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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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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)

ANONING 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 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

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 June 1, 2025**

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Number of weekly envelopes returned. . .138
 Envelope contributions. . . \$5,934.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$479.00
 Ascension. . . \$638.00
 Father's Day. . . \$915.00
 WeShare. . . \$667.00

Total. . . \$8,633.00

Figures for June 8, 2025 will appear in a 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.



We would like to extend our thanks to those who have already contributed to the '2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. To date, we have reached 72% of our goal of \$30,000.00. If you have not yet done so, please consider a donation today.

Weekly MASS Intentions

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

Saturday, June 14

9:00—Mark Graffeo
r/b Lou Mastro-emersen
4:00—Michael LaMagna
r/b Sulewski Family

Sunday, June 15 **Most Holy Trinity / Father's Day**

8:00—Sandra Campos
r/b Lenny Munyer
10:15—Simeon Bool
r/b Mata Family
11:45—People of the Parish

Monday, June 16

9:00—John Sproat
r/b Carol Sproat

Tuesday, June 17

9:00—Romana Noche
r/b St. William the Abbot

Wednesday, June 18

9:00—Ann Russo
r/b Joe & Mary Del Guercio
7:00—Darlene Peranzo
r/b Hassett Family

Thursday, June 19 **St. Romuald, Abbot**

9:00—Ann Russo
r/b Diane Gambino

Friday, June 20

9:00—Father Tom special intention
r/b Lenardo Family

Saturday, June 21 **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

9:00—Jennifer Drews
r/b Downey Family
4:00—Alfred DeMaio
r/b Sulewski Family

Sunday, June 22

8:00—Elizabeth Oswald
r/b Rose VanClef
10:15—People of the Parish
11:45—Florence M. Vreeland
r/b Artie & Vera Morsillo

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

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, Debbie Palmer, Gina Furci, Dr. Fiore, Lisa Brooks, Lauren Jarvis, Daniel Bivona, Alana Parisi, Nicholas Asterino, Nicholas Serzan, & 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: Proverbs 8: 22-31

Wisdom, personified as a woman, tells us she was present with God before the creation of the world, yet she is distinct from Him. Divine wisdom is uncreated but exemplified in creation.

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-5

Those persons who are justified are endowed with faith, whereby they have access to God's grace. They also have hope of future glory and true charity, by which they show the love of the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.

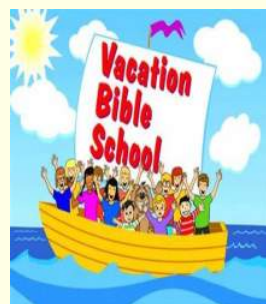
The Gospel: John 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit will lead believers to the fullness of the truth of the Gospel. He also gives us a share in the divine life and the authority of Christ.

FATHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE—These are the fathers we have been asked to pray for: Frank Haberjan, Gustaaf Haberjan, George Munyer, Thomas Moroney, Ralph Manzella, Al Bachurek, Cosmo Silvestri, John Morsillo, Alfred DeDominicis, Vincent Placanica, Peter Meduri, Thomas Placanica, Frank Abbruscato, Antonio Nunziata, John E. Cranwell, Albert Capitan, George Kristofer, Joseph Iacangelo, Andrew Chmielewski, John Duffy, Eugene Cisek, Anthony P. Grifa, Sr., James Miller, Vito Vanasco, Iggy Beltempo, Michael Ivanko, Jr., Thomas Casey, Tom Frangias, Joseph Pisciotta, Mr. Leo Bizzarrd, Mr. John Ruane, Ceferino Costales, Robert Jover, Frank Augustyniak, Joseph Szynal, Peter Cerreta, Sr., Frank Coluccio, Vincent Cerreta, John R. Bell, Jr., Jack Rucci, Kenneth Mayer, Kevin McCormick, John Jankowski, Frank Mikorski, Emanuel Puglisi, Harold Turner, Nick Angiulo, Frank Angiulo, Anthony Golio, Kayo Adams, Biagio Amato, Giovanni Mircovich, Jack Seymour, Saverio Camporeale, Peter Cerreta, Sr., Domenico Mircovich and spouse, Amb. Sime D. Hidalgo, Mr. Emilio Tapnio, Vincent Maher, Sr., Vincent Maher, Jr., John Meehan, Hans Bakke, Fathers in Parise & Cannavale Families, John Gilbert, Robert Camp, Maloney Family, Ernest M. Russo, Sr., Frank Hrabal, Patsy D. Franzese, Salvatore Scarlato, John DeSantis, Rolf Beyer, Jose Guillermo, Arsenio Guillermo, William E. Jones, William D. Jones, Lewis J. Jones, Michael Eckert, John Cartiglia, Thomas Nebus, John Corti, Randall Kelly, Duncan Wallen, Stephen L. DeFelice, Steve Marino, Joseph Spoto, John McGlynn, Richard Kerrigan, Armando Grisi, Harry Redmond, Warren Dougherty, Joseph Doti, Francis X. Rogers, Sr., Joseph Selvaggi, Rev. Charles Moore, Gene Kelly, William Aberer, Sr., Les Gates, Donald Goff, Charles Repasky, Louis Repasky, Robert Pignatore, Edward Malecki, James Ciardielli, Wallace Osborne, Harold Davis, Frank Campos, Vincent Sainz, Ralph Pizano, Tony DelGuercio, Anthony Steccato, John Untisz, Rev. Jim Redstone, **LIVING:** Robert & Louis Jakub, Michael Johnston, David H. Jones, Jr., Matt Bakke, Matthew Bakke, Matt Gerurich, Blasé A. & Blasé J. Cannavale, Peter Cerreto, Ian Miller, Tom Grifa, Sr., Anthony Grifa, Jr., Peter Gilbert, Billy Deputato, James Northrop, Jensen Family, Ernest M. Russo, Jr., Steve Devosa, Patsy Acconzo, Lewis Bivona, Michael Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Michael Thompson, Jr., Christopher Clark, Jeffrey Clark, Andrew Spampinato, Martino/Lenardo Families, Michael Untisz, Tom Nebus



St William the Abbot was a young boy of Paris who was taught by his good uncle, the Abbot Hugo. When it was time for him to decide what he should become, William prayed to God to help him make the right choice. Then, on his uncle's advice, he made up his mind to become a priest. Although William wanted only to do good to everyone, there were some who became his enemies. They were living bad lives, and every time they saw how kind and pure and devout William was, it made them realize how sinful they were. Instead of changing and following his good example, they tried to get rid of him. They even told the bishop lies so that he would not make William a priest. But the bishop knew what a holy man William really was and he paid no attention to the false accusations. Next his enemies tried to have the Saint sent away, but again God did not let their plan work. In the end, it was these evil men who were sent away - and by the Pope himself! St. William and three companions were asked to go to Denmark to convert sinners and pagans and make the Religious there more fervent. The Saint and his companions got a good start, but then everything began to go wrong. They could hardly stand the bitter cold weather and they were very, very poor. Besides that, they did not understand the language, and they had many enemies. Frightened, William's three friends gave up and went home to France. But the Saint remained. To show how pleased He was with St. William's trust in Him, Our Lord rewarded him with the conversion of all he had come to help. Then for thirty years the holy Abbot lived in peace and fervor with a great many good monks who imitated his virtues and love of God. When things get hard, let us not be quitters. God always helps those who turn to Him for help. Amen.



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!

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 or join us at our **next Parish Council meeting on June 23rd at 4pm in the Parish Hall.**

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



We would like to acknowledge our Youth Group, thanking them for generously donating \$300. which represents half of the profits from their recent bake sale. The money will be allocated to St. William the Abbot's grounds keeping efforts. This money will continue to help our church grounds look beautiful! God bless all of you.



- 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.



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.



2025 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Dates

Registration is now open!

Mercer / Burlington Counties

Sunday, October 5, 2025 (3PM)

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton

Monmouth / Ocean Counties

Sunday, October 19, 2025 (3PM)

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing is an annual Mass and reception to honor all couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversary. This event takes place on two Sundays in October, one at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton for couples in Mercer and Burlington County parishes, and the other at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for couples in Ocean and Monmouth County parishes. Participation in this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. Family and friends are encouraged to attend, but **pre-registration is required**. Couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church to participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing.

Contact: bab@dioceseoftrenton.org; Nicholas Petrillo: 609-403-7128; Belem Perez: 609-403-7133 General information page: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing or Parish-Only Page: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/anniversary-blessing-parish



Healing the Wounds of Abortion...

As we honor fathers in the month of June, it's a good time to share a message of hope and healing with men who have lost a son or daughter to abortion. The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. While rarely recognized by society, men are emotionally and spiritually wounded by their participation in an abortion decision. This ministry offers weekend healing programs for men and women. Participants later share the great blessing of bringing this wound to the mercy and healing of Christ and His Church, and the many personal, relational and family blessings that flow from this healing journey. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. Consider sharing a message of hope and healing this Father's Day for those men in your congregation wounded by abortion. For retreat information contact: Rachel's Vineyard Ministries at 610-354-0555 or email us at: mail@RachelsVineyard.org

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