



18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, August 4, 2019

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Weekend Mass Times
Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Masses

Daily Mass Schedule 6:30 am - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:15 am - Tuesday, Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm

ABVM Adoration Chapel

No adoration on public holidays or snow days.

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Sacraments and Devotions

Baptism: Sundays at 1:30 pm in Church (bimonthly)

Matrimony: Engaged couples are asked to meet with the parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding and enroll in a marriage-prep program.

Reconciliation: (Church) Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (Church)

Bulletin: Submit articles by 8:00 am on Thursday for publication the following week. Submit to the Parish Office or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

Hearing Assist Devices are available for use at Mass. Please see an usher for details.

From the Pastor

DISUNITY IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL

In his second letter to them St. Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to exercise the virtue of forgiveness, and he offers forgiveness himself to those in the church who offended him, "so that we might not be taken advantage of by Satan, for we are not unaware of his purposes" (2 Cor 2:11). It is a dangerous thing to be unaware of the machinations of the devil, who seeks to tear a community apart. Likewise, St. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to make sure that anger does not lead them to sin, and to not allow the sun to set on their anger, for otherwise they would "leave room for the devil" (Eph 4:27). The devil will use unchecked human emotions for his own purposes, which includes sundering the people of God.

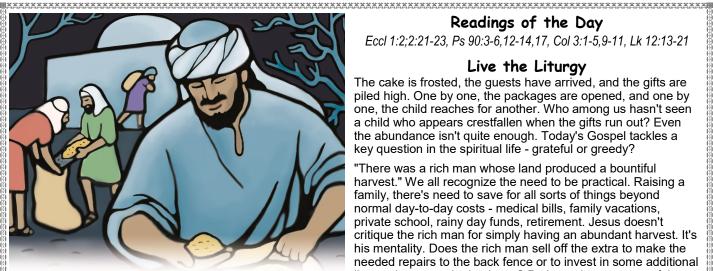
Last week I mentioned in my article the Great Schism which occurred in 1054 between the Church of the East and the West, which followed the ex-communications which the Pope of Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople (in modern-day Turkey) issued against each other. Anger over disagreements on the exercise of authority in the Church led to the scandal of formal division. This black mark on the Body of Christ was almost healed a few hundred years later by an agreement for union by the representatives of the East and West at the Ecumenical Council of Ferrara-Florence. Unfortunately, it was rejected by most of the monasteries of the East, which had enormous influence, and therefore was also rejected by most of the Christian faithful of the Byzantine Empire. The history is complicated, but the root cause for the failure of the reunion was sin in the leaders of both sides, especially the sins of pride, anger, unforgiveness and worldly ambition. They seemed to have little awareness or care for the purposes of the devil, leaving him plenty of room to inculcate division, for their ambition and attachments to things of the earth were more important to them.

I would argue that the other great division of Christianity, the Protestant Revolt of 1517 and following, was also largely the result of men who did not recognize, or were unrepentant, of their sins of pride, anger, unforgiveness and worldly ambition. Certainly, there were significant doctrinal disagreements, but they were amplified by the animosity between the pope and Martin Luther, as well as the animosity and discord among dukes and princes, and between them and ecclesiastical authorities. (It is said that Pope Leo X [1513-1521] was more interested in the hunt than in the happenings in Germany.) The ill will which mutual recriminations stirred assured the impossibility of reconciliation and productive theological discourse. Surely, the devil's hand was in it! He knew that the greatest damage he could do the cause of Christianity was to introduce division. Thus, from the very beginnings of the Church he attempted to sow division. We see this in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, when shortly after Pentecost Satan attempted to divide the apostles and the people between those who insisted that all Christians must follow the precepts of the ancient Jewish Law, and those who believed that the ritual laws no longer applied. It was the apostles' and people's assent to the definitive judgment of St. Peter that prevented a schism (see Acts 11).

In his high priestly prayer before his arrest and trial Jesus prayed not only for the apostles but for all who would believe in him through their testimony. He prayed "that they may all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me" (Jn 17:21-23). Unity among believers in Christ is important because God is a unity – better said, God is a communion of three divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are united in an eternal bond of love.

According to St. Augustine, the Latin word *communionem* has its origin in *com*, meaning "with, together" and *unus*, meaning "oneness, union." Communion with one another is a fundamental mark of the Christian people. The purpose of the Son of God's Incarnation was that men and women might in him be brought into communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Through their communion with the Holy Trinity human beings are also brought into communion with one another. When communion is weakened or broken, the entire Church suffers, and so does her mission. For this reason, since the time of the Protestant Revolt, the nations of the West have progressively moved away from God. The disunity of those who profess faith in Christ seriously diminished the dynamism of the faith and hindered the Church's witness to the gospel. Those who split from the Catholic Church soon formally separated again and again from each other, for they no longer had a locus for unity in the Pope of Rome.

As we lament the sad disunity among believers in Christ, let us pray that we may all be one day united in common faith and worship. Let us also take up the challenge to work towards unity at the local level, with other Christian bodies, and also within our parish, which as a community of Catholic faithful is the stable presence of the Catholic Church in our area. Let us ask God to grow us in the virtues of humility, love, magnanimity and peacefulness so that we may strengthen our communion with God and one another, and be more effective witnesses to the gospel of Christ.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." Lk 12:20-21

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Readings of the Day

Eccl 1:2;2:21-23, Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17, Col 3:1-5,9-11, Lk 12:13-21

Live the Liturgy

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

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Please remember to pray for those in need of hope and healing.

Nellie McGinnis, Terry O'Connell, Ed & Carol Painter, Philip Caruso, Msgr. John Graf, Ryan Coyle, Fred & Betty Anne Silva, Tippi Carlino, Tommy Lake, Gert & John Lincoln, Linda & Gene Glomb, Bob Lauer, Phil Budzynski, Santi Ceccotti, Pat Mannion, Joan O'Neill, Scott Cook, G. Furniss, Jennifer Donnelly, Suzann Jaagus, Christopher Busby, Diane Morgan Quigley, Pattie Perry, Deborah Ann Scott, Dora Vito, Domenico Ruffini, Carson Coyle, Mary Jo Tate, Nick Gosline, Bill Sauerwine, Bryce Porter, Debbie Robinson, Frankie Knowles, Bruce Barclay, Lorelai Gilbert, Jennifer Keller, Dana & Charles Mitchell, Linda Carango, Matthew, Chayse & Jack Rusnak, Marie O'Donnell, Linda LeNoir, Richard Brimes, Bobby Kane, Anne Pell, Tom & Jane Littleton, Barry Hill, Judith Hasson, Devon Bartholf, Luke Ramowski, Margo Passehl, Visitation Prayer Intentions

Public Prayer Request		
Name:		
Requester/Phone:		
Requests will be printed in the bulletin for one month and prayers for six months. You may renew as often as you wish.	mil	itary

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



- **♦SGT James Francis**
- ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso
- **♦SGT Andrew Wolfe**
- **♦**SSGT James McWilliams
- **♦**AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB
- **♦SPC Thomas Wolfe**
- **♦**SGM Nicolas Relacion
- ◆CPL Charles Morgan Griffith ◆1st ID HHBN & Coalition



- **♦SSGT Michael Kauffman**
- ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg
- ♦AB Brandon Narkin & FLT 601/602 Lackland AFB
- ♦2 LT Niccolo Iacovelli
- ♦Cadet Jacqueline Brattan
- ◆PFC Daniel Engberg
- **♦LT Connor Dunleavy**

Military Plague to honor those who are currently serving in the U.S. Military is on display in the Church Vestibule. If you would like to have your loved one's picture displayed, please send a photo of your active duty military person, in uniform, with their name, rank, and your contact information. Contact Dave Besselman at 484-667-0267 or dbesselman1@gmail.com.

Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

> Edith Haney Derek Stem

Parish Finances

Collection Month of July 2019

Includes \$19,018 E-Giving for July 30% Participation

Avg. Weekly Collection 2019/2020 Estimated Wkly Expenses 2019/20

ses 2019/20 **\$13,855**

\$63,413

\$12,758

Thank you for your continued support!

Our 2019-2020 fiscal year budget has been adjusted to reflect recent historical income numbers. This fiscal year our income goal is \$722,000 for the Offertory collection. Our beloved church with the associated facilities is approaching 18 years old. As in your home, maintenance costs and operating costs need to be addressed. You have demonstrated your generosity to enable us to fulfill our fiscal responsibilities. Please continue to be as generous as you can.

Parish Appeal Update

The 2019 Annual Parish Appeal is doing well. Our goal is \$150,000. In the first nine months of the 2019 Appeal 297 families have committed more than \$138,750 of which \$125,086 has been received. The Appeal is supporting continuing operations of the Parish and will enable us to fund one necessary project. This is to establish an emergency fund for unbudgeted, major expenses for the church; e.g., the ultimate replacement of the church roof. The initial contribution to this emergency fund will be one-third of the moneys collected in the 2019 Parish Appeal. Please complete the Intention Card you received in your letter from Father Scott and place it in the envelope in the collection basket or mail the envelope to the Parish Office. You may also use the Parish Appeal envelope from your packet of envelopes to make your donation. The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity.

Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 14th ABVM Adoration Chapel ~ 6:30 PM

For the Conversion and Protection of Our Nation

Our Parish is praying a **Patriotic Rosary Novena** for our country on the second Wednesday of each month for nine consecutive months (January 9-September 11, 2019) at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN ~ GOD BLESS AMERICA

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, After Morning Mass until 7 pm

What Does it Mean to be a Regular Adorer? Perhaps you are thinking about committing to an hour of Adoration but are worried about the commitment. Adoration is your personal time to talk to the Lord and so much more. If something comes up and you can't go at that time, consider...... If two people are scheduled for each hour of the week, when something comes up, the other person is there to stay with Jesus. If you can't make it, you can ask a friend or family member to go (share the blessings) or simply tell us ...no worries. The commitment is not one that must last. Life happens. If your time no longer works, just let us know. Once you become a regular adorer, you will find it hard not to set aside that time in your week. The outpouring of peace, love, and renewal after one hour with the Lord is one you won't want to miss. For more information or to sign up for a weekly hour, contact Mary Wharton, hartown@verizon.net. Our Summer Adoration Needs are <u>Tuesdays at 1 pm and 2 pm and Fridays at 3 pm</u>.

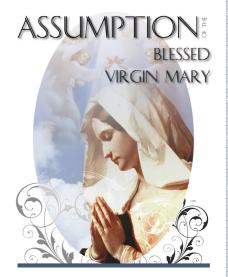
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary FEAST DAY

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15, 2019

6:30 am Mass10:00 am Mass7:00 pm Mass

Give thanks to God on our Parish Feast Day!



ABVM News

ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL



Abigail Redden

I am very thankful for the academic opportunities that Assumption BVM School has given me. This year I was inducted into National Junior Honor Society at Bishop Shanahan High School. This was a big deal for me and I know I wouldn't be able to accomplish that without all the amazing teachers I've had. I have earned honors every trimester during my years in Middle School and been an Honors Math student since fourth grade. I feel that the academic opportunities presented to me at Assumption have prepared me very well for high school.

Abigail Redden will be attending Bishop Shanahan High School in the fall.



Olivia Slamon

My academic experience has been successful since I have been at Assumption BVM School. I'm glad I had the opportunity to have been taught by these hardworking teachers. With their help I have been able to stay in the Honors Math program since fourth grade and have achieved Honor Roll almost every trimester. The teachers have always been willing to stay after school or give up a lunch period just so their students can fully understand the topic.

Olivia Slamon will be attending Avon Grove High School in the fall.



Michael Vallorani

The teachers at Assumption BVM School are very dedicated to helping their students succeed. I will always remember doing our Public Service Announcement video for Mrs. Moroz's ELA class. For this project, my group focused on how music can help people perform better physically like in sports or lifting weights.

Michael Vallorani will be attending Salesianum School in the fall.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ABVM SCHOOL: Assumption BVM School is Middle States Accredited with a long tradition of educating students since 1922. Our students achieve standardized test scores higher than **local and national** average. Free busing from Avon Grove, Kennett, Unionville/Chadds Ford, Oxford and Octorara is available. Both half and full day PreK is offered as well as full day Kindergarten. Classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards, Apple TVs, and iPads. Students in Grade 5-8 have 1:1 technology. Honors Math, Resource Room, Art, Music, P.E., Spanish, Technology, and Library are offered during the school day. After school activities include Choir, Art Club, Science Explorers, Soccer Shots, Karate Lessons, Cooking Club, CYO sports, Student Government, and Community Service Club. Contact Kristen Sullivan at the school at development@abvmschoolwg.us to schedule a tour today!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Opening Days for Religious Education are:
Tuesday, September 10th from 4:40 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday, September 11th from 4:40 pm - 6 pm
Sunday, September 15th from 11:10 am - 12:30 pm

<u>Confirmation Prep Class Begins:</u> Thursday, September 5th, 6:30 pm

Catechist & Aide Meeting:

On Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm, we will have our Catechist & Aide Meeting in the Parish Life Center (Church lower level) to prepare for the Religious Education Program for the 2019-20 Year. RSVP to Teresa Leszczynski, Coordinator, at abvmfaithformation@gmail.com. At this important meeting you will receive materials/syllabus and additional procedural information.

Re-Registration for the 2019-20 Religious Education

If you have not yet re-registered for the 2019-20 year, please visit assumptionbymwestgrove.org and click on the Catholic Youth Faith Formation tab. We are offering online payment for classes. We request that the printout of the Receipt from this payment be stapled to the Registration Form. Both documents must be received *simultaneously* in the Religious Education Office for Re-Registration to be complete. **New Families** are asked to contact the Director of Religious Education, Teresa Leszczynski, at 610-869-8575 or email abvmfaithformation@gmail.com, so you can be welcomed and have your questions addressed! If interested in volunteering for the program, please contact Teresa Leszczynski.

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ABVM Fall Sports

REGISTER NOW!



Fall Sports at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish include the following:

Cheerleading: Grades 4 thru 8 **Volleyball**: Grades 5 thru 8 Cross Country: Grades I thru 8

The registration fee is \$85 per child. CYO Fall Sports are open to all children who are registered in the ABVM Parish, or, if out of parish, attend the ABVM Parish School.

Parents – We have moved registration from WaqDoqs to Sports Sign-Up. You will need to create an account and add your children at: http://assumptionbymwestgrove.website.sportssignup.com/

Once you create an account and sign up you will **need to pay on-line to finish the registration.** This is the only way to register for CYO sports. Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 18th.

Football: 5th-8th grade boys are invited to play football through St. Max's Parish in West Chester. Please contact Neil O'Donnell @ cyo@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org for additional information.

Spiritual and Physical Health Transformation Series

Interested in strengthening your faith and health? Please consider attending our monthly faith and health educational seminar on Wednesday 8/21/19 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The seminar will be held in the ABVM Parish Life Center (300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390) This month's topic is:

Defeating Diabetes:

A No-Nonsense Approach to Type 2 Diabetes and the Diabesity Epidemic

Part 1: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

- Presented by: Deacon Tom Hannan & Sharon Hannan

Part 2: Defeating Diabetes - A No-Nonsense Approach to Type 2 Diabetes and the Diabesity Epidemic

- Presented by Steve Bowman Questions: Contact Steve Bowman - 302-584-7531: stevebowman71@hotmail.com





Tuesdays: September 24, 2019 through April, 2020 Lower Level – ABVM Church

You may choose either a morning session at 9 am or an evening session at 7 pm.

Themes:

"Opening Your Heart" for first time participants and "Touching the Divine" for 2nd year participants.

For information or for a registration form, please contact Joan Patrick at joanpatrick122@gmail.com or call 610-999-2216. There is a \$15 fee for the year.

www.walkingwithpurpose.com



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Fall, the RCIA program will be offered here at Assumption BVM.

Deacon Ron Lewis will be conducting the instruction and would love to see a crowd of inquirers. If you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or someone who was baptized as a child but has not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist, have them contact Deacon Ron by phone or e-mail. It is anticipated that the program will begin in mid-September and, God willing, will culminate on the Easter Vigil next year with the welcoming of several new Catholics to our Parish! Specifics regarding the schedule for instruction will be published later this summer. So, get the word out! It may result in the greatest journey someone you know will take... the journey to our Catholic Faith in Jesus Christ. Contact Deacon Ron Lewis at 302-547-8586 or email wineguy54@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL OUTREACE

Local Announcements

Rosary for Life (8/4-8/10/2019)

Sunday: J. DeMichiel
Monday: D. Harrison
Tuesday: C. Sedlak
Tuesday: C. Sedlak
Tuesday: C. Humkey

Wednesday: S. Tobin

Sign-up for the Rosary for Life in the Church vestibule.

- *Pregnant? Call 1-800-CARE-002; 610-436-0773.
- *Birthright: 610-436-0773.
- *HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org; RachelsVineyard.org or call 610-354-0555.
- *Al-Anon meeting will be held every Monday at 7:30 pm in the ABVM Church. (https://al-anon.org)
- *Annulment Proceeding: Call the Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (215) 587-3750.
- *Aid for Friends Cooks: Filled, frozen meal trays can be taken to the freezer in the lower level of the Main Church. If you would like to *prepare meals* or be an *AFF volunteer driver*, contact Ann Barr at 610-869-8559.
- *Lions Club Hospital Equipment Loan Program: Contact Bob Yeatman at 484-883-0515; www.aglions.com.
- *Courage: Courage ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. A weekly peer support group is offered to homosexual men and women who wish to live according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Call 215-587-4505. Confidentiality assured
- *Disabilities & Autism Help-Line: Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.
- *Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group: Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC)

August 7th: (SS. Simon & Jude, West Chester, 7:30 pm) Join CY-ACC for a Holy Hour with music and night prayer. Access to the chapel is at the right side of the main Church. You are welcome to join us for fellowship afterwards.



<u>August 14th</u>: (SS. Peter & Paul, West Chester, 7:15 pm) Join CYACC as we welcome speaker John Kinuthia who will help us understand how we can discern God's will in our lives and how this purpose influences everything we do.

<u>August 21st</u>: (Mini Golf and Rita's) Join CYACC at 6:30pm for mini golfing at Tee It Up Golf (21 Hagerty Blvd, West Chester, PA 19382). After showing our prowess on the course, we'll finish the evening at Rita's Water Ice (323 E Gay St, West Chester, PA 19380).

For more information check <u>www.cyacc.org</u> or find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com



Safe Environment Clearances are needed prior to volunteering for School, CYFF, CYO Sports, and anything that involves children.

The safety of our children is a priority at Assumption BVM Parish. Offering your time and talents is invaluable and we are so grateful for your help. Thank you for taking the time to complete all the required clearances. A list of clearances needed can be found on our parish website at: www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org, select Resources, then select Safe Environment Clearances. Once clearances and training are completed, certificates and forms need to be given to the Parish Office. For questions, contact the Parish Office at 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net. Volunteers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required to complete a one-time class as part of the process of obtaining their clearances. Safe Environment Virtus Training will be held on Monday, August 26th, 6:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Oxford. To register or view other class options, visit www.virtus.org.

Respect Life Bulletin Briefs

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined



to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." - Pope Francis, "Day for Life Greeting." © 2013



HAPPENING SOON

The next Knights meeting will be on Thursday, August 22nd, 6 pm, ABVM Parish Life Center.

Atlantic City Bus Trip September 8

Call Ray Bunjo at 610-869-9336.

Dinner & Bingo

Thursday, September 5th
6 pm Dinner & 6:30 pm Bingo
ABVM Parish Center

For membership information, contact Ron Calloway at (610) 467-0731 or ricalloway99@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday, October 5th

Assumption BVM Parish Center

290 State Road, West Grove, PA 6:00 pm—10:30 pm

Entertainment provided by:
Alpenlaenders German Band & Dance Group



"THE GIFT" (A Life in the Spirit DVD Course)

SACRED HEART CHURCH, OXFORD, PA

Friday night, August 16, 7 PM to 9 PM Saturday, August 17, 8:30 AM to 3 PM (Talks begin promptly at 9:00 AM)

PRE-REGISTRATION by August 9

is appreciated since a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact Jean Gottel at 610-507-2486 or gotbean77@yahoo.com.



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

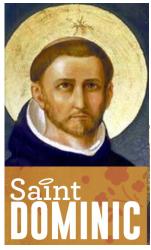
7:30 AM—2:30 PM 300 State Road, West Grove RAIN OR SHINE

Registration:

\$15 each space for payments received by September 6th. Registrations after September 6th are \$20 each.

A limited number of 12' tables are available to rent at \$5.00 each. Spaces are approximately 12' x 12'. The event will be held indoors unless you request to be outdoors. For questions, call Terry at (610) 304-5845. To obtain a registration form, visit www.AssumptionBVMWestGrove.org and click on "Hidden Treasures Yard Sale". Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

SAINTS THIS WEEK



St. Dominic, Priest

On August 8th, we celebrate a burning heart and a radical life! Dominic Guzman was born in 1170 to a Spanish noble family. From a young age, Dominic had a sense of Gospel values. A famine struck the country when Dominic was a university student. He sold his clothes, his furniture, and even his manuscripts to buy food for the poor. Dominic also attempted (twice!) to sell himself into slavery as barter for the freedom of others. He became a monk and was commissioned by the Pope to preach throughout southern France, where false Christian teachings had taken root. He founded a house for authentic Catholic education, which would become the first location of his new order - the Order of Preachers, now known by the title Dominicans. Dominic and his followers traveled throughout Europe preaching, teaching, and calling people back to a life of conversion, prayer, and virtue. St. Dominic, pray for us!



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr

On August 9th, we commemorate a powerful Jewish convert. Edith Stein was born in Breslau, Germany in 1891 of Jewish parents. She studied philosophy under Husserl, the leading phenomenologist of the day. Inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she was baptized on January 1, 1922. She taught in various schools from 1923 to 1933 until she was forced to resign due to anti-Semitic legislation. In 1933, she entered the Discalced Carmelite convent in Cologne where she received the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. At the end of 1939, she moved to the convent at Echt, Holland, on account of the Nazi persecution of Jews, but in 1942, during the German occupation of Holland, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and killed (August 9) at the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. Along with Catherine of Siena, and St. Bridget of Sweden, she was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II.



TRANSFIGURATION PRAYER

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that I, beholding in faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear my cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- The Book of Common Prayer



Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) can help you and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. Our next program is August 9-11, 2019 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For information or to register, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Retrouvaille is a LIFELINE for marriages...



September 21st

Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA

Eight-time Grammy Nominee, Matt Maher, will headline this year's AbbeyFest! Enjoy a wonderful one-of-a-kind local experience celebrating faith, music, and witness!

www.theabbeyfest.com.

Fourth Annual PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

September 14/15, 2019
St. Bede Church, Holland, PA
Events include Mass, Veneration of Padre Pio Relics, Healing
Service, live entertainment,
food tents, games, bingo and
more. Call 215-357-5720 or
padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.



- *CORONATION OF THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA (Sunday, August 25, 2019, 12:30 pm, Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown, PA) Join us for the Coronation prayer and crowning. Visit www.czestochowa.us.
- *24 HOUR WOMEN'S RETREAT (September 6/7, 2019, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Kathleen Beckman will be speaking on Woman: God's Special Weapon against Evil; Intercessory Prayer and Putting on the Armor of God! Register at 610-644-0400 or malvernretreat.com.
- *REMAIN IN MY LOVE (September 15, 2019, 2-4:30 pm, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia) National Catholic speakers will present the splendor of Christ's teachings on the dignity of marriage and Christian family life. This mini-conference is free. Visit archphila.org/remain2019/.
- *PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD CONFERENCE (September 18/19, 2019, The Star Barn Village, Elizabethtown, PA) Learn how to protect yourself and those you love by *Putting on the Armor of God*. Speakers include Msgr. John Esseff, Sr. Cor Immaculatum, IHM, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Damon & Melanie Owens, Devin Schadt & Brian Gail. Enjoy workshops, Mass, Adoration, Music and ranch activities including horseback rides and wagon rides. Cost: \$70 one day, \$125 both days. Visit https://stewardshipmission.org/2019-fall-conference/.
- *ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE (October 5, 2019, Clarion Hotel, Essington, PA, 9 am-8:30 pm) Visit phillyspirit.com.
- *BONNER PRENDIE CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION (October 4, 2019) Visit Facebook "BonnerPrendie1969" or bonnerprendie1969@gmail.com.
- *REBOOT LIVE! (October 10, 2019, 7-9:30 pm, Archbishop Carroll High School, Radnor, PA) Featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author and TV host Chris Stefanick, REBOOT! is the fun and inspiring experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage and parenting, health and more (ages 12 and up)! For tickets, visit reallifecatholic.com.
- *RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILTIES (October 8-10, 2019, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) This retreat is geared for adults with intellectual, physical or emotional disabilities. Theme: *We All Belong*. Register at OLCRetreat@gmail.com or call Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.
- *COLLEGE FAIR (October 22, 2019, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA) All area students and parents are invited to attend the 14th Annual College Fair. Over 200 colleges will be represented.
- *CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (October 26, 2019, 9 am-4:30 pm, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) Join over 1,300 Catholic women for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer. Visit catholic womens conference.org.

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Save the Date:

Assumption BVM Parish will be hosting Family Promise the week of September 1-8, 2019.

We will be holding a TRAINING Session for NEW volunteers on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center (Church lower level). Volunteers need to have up-to-date clearances. Please contact Donna Brumbaugh at the Parish Office for details at DonnaABVM@comcast.net or visit our parish website (assumptionbymwestgrove.org) for a list of the Safe Environment requirements. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Sharon Hannan, at seahannan@aol.com or call 484-678-2142.



Family Promise of Southern Chester County helps families who are experiencing homelessness in our community to achieve sustainable independence.

Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group



The Flame of Love is being lit at ABVM!

Meetings: Every Thursday, from 6 pm to 7 pm The mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

FOL Rosary: Every Tuesday & Friday, 7:30 am

ABVM Adoration Chapel ~ Please join us!

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THOSE OVER 70 1/2 WITH AN IRA

When you paid your 2018 Federal Income Tax were you able to itemize your deductions? **No!** Did you have charitable expenses which you were unable to deduct? **Yes!** Did you know an individual 70½ years old or older may make a charitable contribution from the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA and reduce their taxable income **without itemizing**? Take advantage of the tax laws in 2019. Talk to your financial adviser, your plan administrator or your tax accountant. Some of your fellow parishioners are using this part of the federal tax law.

Remember: Individuals and eligible spouses can make an IRA charitable rollover (up to \$100,000) to ABVM Parish and not have that transfer count towards their taxable income in the year that they made the charitable gift. Charitable rollover amounts will count toward your required minimum distribution. By avoiding the recognition of taxable income, you may also have less of your Social Security income subject to income tax.



Football Mania Begins September 5th

Tickets for our annual Football Mania fundraiser have been mailed out to all parishioners. This is a 17 week game based on the NFL season. Whether or not you're a sports fan, this is a great opportunity to win a prize without really trying. No knowledge of football needed! All winners will be notified by mail. If you can sell additional tickets to family and friends, we would be very grateful. Additional tickets can be found in the vestibule or you can contact the Parish Office. Make checks payable to *Assumption BVM*. Cost: \$25 per ticket. Please send in your ticket stubs and money by August 26th. Thank you!

FORMED

FORMED.ORG offers faith formation in an engaging style with the best Catholic teachers, authors and speakers on demand 24/7. From prayer and formation to family and children's movies, you can find it! FORMED has it all in one place. To register, go to FORMED.ORG and join for free by entering our parish code: MC8NYZ. You are now ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED. Don't wait! Do it to-day!

ADORATION CANDLES

Don't forget that you can have an Adoration Candle burned on the Altar in *memory of a*



your loved one or for your special prayer intentions. You can pick up a Candle Intention Card at the Parish Office weekdays, 8 am-4 pm. Cost: \$10. Four Adoration Candles (in gold globes) are burned on the Adoration Chapel Altar each week (Monday-Friday).

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Daniel Stunkard, requested by Joe and Denise Nash

Reader 1/Reader 2: Mary Ann Schill

<u>Deacon</u>: Deacon Lewis, <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>: , Lisa Goldstein, Charlie Humkey, Jim Kirwin, Shawn Murphy, Joan Patrick <u>Altar Servers</u>: Madeline Flores, Kiki & Nicolette Murphy

Music: Lynne Morse, Michael Xavier Lundy

Sacristan: Ray Bunjo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

8:00 am Mass - Alice Young, requested by Rose Adams and Family

Reader 1/Reader 2: Debera Buoni, Neil Coyne

<u>Deacon</u>: No Deacon, <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>: Bruce Michalski (A), Linda Lanciano (B), Donna Lauletta (C), Ann Barr (LH), Bob

<u>Altar Servers</u>: Heidi Stumpf, Liam & Tommy Wilson Music: Ann Wengloski, Michael Xavier Lundy

Sacristan: Fred Buoni

10:00 am Mass - Michael Ungrady, requested by Veronica Faroni

Reader 1/Reader 2: Tom Harrison, Stephanie Grygiel
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: Tom Powell
(D), Ruder Schill (E), Dennis Shannon (TP), Nancy Paproth (JPP),
Mary Wharton (JPR), Kathy Corkadel (PENN)

Altar Servers: Rafe Hamilton, Hayden Nunan, Conner Opdenaker

Music: Anthem

Sacristan: Steve Gempp

12:00 pm Mass - Rose Bernecker, requested by Teresa Leszczynski and Family

Reader 1/Reader 2: Jackie Battinieri, Kathleen Hamill-Clark Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: James Fredericksdorf, Sharon Hannan, 1 Extraordinary Minister to be determined

Altar Servers: Isabella Atwood, AJ Gourgoulis, Michael

Stemerman

Music: Alexandra Laub, Michael Xavier Lundy

Sacristan: Jeff Lyons

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

6:30 am Mass - People of the Parish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019

8:15 am Mass - Suzanne Burke, requested by Pat Waggoner

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019

6:30 am Mass - Pat Pyne, requested by His Son, Gary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

6:30 am Mass - Healing of Michael Prosperi, requested by His Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

8:15 am Mass - Arthur and Rosalind Sterling, requested by Joe Bunting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Daniel Haggerty, requested by His Wife and Family

Reader 1/Reader 2: Sarah & Helen Leinhauser

<u>Deacon</u>: Deacon Hannan, <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>: Sharon Hannan, Charlie Humkey, Donna Lauletta, 2 Extraordinary

Ministers to be determined

Altar Servers: Declan & Nolan Sullivan, Madelynn Welch

Music: Anthem Sacristan: Fred Buoni

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

8:00 am Mass - Alice Young, requested by Michael and Karen Malchione and Family

Reader 1/Reader 2: Neil Coyne, Mary Ann Schill

<u>Deacon</u>: Deacon Hannan, <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>: Ruder Schill (A), Bruce Michalski (B), James Kirwin (C), Ann Barr (LH) <u>Altar Servers</u>: William & Alex Gorman, Annie Strehlau

Music: Alexandra Laub, Michael Xavier Lundy

Sacristan: Ray Bunjo

10:00 am Mass - Raymond McGovern, requested by Junior and Mary Lou Fieni

Reader 1/Reader 2: Isabella & Adriana Pfaff
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Linda
Lanciano (D), Kathy Corkadel (E), Nancy Paproth (TP), Mary
Wharton (JPP), Stephanie Tobin (JPR), Shawn Murphy
(PENN)

<u>Àltar Sérvers</u>: Hannah Char, Hayden Nunan, Connor

Opdenaker

<u>Music</u>: Gwen Kull, Michael Xavier Lundy <u>Sacristan</u>: Sacristan to be determined

12:00 pm Mass - Anthony Fortunato, requested by The McHale Family

Reader 1/Reader 2: Jackie Battinieri, Steve Liberatore Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Cindy Sciotto,

2 Extraordinary Ministers to be determined

Altar Servers: Charlotte Munger, Kimberli & Neil O'Donnell

Music: Gwen Kull. Michael Xavier Lundv

Sacristan: Jeff Lyons

Weekly Mass Intentions are available at the ABVM Parish Office, weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm. The 2020 Mass Book is open for your special intentions.

Are you new to the Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!! You can register every weekend after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass and after the 10 am Mass. See a Parish Representative at the Registration Desk in the Adoration Chapel. Families may also schedule a baptism for their child.

