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ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT
A Roman Catholic Church
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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Rev. Thomas Maher, Pastor
Rev. James Redstone, In Memoriam
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
(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.



***"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE"***

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.



Weekly for April 19, 2026

Number of registered families. . .1209
 Envelope contributions. . . \$4,855.00
 Loose contributions. . . \$506.00
 Easter. . . \$690.00
 WeShare. . . \$1,509.00

Total. . . \$7,559.00

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.



- ~ Choose weekly or monthly donation
- ~ Update desired offering any time
- ~ And, print your year-end statement in seconds—at any time!
- ~ 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 the parish website.

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

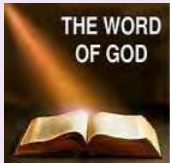
St. William is a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accepts donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist our parish. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

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. 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. Donation is \$50.



Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7 The selection of seven “good men” picked ultimately by the Holy Spirit but voted on by the community is a necessity brought about by the growth of the early Church. Their task would be to serve the material needs of the community. Meanwhile the Twelve will continue to serve the spiritual needs.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9 The author pictures the Church as a spiritual temple built by believers as living stones. They in turn are built upon Christ as the foundation Stone. They also become a chosen race and royal priesthood of the faithful.

The Gospel: John 14: 1-12 Jesus wants to protect His disciples from discouragement and despair at His death. He makes His claim as the sole Savior of the world and the one Mediator between men and God. As such He will grant whatever we ask.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

REGULAR REGISTRATION FOR THE '2026-'2027 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 May 5 4:30-6:00pm May 6 6:30-8:00pm

LATE REGISTRATION will be on:
 June 30 5:00-6:30pm July 1 6:30-8:30pm

Please contact Dawn Cappetto, SOR Director, at dawn.stwilliam@gmail.com with questions/concerns.

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.



ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT 40TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS NOW ON SALE IN NARTHEX! UNISEX SIZES M/W S-3X YOUTH SIZES S-XL

A Special Mothers Day Project

Beginning this weekend until 5/8, The Social Concerns Committee will again be creating beautiful floral arrangements for our dear Senior Women who are alone with no family in a nursing care facility. We have 60 women this year, double from last year. Please consider a monetary donation for all the supplies needed. Let's make this a special day for them. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. There is a box in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



MAY IS DEVOTED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 2 First Saturday / St. Athanasius, Bishop

9:00—*In reparation of the blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mary*

4:00—Fran Faviano
r/b Sulewski Family

Sunday, May 3

8:00—People of the Parish
10:15—Michael Catapano
r/b Linda & Joe Macaluso
11:45—Carol Prevosti
r/b Deacon George

Monday, May 4

9:00—Mary Puglisi
r/b Marlene & Ron Neal

Tuesday, May 5

9:00—Joseph & Anna Spoto
r/b Ted & Josephine Marino

Wednesday, May 6

9:00—John Burns
Rest in peace
7:00—Tristan Baluski
Rest in peace

Thursday, May 7

9:00—Joann Esposito
r/b Luann Clarkson

Friday, May 8

9:00—Robert "Bobby" Mattessich
r/b Cusack Family

Saturday, May 9

9:00—Mike Nucciarone special intention
r/b Debbie Miller
4:00—Emery Szabo
r/b Deacon Mike & Pat

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day

8:00—Sally Israel
r/b Maura & Chris Murphy
10:15—Mary Puglisi
r/b Lou & Terry De Toro
11:45—People of the Parish

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©PPC

Please bring health, healing, and hope to those who are sick in our community, especially: Steve Dzuby, Jonathon Capriotti, Emily Capriotti, Matthew Cerritelli, John Sproat, Jr., June Daquai, 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, Daniel Bivona, Alana Parisi, Nicholas Asterino, Nicholas Serzan, Kyle G. McMann, Michael Thompson, Anthony Grifa, Donna Calamia, Susan Grifa, Margaret Franks & Grace Santisi. Lord, 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 McEnaney—Coast Guard
- Mitchell McEnaney—Coast Guard
- Katie Austin Underhill—Army
- Jeremy Ramos—Air Force
- Eddie Roszkowski—Navy
- Aaron MacDonald—Marine
- Max Culbertson—Navy
- Eric Hertel—Navy
- Lauren Millerbernd—Marines
- Darlene Pabon—Army



Pray to your Guardian Angel every day:
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.

Confession restores our relationship with God and increases grace

Confession purifies and removes the burden and weight of sin from you

Confession strengthens and prepares you for spiritual combat

Confession takes away pride and helps you grow in humility and virtue

Confession makes you aware of your weakness and helps you achieve greater self-control

Confession prevents your sin from turning into bad habits and also helps you overcome bad habits



RESERVE THE DATE! OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026! GREAT FOOD AND FAMILY FUN. PLEASE JOIN US.



ATTENTION!!! Planning a party for Baptism? Birthday? Anniversary? Family Reunion? Baby Shower? Holy Communion? or ??? You may want to check out our remodeled Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to check availability.


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 Ages: 5 - 10
 Cost: \$40

Please sign up in the Parish Office!


MASS FOR CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY
JUNE 7, 2026 ~ 1:00PM
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 615 THIELE ROAD, BRICK, NJ 08724

This Mass is for Catholics who are in recovery from addictions such as alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, etc. as well as their family members and friends.

Our Celebrant: Fr. Mike Santangelo
 Guest Speaker: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF



For more information, please contact the parish office at 732-458-0220 or email kim@churchofepiphany.org



MARRIAGE UNCORKED

On Saturday, June 13th, we're inviting our "newlywed" couples, those married **5 years or less**, to join us for *Marriage Uncorked*. This event is taking place at **Crossing Vineyard**, just over the river in Pennsylvania, designed to help couples grow in love for their spouse and the vocation of marriage, while enjoying an afternoon at a vineyard sampling wine and food.

For more information or to register, please visit: the Diocese of Trenton website:
<https://DOTMarriageUncorked.eventbrite.com>

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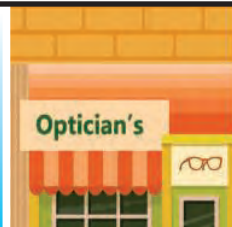
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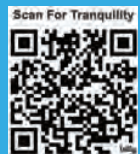
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