. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, first brought the Christmas tree to England in the 19th century. Hessian soldiers who fought in the Revolution are credited with the first Christmas trees in America. The first Christmas tree market appeared in 1851, when a Catskill farmer hauled two sleds of evergreen trees into New York City and sold them all. By 1900, one in five American families had Christmas trees and by 1925 the custom was nearly universal.



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!



And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." **Luke 2: 10**



FORMED

One of FORMED's most popular offerings, *Mary of Nazareth* is an epic motion picture that shares the beautiful and compelling story of Mary, Mother of God. Following her life from childhood to the Resurrection of Jesus, actress Alissa Jung inspiringly captures the humility and compassion of Christ's Holy Mother.

For kids there is the program *Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, Littlest Saints*. It shares the miraculous story of St. Juan Diego and the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. *Littlest Saints* captures the lives of the saints as told by children. This episode is a fantastic way to teach kids about Our Lady and how the Lord calls us to act courageously for his Church.

Another program for kids is *O Holy Night, the King is Born; What Christmas is About, Brother Francis*. With songs and interactive learning, *Brother Francis* presents the story of Christmas for young children and families. This special episode captures the love of the Holy Family and the joy of the Nativity.

To get to FORMED, go to our website and click on the FORMED icon. Follow the sign in directions and enjoy!

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.

"and they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

Luke 2:16

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2: 14

**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.



- ◆ Choose weekly or monthly donation
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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.



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 or contact Mary Weis at 732-939-0172.



Our Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is as follows:

(Vigil) Tuesday, December 31st at: 4:00PM & 7:00PM

Wednesday, January 1st at: 10:00AM



Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Fourth Week: The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, the father lights all four candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the second week.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Flowers. These are the people for whom we have been asked to pray:

Mary Venezia, Susan Gandevas, Concetta D'Amico, Ann Russo, Bakke & Meehan Families, Angela D'Amico, John & Eleanor Corti, Hatti & Ben Nebus, Tommy Nebus, Jack Corti, Anica Svorinic, Florence Cerritelli, Ruzica Bozicevic, "Christine", Emanuel Puglisi, Harold Turner, Theresa Turner, Rev. Charles & Norma Moore, Patricia & Gene Kelly, Jill Galante, Judy & Chuck Moore, Theresa Capitan, Sue Iacangelo, Elizabeth Capitan, Ana Guillermo, Jeso Guillermo, Rosa Sofia Guillermo, Alva Kelly, Randall Kelly, Verona Anderson, Beatrice Anderson, Duncan & Zipporah Wallen, Steve Marino, Rose Marino, Joseph Spoto, Anna Spoto, Saverio Camporeale, Maria Camporeale, Peter Cerreta, Sr., Denise Bartone, Christine D'Onofrio, Alfred DeDominicis, Helen DeDominicis, Paul & Elvira Izzo, Caroline Cagnini, Gennaro Izzo & Nicholas Izzo, Mario & Lena Dragotta, Nick Angiulo, Francene Angiulo, Mary & Tony Golio, Ray & Vincent Golio, Anthony & Mary Grifa, Sr., Jim & Irene Miller, Mircovich Family, Seymour Family, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Gomes, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnston, The Jakub Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Selvaggi, Elaine Nilsen, Jennie Beltempo, Iggy Beltempo, Vito Vanasco, Kay Vanasco, Sandra Campos, Carmen Campos, Rose Sainz, Steve Vazquez, Mr. Ernest Smoyak, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Angelucci II, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smoyak, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mayer, Catherine Rucci, Cranwell/Nunziata Families, Robert Pignatore, Edward Malecki, Veroica Malecki, Helyn Malecki, Ann Sanguetti, Mary Beth Haining, Janice Ciardiello, Jennie Ciardiello, James Ciardiello, Lucy Sisko, Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Mircovich, Mr. Domenico Mircovich, Jr., Mrs. Nicolina Morin, Agnes Guiff, Brian "Bubba" O'Reilly, Danny Bacsik, John Syzmal, Syzmal Family, Augustyniak Family, John R. Ball, Jr., Virginia A. Ball, Josephine Rizzo, Rolf Beyer, Nancy Ciano, Mary Thompson, Marie DeSantis, John DeSantis, John & Mildred Gilbert, Robert & Laura Camp, Michael & Dennis Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Jack Culbertson, Roberta & James Dahlkemper, Erica Dahlkemper Baughman, Dawn Marie Jones, Arlene Jones, Margretta Jones, Mary Eckert, Patsy & Marie Franzese, Catherine & John Acconzo, Edward Truax, Anne Marcuk, Katherine Redmond, Harry Redmond, Mary Dougherty, Warren Dougherty, Judith M. Bivona, Ann Munyer, George Munyer, Thomas Moroney, Joan Moroney, The Lenardo Family, The Martino Family, Michael Kurzeja, All Families of St. William the Abbot, Ernest Russo, Frances Crispiano, Vincent Maher, Jr., Rosemary Maher, Michael Maher, Virginia Morera, Jeanne Domenick, The Haberman Family, The Pagenkop Family, Mr. & Mrs. P. Valenza, Mr. & Mrs. J. Shomers III, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bizzard, Mr. & Mrs. John Ruane, John & Elizabeth Duffy, Eugene & Alice Cisek, The Murray Family, Ceferino Costales, Pacita Costales, Mercy Esmael, Robert Vover, John & Stella Jankowski, John & Claudette Pressey, John Cartiglia, Doris Healy, "Chickie" Healy, Billy Portera



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