

# ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,  
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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## Holy Family Sunday Sunday, December 29, 2019

### Church and Parish Office:

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm  
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Facebook: *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA*  
Twitter: *@ABVM\_WestGrove*

### 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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*Pastor Emeritus*..... Rev. Msgr. John Graf

*In Residence* ..... Rev. Msgr. Frank Depman

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Deacon Ronald Lewis

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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](mailto:DonnaABVM@comcast.net).

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



## LET US LISTEN TO OUR BETTER ANGELS

*"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."* – Abraham Lincoln, First Inaugural Address, given on March 4, 1861

Believe it or not, there was a time when our country was more divided than it is now. Lincoln's eloquent assurances in his first inaugural address as the sixteenth President of the United States were not enough to avoid a devastating Civil War. At least the politicians today are not calling men to arms, but some of them are unfortunately encouraging their supporters to act in ways that are uncivil. We should expect better of our leaders, but they are a reflection of the moral character of our society today.

We no longer require decency in manners even from the highest office in the land, or honesty and consistency among the members of Congress. News media present reports which they know are false or misleading. Perhaps this dishonesty and lack of decency is tolerated because the population as a whole does not abide by higher standards in their own conduct and conversation. When people disagree with us we too often make them our enemy. If they agree with us we excuse any egregious faults. We sully our opponents' motives and refuse to consider other points of view. When we are insulted we strike back with the same vitriol, and feel justified for it.

The lack of decorum in public is a sad reality which arguably is paralyzing much of the work of government. Worse yet, this prevalence of intolerance and failure to speak amicably is even affecting American families. Many families today are being torn apart by the inability of the members to respect each other's points of view on politics, religion, or lifestyle. They have trouble moving past differences or perceived hurts to allow their common heritage and memories to hold them together.

How do we save the situation, in the body politic and in the family? One way is by trying to see the other side. Recognizing the validity of certain points made by the opposition, or at least their sincerity, does not compromise our integrity. And even if I don't believe that they are sincere, I should not bow to their level by insulting them. Surely, on some issues there is an objective right and wrong, for instance, in regard to slavery and abortion. But even if I know that I am right, I should not be so intellectually lazy as to refuse to consider an argument contrary to mine. If we try to understand why someone believes the way they do we will be able to speak more congenially with them.

A willingness to engage a counter-argument does not reveal weakness or lack of conviction. It reveals sincerity and confidence. If we do not have the confidence to consider the other side, we ought to ask ourselves why. Maybe we need to make a better effort to understand why we believe what we believe. Truth has no need to fear falsehood. Consideration of other points of view can help me to solidify my own convictions and base them on more solid foundations. It can expose false supports for a correct foundational belief or enlighten me to a truth to which I was heretofore blind. For example, if I had not considered the other side I would never have become Catholic. My initial exploration of Catholicism was for the purpose of understanding, not for conversion. The truth, however, is compelling when it meets someone who is open to it. It was painful to admit that some of what I believed was not true. I found that the truth can hurt, but that it also heals, and embracing it is never bad.

We can contribute to a more civil and respectful atmosphere in our society and our families by remembering that personal conviction does not exempt us from the moral obligation to respect others. As a follower of Christ, I am not allowed to judge or condemn my neighbor, even if he or she promotes something which I know to be contrary to God's law. I am always obligated to speak the truth in love, and never return evil for evil. The sun must not go down on my anger. Jesus told me to turn the other cheek. I must avoid calumny and protect the reputation of others. I must also seek the truth in all things, and try to see beyond my personal prejudices, ideologies and cultural conditioning.

Christians have an opportunity today to stand out as those who hold strong convictions but know how to speak and act with charity. Our goal is not to look good or to win an argument but to humbly serve the truth. Moreover, our strongest convictions and our greatest desires should focus not on politics but on the gospel. We may or may not be right in our political convictions. We are right to believe in the gospel. In our interaction with others our overriding goal should be to help them know that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.

# HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

December 29, 2019



**W**hen Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. — Mt 2:19-21

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## Readings of the Day

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Psalm 128:1-5,  
Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Families can be challenging. As much as they can be places of love, growth, and life, they can also be places of hurt, conflict, and despair. What has been your experience of family? There is no way around it: being human requires family life. We have to learn how to celebrate and embrace as well as forgive and understand. Virtue is required. St. Paul asks us to "put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." We are asked to bear with one another and forgive one another. These are tall orders for anyone, but they are not impossible achievements. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, St. Paul's vision is obtainable. Our families can take on a sacramental character and become places where God's love is revealed.



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

RuthAnn Donahue, Ed & Carol Painter, Jan Nigro, Eileen Myrtetus, Dawn Marley, Louann & Daniel Armstrong, Linda Miller, Paula Bryan, John S., Jesse Clement, Eileen Byrne, Nancy Furniss, Lauren G., Joyce Dorazio, Judith Hasson, William Haid, Christian Workman, Dorothy Verna, Fabiola Matalonis, Norman Ginsburg, Nellie McGinnis, Terry O'Connell, Philip Caruso, Msgr. John Graf, Ryan Coyle, Betty Anne Silva, Tippi Carlino, Tommy Lake, Gert & John Lincoln, Linda & Gene Glomb, Phil Budzynski, Santi Ceccotti, Pat Mannion, Joan O'Neill, Scott Cook, Jennifer Donnelly, Christopher Busby, Diane Morgan Quigley, Pattie Perry, Deborah Ann Scott, 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, Visitation Prayer Intentions

## 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.

**Martha Kramer  
Domenic DiMarco**

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



**Let us continue to pray for our Armed Forces. We thank God for their sacrifices they make to ensure our freedom.**

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| ♦CPL Christian Workman   | ♦SPC Thomas Wolfe            |
| ♦SGT Meghan Guerrera     | ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion        |
| ♦SGT Michael Guerrera    | ♦CPL Charles Morgan Griffith |
| ♦SGT James Francis       | ♦SSGT Michael Kauffman       |
| ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg       |
| ♦SGT Andrew Wolfe        | ♦AB Brandon Narkin & FLT     |
| ♦SSGT James McWilliams   | 601/602 Lackland AFB         |
| ♦AB Michael Connelly &   | ♦2 LT Niccolo Iacovelli      |
| FLT277, Lackland AFB     | ♦Service Members & Coalition |

*Military Plaque 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 Bes-selman at 484-667-0267 or dbesselman1@gmail.com.*

## Public Prayer Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requester/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Requests will be printed in the bulletin for one month and military prayers for six months. You may renew as often as you wish.*



## Parish Finances

Collection: December 15, 2019	<b>\$14,695</b>
Includes estimated \$4,750 E-Giving	
-32% participation	
Avg. Weekly Collection 2019/2020	<b>\$14,320</b>
Estimated Wkly Expenses 2019/20	<b>\$13,855</b>

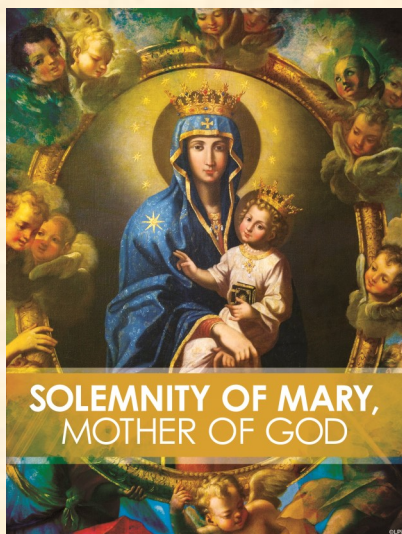
*Note: The December 22nd collection data will be in next weekend's bulletin.*

The estimated income for our 2020 fiscal year budget has been adjusted to reflect recent historical income numbers. Our income goal is \$722,000 for the Offertory collection. As you can see above, our average weekly income is slightly above the goal. Keep up the good work. Some parishioners have increased their donation. If you are able, please consider joining them. Our beloved church with the associated facilities is 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 generous.

## Parish Appeal Update

The 2020 Parish Appeal is off to an excellent start. In the first seven weeks we have pledges from two-hundred and four families for more than \$70,500 with \$46,964 in hand. The Appeal is supporting continuing operations of the Parish. The first \$150,000 will go to balance the parish budget; the remainder will go toward the emergency fund for unbudgeted, major expenses for the church; e.g., the ultimate replacement of the church roof. The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity. 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. If you wish, you may use the Parish Appeal envelope from your packet of envelopes to make your donation.

## Quick and Easy New Way to Give to ABVM Parish



## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 31, 2019  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
10:00 am Mass

*"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." -Luke 1:42*

## Give the Christ Child your heart this Christmas season!

*Let Jesus fill your heart with His great love for you so that you can journey into 2020 with deepening faith and profound hope.*



## Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday thru Friday, After Morning Mass until 7 pm**  
**Assumption BVM Adoration Chapel**

Please Note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on January 1. On December 31, we will end Adoration immediately prior to the 5 pm Vigil Mass. For information, contact Mary at [hartown@verizon.net](mailto:hartown@verizon.net) or call 302-388-3752.

*Welcome*  
Come Worship With Us  
BPPC

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Assumption BVM Parish Family:

*Ronald and Lenore Lupo Family*

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*Registrations are done every weekend after the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass and after the 10 am Mass. Please see a representative at the Registration Desk in the Chapel.*

### NOTE:

The ABVM Parish Office will be closed on January 1st for New Year's.



## Thank You

*Now that we have celebrated the Birth of the Savior and continue to enjoy the Christmas Season, I offer my most heartfelt praise to God and thanks to all of our volunteers who helped to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations beautiful. Thank you to the decorating crew, which did a tremendous job, and also to our musicians and singers. Also, to our deacons, altar servers, ushers, greeters, sacristans, readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I am grateful and inspired also for your gifts and service to the poor, sick and elderly in our parish and surrounding area during this season of sharing. Finally, thank you for your gifts and cards to me, your unworthy servant. May the Good Lord give you all a peace-filled and prosperous New Year!*

*- Father Scott*



### Assumption BVM School News

#### CALENDAR:

December 23-31: No School—Christmas Vacation  
January 1-3: Happy New Year! No School  
January 10: Class Mass (Grades 3 & 5)  
January 17: Class Mass (Grades 4 & Pre-K)  
January 20: No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 24: Class Mass (Grades K & 8)  
January 26: Catholic Schools Week (10 am Mass)  
January 31: Class Mass (Grades 1 & 7)

**FACEBOOK:** If you are on Facebook, please be sure to like and follow our school page. Share our photos with your family and friends so that others can see all that Assumption BVM School has to offer.

**Giant and Acme Gift Cards:** Support Assumption BVM School by purchasing Giant and Acme Gift Cards. Cards are sold weekdays at school from 8 am to 3 pm and after all the weekend Masses.

### Religious Education News

Religious Education classes will resume Sunday, January 5th, Tuesday, January 7th and Wednesday, January 8th.

*May your New Year be holy and blessed!!*



### AOP Teaching Opportunities

**The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hiring teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.** Mathematics, Science and Special Education teacher candidates are invited to apply for substitute and permanent positions. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is seeking certified teachers who are highly qualified to teach high school students. Please visit [www.AOPcatholicschools.org](http://www.AOPcatholicschools.org) to review information about our schools, the Office of Catholic Education, and Academic Criteria for Teaching Competencies. Candidates need to submit resume, transcripts, certifications and clearances if not already on file with the Office of Catholic Education. For questions or to forward application documents, please contact, Barbara Guiliano, HR Assistant for secondary schools at [bguiliano@archphila.org](mailto:bguiliano@archphila.org).



# **REGINA COELI CHOIR**

**FEMALE VOICES NEEDED**

**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

**REHEARSAL**

**30 - 45 Minutes before Mass**

**INFORMATION**

**Michael Xavier Lundy, Director of Liturgy and Music**

**610 - 896-2722 or [abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com](mailto:abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com)**





**American  
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

# Red Cross Blood Drive

Assumption BVM Parish Center

290 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: *assumptionbvm*. You may also sign up after Mass in the Church vestibule or call Ann Barr at 610-869-8559.



Give a gift, get a gift. Come to give Dec. 19 - Jan. 5 for an exclusive Red Cross long sleeved T-Shirt, while supplies last!

[redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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**Join us for our Transform health challenge. Throughout our challenge our team will provide education, guidance and support for you to transform your personal health and life!**

**Challenge Dates/Times:** (Saturdays, 9 am— 1 pm)

- 1/4/20 - Challenge kickoff
- 1/11/20 - Weekly session
- 1/18/20 - Weekly session
- 1/25/20 - Weekly session
- 2/1/20 - Challenge conclusion

**Location: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (300 State Rd., West Grove, PA).**

### What will be asked of you?

- Consume a whole-food plant-based diet
- Sleep 7-8 hours daily
- Be physically active for a minimum of 30 minutes daily.
- Be free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs (Note: Prescription drugs do not need to be stopped, unless necessary)
- Journaling weekly or daily
- Attend and participate in weekly group education/support sessions (5 Saturdays throughout challenge)

\*Suggested donation of \$25 per registrant\*



### What can be expected?

- Improve overall health-perception (i.e. energy, feeling, thinking)
- Reduce resting blood pressure, heart rate and fasting blood glucose
- Reduce body weight, body mass index (BMI) and waist-to hip ratio
- Reduce total cholesterol, low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol
- Reduce pharmaceutical medication needs (i.e. diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol medications)



**Register today at [transformlm.org](https://transformlm.org).**

- Challenge is limited to the first 100 registrants -



## Social Outreach

### Respect Life Bulletin Briefs



*"When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ...Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."*

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"A Perfect Gift" ([www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift](http://www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift))

Please Join us for our next  
**ABVM Respect Life Meeting**  
on Wednesday, January 8th, 7 pm,  
in the Parish Life Center. For questions,  
contact Stephanie at 484-467-6675.

## Announcements

### Pray the Rosary for Life (12/29-1/7/20)

Sun. T. Harrison Thu. N. Kennard  
Mon. E. Havrilak Fri. D. Brumbaugh  
Tue. C. Sedlak/S. & T. Hannan Sat. M. Mueller  
Wed. C. Lyons (Sign-up to pray in the church vestibule.)

\***HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org;**  
**RachelsVineyard.org** 610-354-0555,

\***Pregnant? Need Help?** Call 1-800-CARE-002.

\***Birthright:** 610-436-0773.

\***Aid for Friends Cooks:** Filled, frozen meal trays can be taken to the freezer in the ABVM Parish Life Center, weekdays from 8 am-7 pm. To help *prepare meals* or be an *AFF driver*, call Ann 610-869-8559.

\***Annulment Proceeding:** Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (215) 587-3750.

\***Al-Anon meeting:** Held every Monday, 7:30 pm, in the ABVM Church. (<https://al-non.org>)

\***Lions Club Hospital Equipment Loan Program:**  
Contact 484-883-0515; [www.aglions.com](http://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:** 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.

\***Natural Family Planning** (Creighton Model) Contact Kaitlyn at 484-889-9519 [kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com).

## NEW MINISTRY

### Surviving Divorce

ABVM is pleased to announce an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing.

Please join us starting **Thursday, January 16, 2020**, at 7:00-8:30 pm in the Assumption BVM Parish Life Center (church lower level). For information, please contact Adriana Pfaff at [adrianapfaff@gmail.com](mailto:adrianapfaff@gmail.com)



## March for Life Washington, D.C.

Assumption BVM and Saint Patrick's in Kennett Square will be sharing a motor coach bus to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. This peaceful demonstration has occurred every year since 1973 on the anniversary of the greatest human rights violation of our time, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion on demand.

**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2020

**Time:** Depart from the ABVM Parking Lot at 6:30 am  
Return to West Grove approximately 7-8 pm

**Register:** Contact Stephanie Tobin at 484-467-6675 or sign-up in the Church vestibule.

There is a \$5 non-refundable fee to be paid at registration. Please drop fee in collection basket marked "March for Life Registration Fee" or bring to the Parish Office. Our itinerary includes Mass at the National Shrine at 10 am. We will then be dropped off at the National Mall for the Rally and March. Sign-up early. Seating is limited.



Even if we're delaying the phone, what about when our child goes to the neighbor's house? Or, what happens when our child is told about inappropriate online content at the playground or on the bus?

Join us as Mandy Majors explains the challenges we're facing. She'll explain the solution and provide ten practical examples we can implement in our homes. This is an adult-only event geared towards parents, grandparents, and other caretakers of minors, and is free of charge.



Saturday, January 25th: 10:00 am -12:00 pm  
ABVM Parish Center @ 290 State Road, West Grove, PA  
(ABVM school gym in lower parking lot)

Go to: [www.nextTalk.org](http://www.nextTalk.org) to learn more, or listen in on nextTalk's podcast topics on: [omny.fm/shows/nexttalk/playlists/podcast](http://omny.fm/shows/nexttalk/playlists/podcast).

Email any questions to: [ABVMDigitalParenting@gmail.com](mailto:ABVMDigitalParenting@gmail.com).

*"For God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather of power  
and love and self-control" - 2 Timothy 1:7*



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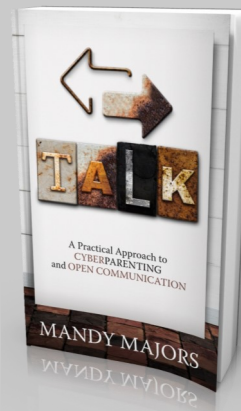
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Mandy Majors graduated from Indiana University with a BA in political science and criminal justice. She's the award-winning author of *TALK: A Practical Approach to Cyberparenting and Open Communication*, co-host of nextTalk Radio and is the Founder/Executive Director of nextTalk, a nonprofit organization helping families build a culture of conversation in their homes to keep kids safe online.

# Knights of Columbus

## *Dinner and Bingo*

ABVM Parish Center  
Thursday, January 2nd  
6:00 Dinner; 6:30 Bingo



*10 Regular Games Winner receives \$30*  
*3 Special Games Winner receives \$100*  
*Last Special Game Winner receives 60%*

\$5 for 10 games with 3 cards per game  
\$5 for each Special with 4 cards per game  
Bingo Package listed above - Cost: \$25

**Dinner includes sliced pork, roasted potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, dessert, and drink for \$7. BYOB**

*Proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. For information, please contact John Brennan 610-869-4100 or [Knights\\_of\\_Columbus@comcast.net](mailto:Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net).*



## HAPPENING SOON

### **Dinner & Bingo**

Thursday, January 2nd

6 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Bingo (School Gym)

### **Coffee & Donut Social**

Sunday, January 5th, 11 am

Parish Life Center

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sunday, January 5th, 8 am-1 pm

Parish Center (School Gym)

### **Knights Meeting**

Thursday, January 16th

6 pm, Parish Life Center

For membership information, please contact Ron Calloway at 980-875-1605 or [rlcalloway99@gmail.com](mailto:rlcalloway99@gmail.com).

*With 1.9 million members around the world, we have been investing our time, effort and resources into our values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism since 1882.*



Participants can go on the website: [www.charitymania.com](http://www.charitymania.com) to view the winning sweepstakes game card numbers each week to see if they've won. Winners will also be notified by mail.

### **Congratulations to the Week 15 Winners:**

Ticket	Prize	Name	Points
1465	\$400	Paula Schiavo	125
2358	\$25	Meg Maple	122
4368	\$25	Barbara Wojciechowski	121
4114	\$25	ABVM	119



## **COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL**

**Sunday, January 5th**

Please join us following the 10:00 am

Mass in Parish Life Center. All are welcome!

## *Patriotic Rosary*

**For the Conversion and Protection of Our Nation**

**Wednesday, January 8th**

**ABVM Adoration Chapel**

**6:30 PM**

Our Parish will be praying a **Patriotic Rosary Novena** for our country on the second Wednesday of each month for nine consecutive months (Jan. 8, 2020 - Sept. 9, 2020) at 6:30 pm.

***An Appeal to Heaven ~ God bless America!***





The 12th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday March 7, 2020** at Neumann University in Aston, PA. We have a fantastic line-up of speakers for Man Up Philly 2020. With Early-Bird pricing available until December 31st, now is the time to commit yourself to growing and enriching your faith, along with inviting brothers, fathers, sons, and friends.

**Manupphilly.com**

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone.**



**Lily's Gift**, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. A collaboration of the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Social Services and the Office of Life and Family, this service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For support, call 215-587-3530 or visit [www.LilysGift.org](http://www.LilysGift.org).

## NEWS & EVENTS



- \* **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS** (January 11-12, 2020, St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson, PA). The retreat will include talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, food and fun! For more information, call 610-942-4166.
- \* **VOCATION AWARENESS: Come & See Weekends for Men** (January 17-19, 2020 for Post High School men and January 25-26, 2019, High School Men, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnwood, PA) An opportunity for high school men and above who are considering a vocation to visit St. Borromeo Seminary. On these weekends, they are able to see what seminary life is like and to explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. Visit [heedthecall.org/comeandsee](http://heedthecall.org/comeandsee) or call 610-667-5778.
- \* **JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY LECTURE SERIES** (January 27, 2020, 7 pm, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnwood, PA) Topic: *"On the Church and Social Communications"* featuring Father Mike Schmitz. Please visit [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).
- \* **RETROUVAILLE FOR MARRIED COUPLES** (February 21-23, 2020, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Retrouvaille provides tools to help put your marriage in order again. Visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944.
- \* **AN EVENING OF PROMISE FUNDRAISER** (March 28, 2020, Hartefeld National, Avondale, PA) Family Promise of Southern Chester County presents an *Evening of Promise Because every Child Deserves a Home*. Featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and silent auction. For tickets, visit [familypromisesc.org](http://familypromisesc.org) or call 610-444-0400.

## Christmas SAINT QUOTE

by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem



*"Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of Heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry."*

# MASS Intentions

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019**

### **4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Kelly Shore, requested by Her Family**

Reader 1/Reader 2: E. & G. Charlton

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: A. Barr, C. Humkey, B. Michalski, F. Puoci, 1 Extraordinary Minister to be determined

Altar Servers: A. Daneker, A. Strehlau, M. Welch

Music: Anthem

Sacristan: Sacristan to be determined

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**

### **8:00 am Mass - Anna Matt, requested by Nancy Renna-Jay**

Reader 1/Reader 2: A. Losito, M. Debes

Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: P. Crowley (A), E. Havrilak (B), N. Paproth (C), S. Murphy (LH), J. Brennan, B. DiMarco

Altar Servers: AJ Gourgoulis, L. & T. Wilson

Music: A. Wengloski, M. Lundy

Sacristan: R. Bunjo

### **10:00 am Mass- Joseph Gaffney, requested by His Family**

Reader 1/Reader 2: D. Buoni, E. Sigda

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: M. Wharton (D), L. Lanciano (E), J. Patrick (TP), K. Corkadel (JPP), C. Sciotto (JPR), D. Lauletta (PENN), M. Petrarca

Altar Servers: R. Hamilton, C. Opdenaker, 1 server needed

Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Sacristan: F. Buoni

### **12:00 pm Mass - John Carl LaBarca, Sr., requested by Ron and Dee DiStefano**

Reader 1/Reader 2: L. Richardson, K. Hamill-Clark

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: S. Hannan, J. Fredericksdorf, M. LaRoe, D. Shannon, S. Tobin

Altar Servers: I. Atwood, M. Flores, C. Norbeck

Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Sacristan: J. Lyons

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019**

### **6:30 am Mass - Rose Haggerty, requested by Mike and Ella Havrilak**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019**

### **8:15 am Mass - Phyllis Moniak, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeLucca**

### **5:00 pm Vigil Mass - 60th Wedding Anniversary of Gene and Eileen Fogarty, requested by The Family**

Reader 1/Reader 2: N. Coyne, T. Finley

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: D. Brumbaugh, S. Hannan, S. Malloy, B. Michalski, S. Murphy

Altar Servers: C. Munger, N. Murphy, L. Staso,

Music: Anthem

Sacristan: To be determined

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020-Mary, Mother of God**

### **10:00 am Mass - People of the Parish**

Reader 1/Reader 2: J. Colgan, M.A. Schill

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: J. Chapman, R. DiMarco, N. Paproth, 2 Extraordinary Ministers to be determined

Altar Servers: K. & N. O'Donnell, D. & N. Sullivan

Music: H. Bunch, M. Lundy

Sacristan: A. Mazzo

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020**

### **6:30 am Mass - Betty Shannon, requested by Her Husband, Dennis Shannon**

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020**

### **8:15 am Mass - Living and Deceased Benefactors of Assumption BVM Parish and School**

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**

### **4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Adam Basilio, requested by Aunt Adeline**

Deacon: Deacon Hannan

Music: Regina Coeli Choir

Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server and Sacristan schedules will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

### **8:00 am Mass - Louise Pettyjohn, requested by Earl and Marie Saienni**

Deacon: Deacon Hannan

Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server and Sacristan schedules will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.

### **10:00 am Mass - Mary DeGrasse, requested by Eileen and Gene Fogarty**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis

Music: Anthem

Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server and Sacristan schedules will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.

### **12:00 pm Mass - Edward O'Donnell, requested by Stella O'Donnell**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis

Music: M. Lundy

Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server and Sacristan schedules will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.


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**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you are having a Mass offered and you would like to take up the gifts, please contact the Usher 15 minutes before Mass.*

**MASS CARDS:** *We still have Masses available for 2020. Please stop by the Parish Office weekdays, Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 4 pm, for a Mass Card.*

*We will open our calendar to reserve Mass Intentions for 2021 on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020**. To be fair to everyone, no reservations for Masses will be taken before then. Thank you for your understanding.*



# January 2020 Liturgical Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Pope Francis' Monthly Intention</b> <i>Promotion of Peace.</i> That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.						
						
<b>5 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 1st Rdg: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm of the Day: 72 2nd Rdg: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	6 St. André Bessette, Religious (USA) Reading: 1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm of the Day: 2 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17,23-25	7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Psalm of the Day: 72 Gospel: Mark 6:34-44	8 Reading: 1 John 4:11-18 Psalm of the Day: 72 Gospel: Mark 6:45-52	9 Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm of the Day: 72 Gospel: Luke 4:14-22a	10 Reading: 1 John 5:5-13 Psalm of the Day: 147 Gospel: Luke 5:12-16	11 Reading: 1 John 5:14-21 Psalm of the Day: 149 Gospel: John 3:22-30
<b>12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 1st Rdg: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm of the Day: 29 2nd Rdg: Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17	13 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalm of the Day: 116 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20	14 Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 Psalm of the Day: 1 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28	15 Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20 Psalm of the Day: 40 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39	16 Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm of the Day: 44 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45	17 St. Anthony, Abbot Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a Psalm of the Day: 89 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	18 Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Psalm of the Day: 21 Gospel: Mark 2:13-17
<b>19 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 1st Rdg: Isaiah 49:3,5-6 Psalm of the Day: 40 2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Gospel: John 1:29-34	20 St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalm of the Day: 50 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22	21 St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm of the Day: 89 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28	22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 Psalm of the Day: 144 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6	23 St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin (USA) Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7 Psalm of the Day: 56 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12	24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalm of the Day: 57 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19	25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE Reading: Acts 22:3-16 Psalm of the Day: 117 Gospel: Mark 16:15-18
<b>26 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 1st Rdg: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm of the Day: 27 2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23	27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10 Psalm of the Day: 89 Gospel: Mark 3:22-30	28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19 Psalm of the Day: 24 Gospel: Mark 3:31-35	29 Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm of the Day: 89 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20	30 Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29 Psalm of the Day: 132 Gospel: Mark 4:21-25	31 St. John Bosco, Priest Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17 Psalm of the Day: 51 Gospel: Mark 4:26-34	WISE MEN + STILL SEEK + HIM! + 