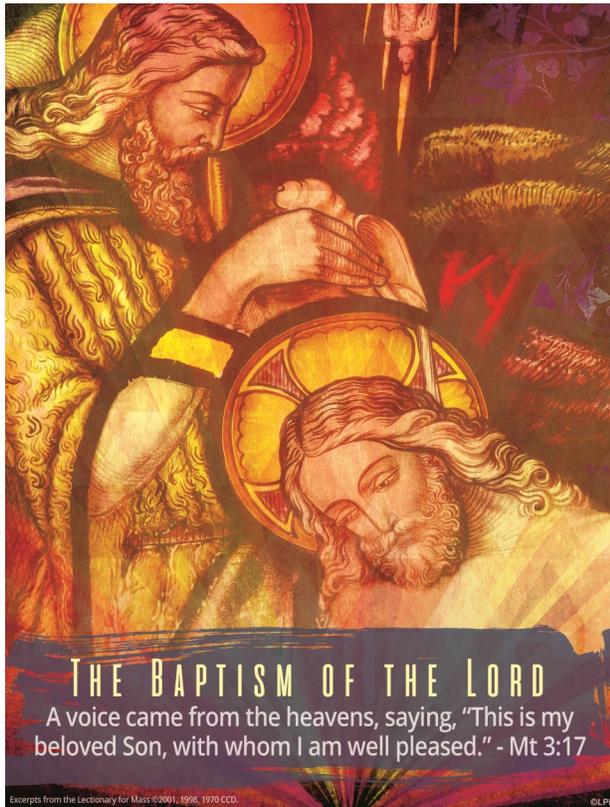

  
**ASSUMPTION**
  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
   
 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

*Church and Parish Office:*

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390  
 Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm  
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 Web: [assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org)  
 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.

*Pastor* .....Reverend Scott D. Brockson  
padrescott96@aol.com

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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.



## IS BAPTISM NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5). Before he ascended into heaven Jesus said to the apostles, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:8). He also said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). On the day of Pentecost St. Peter said to the crowd, who asked what they ought to do in response to his preaching, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). St. Paul wrote, "Not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

If we accept the New Testament as the Word of God then the answer to the question of whether Baptism is necessary for salvation is a full-throated "yes." Baptism confers the forgiveness of sins; a person cannot be saved unless he or she is forgiven of their sins. It purifies believers and makes them worthy of the kingdom of heaven. Of the great flood and the eight people who were saved on Noah's ark St. Peter writes, "This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not the removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:21). St. Paul taught that baptism is a dying to sin and rising to Christ; it is a participation in Christ's death and resurrection: "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

The Church teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation, and the corollary that the Church is also necessary, since no one can baptize oneself. Since there is no salvation outside of the Church she is careful to encourage parents to baptize their young children, following the apostolic tradition. There is plenty of evidence to attest to the apostles' baptism of children. For example, when Peter exhorted the crowd to repentance and baptism he said, "For the promise is made to you and to your children" (Acts 2:39). A woman named Lydia "and her whole household" were baptized (cf. 16:15), and later Paul would write that he baptized "the household of Stephanas" (1 Corinthians 1:16). He also baptized his erstwhile jailer and his family (Acts 17:33). It makes eminent sense that children should be baptized because Jesus said to his disciples who were trying to send away parents who were bringing even infants to him, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). A good Jewish boy like Jesus would want to include young children in his kingdom, since the Law of Moses required a boy to be initiated into the People of God eight days after his birth, by the ritual of circumcision. Any uncircumcised male was excluded from God's covenant with Israel. Baptism confers membership in the family of God, which is the Church, called "the Israel of God" by St. Paul in Galatians 6:16. The new Israel, this new Family of God, must include children! For children who die before Baptism, "the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God" and, inspired by Christ's desire that all be saved, as well as his welcome of children during his public ministry, trusts that there is a way of salvation for them. "All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1261).

If Baptism is necessary for salvation, does that mean that those who have reached the age of reason and die without Baptism are damned? The Catechism explains the Church's belief: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude..." But it must be kept in mind that "*God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments*" (#1257, italic in the original). The Church has always accepted the baptism of desire of those who died before their baptism, such as catechumens. There have been many martyrs who professed Christ but were killed before they could be baptized. They are believed to have received all the effects of baptism through a baptism by blood.

What about others who are outside of the Church? "Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have *desired Baptism explicitly* if they had known its necessity." God is just, and the Holy Spirit gives everyone a chance at salvation (#1260). But this fact should not decrease our evangelical zeal. There is no assurance of salvation outside of the Church, and if it is difficult for a Christian to persevere in grace, how much more so for those who have not been enlightened by the Gospel. Human beings are fickle and in their fallen nature prone to serious sin. For this reason, the Catechism teaches that the Church "takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are 'reborn of water and the Spirit' (#1257)." May all of us by the grace of God do our part to fulfill this mission.

- Father Scott

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

## Readings of the Day

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, Psalm 29:1-4,9-10,  
Acts 10:34-38, Matthew 3:13-17

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.



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

Gail Daddario, Hilde Varglien, 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, 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.

Doris Bachman  
Rose Capanna  
Pauline Magliacano  
Teresa Merrill  
Dorothy Teck

## 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.

- ◆CPL Christian Workman
- ◆SGT Meghan Guerrera
- ◆SGT Michael Guerrera
- ◆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
- ◆SSGT Michael Kauffman
- ◆HM1 Matthew Rosenberg
- ◆AB Brandon Narkin & FLT 601/602 Lackland AFB
- ◆2 LT Niccolo Iacovelli
- ◆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 Besseleman 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 Month: December 2019	<b>\$76,665</b>
Includes \$23,168 E-Giving	
-33% participation	
Collection January 5, 2020	<b>\$15,904</b>
Avg. Weekly Collection 2019/2020	<b>\$14,421</b>
Estimated Wkly Expenses 2019/20	<b>\$13,855</b>

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. Through January 5, 2020, our income is 3.4% greater than that anticipated in the budget. 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 eighteen 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 2020 Parish Appeal is off to a good start. In the first ten weeks we have pledges from two-hundred and forty families for more than \$85,047 with \$61,633 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.

## Christmas Collection

The Christmas Collection totaled \$27,036, a four percent increase from last year. Thank you for your generosity.

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



## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Inspirational Quotes on Baptism



*St. Ambrose ~ "The Lord was baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas ~ "Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is effected by Baptism. 'Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. (John 3:5)'"*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday ~ ABVM Adoration Chapel  
After Morning Mass until 7:00 PM



We all need to take a step back from our busy lives and come visit Jesus. We have a great opportunity every week all year round to stop in and spend some quiet time with Him during Eucharistic Adoration. We have a wonderful group of people who have each committed their time, but we need your help. To sign-up for an hour or half an hour a week, or split that time with a friend, visit the sign-up table in the church vestibule or contact Mary at 302-388-3752; [hartown@verizon.net](mailto:hartown@verizon.net)

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**6:30 am Mass**

**10:00 am Mass**

Join us as we pray for the protection of unborn children and their parents.



## 9 Days for Life

(January 21 – 29, 2020)

*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. (A printable version will also be made available online.) Sign up for the novena at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).



***Come and see what Assumption BVM School can offer your child.***

Assumption BVM School is hosting its Open House from 6-7:30 pm on **Monday, January 27, 2020.** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School educates children from Pre-Kindergarten (Age 4) through Grade 8. ABVM School is Middle States Accredited, offers five specials for every class, before and after school care and more. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. Tours of the school are available during the Open House. Parents are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please call to schedule your tour today at 610-869-9576 or visit us at [www.abvmschoolwg.us](http://www.abvmschoolwg.us)

**CALENDAR:**

- January 17: Class Mass (Grades 4 & Pre-K)
- January 20: No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 23: Winter Band Concert at 6:30 pm
- January 24: Class Mass (Grades K & 8)
- January 26: Catholic Schools Week (10 am Mass)
- January 27: 6:00-7:30 pm Open House
- January 31: Class Mass (Grades 1 & 7)



***Designer Bag Bingo***



***\$30 / 20 games; Bonus \$20 LV game  
BYOB & Food ~ Tables Available***

***Designer Bag Bingo, Thursday, January 30th***

This is a 21+ event. There will be 20 games. Additional game cards, 50/50, and raffles can be purchased during the event. A limited number of reserved tables of 6 and 8 are available for purchase.

All those who would like to participate in the Louis Vuitton Bag Bonus Game for the Louis Vuitton Neverfull GM in Damier Ebene must purchase the \$20 Louis Vuitton game AND show proof of event ticket purchase. Louis Vuitton Bag is valued over \$1400.

Complimentary coffee, tea, and water will be available. Sodas and food will be available for purchase; however, please feel free to bring snacks. BYOB.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.abvmschoolwg.us](http://www.abvmschoolwg.us) and click on "Designer Bag Bingo Ticket" link. **Ticket sellout is expected.** All proceeds benefit ABVM School! *The snow date is February 20.*

## Ministry of Consolation



Maybe the time is right for a new and happier way to live your life. Come out to see what the Consolation Ministry may be able to offer you. Give peace a chance. Come out on **Thursday, January 16th** and see if our group is a good fit for you.

We will meet in the Assumption BVM Chapel at 7:00 PM and our meetings last approximately one hour. Hope to see you there and until we meet, God bless you. Need support sooner? Please call Ginny Bryson at 610-322-6366 or Joan Shannon at 610-322-5792.

### Social Outreach

#### Announcements

##### **Pray the Rosary for Life** (1/12-1/18/20)

Sun. D. Brumbaugh Thu. N. Kennard  
Mon. R. Gaffney Fri. J. DeMichiel/D. Lewis  
Tue. C. Sedlak Sat. S. Tobin  
Wed. M. Wharton (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).

\***PrayersUniteTheWorld.org:** Send your prayers.

#### 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)



## JOSEPH'S PEOPLE – WEST GROVE

For the Unemployed & Underemployed

**Wednesday, January 22nd**

Are you looking for new career opportunities but are hesitant to network? Forming a plan this new year can jump start your path forward. *The A-I-R strategy for face to face and internet connections* will be the topic of the next Joseph's People meeting for the unemployed and underemployed. Join us Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Assumption BVM Parish Life Center (church lower level).

In addition, Joseph's People provides prayerful support, introducing community resources, encouraging member interaction, discussing job opportunities, etc. Pass along to anyone in need.

Ann Barr  
Chapter Leader  
[ann.barr@josephspeople.org](mailto:ann.barr@josephspeople.org)  
[www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org)



# March for Life

## Praying for and protecting the innocent

“How can there be too many children? That’s like saying there are too many flowers.” - Mother Teresa

### Pilgrimage to 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 great human rights violation of our time, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion on demand in all 50 states.



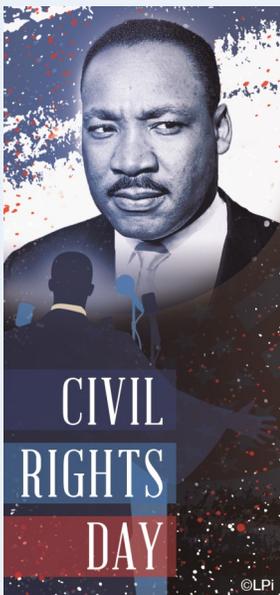
**Date:** Friday, January 24, 2020

**Time:** Depart from the ABVM Parking Lot at 6:30 am; Return 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.

### Please Note:



### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

**Monday, January 20th  
Morning Mass at 9:00 am**

The Parish Office will be closed. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration and the church will be closed after the morning Mass.

### **Words to Ponder**

*“I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group**



The Flame of Love Movement is a Catholic Marian Movement inspired by the Blessed Virgin. Please join us in prayer and adoration for a Flame of Love Holy Hour in the Adoration Chapel on Thursdays from 6-7 pm or join us as we pray the Flame of Love Rosary on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:30 am. For more information, please contact Mary at 302-388-3752 or visit [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us).

*“My Flame of Love will blind Satan to the degree that you spread it to the whole world. This Flame will work miracles in their hearts...Nothing like this has existed before. This is the greatest miracle that I will do for all.”* - Blessed Mother to Elizabeth Kindelmann (Diary p.44)



## **URGENT: Sacristan Needed**

There is an immediate need for a Sacristan to assist with preparations for Mass on the weekends. If you are already attending Mass on the weekend and can assist with preparations for Mass when your schedule allows, please contact Michael Xavier Lundy, our Director of Liturgy and Music for a more detailed description of the position at [abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com](mailto:abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com).



### ***Could God be calling you to the Diocesan Priesthood?***

If you feel the call to the priesthood, please contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or visit [HeedTheCall.org](http://HeedTheCall.org). Please continue to pray for those men who are discerning a call and for those men who are currently in formation.

### ***Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne*** Witnessing to the Sanctity of Life since 1900

#### **Vocation Discernment Weekends**

**Hawthorne, NY: March 6-8, August 14-16**  
**Atlanta, GA: May 8-10, September 25-27**

We invite women ages 19-44 who are discerning a religious vocation to join us for a weekend to experience our prayer and apostolate. Reservations are required. For information, contact Sister Catherine Marie, OP, at 845-745-1319 or [vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org](mailto:vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org).

Do not be afraid of what God asks of you! It is worth saying yes to God! In Him we find our joy! - Pope Francis

## **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 Blood Drive**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We had 36 presenting donors which will go on to help 115 local area hospital patients.

Please mark your calendar for our next drive, **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, in the ABVM Parish Center from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

***Thank You for Saving a Life!!***

### **CYACC - Board Games**

Join CYACC - Chester County Catholic Young Adults on **January 15th** for a fun night of board games. Bring your favorite board game, non-board game or just your A-game for a delightful night. The event will take place at **Saints Peter and Paul Church in West Chester at 7:30pm**. For more information about our organization, visit [www.cyacc.org](http://www.cyacc.org) or find us in Facebook / email us at [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com)

### **Get connected to FORMED**

A free service to our parishioners. Formed is a revolutionary online platform providing access for all ages to the best Catholic movies, video-based studies for small groups, podcasts, and so much more. *Parish Code is MC8NYZ*. Visit [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG).



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.

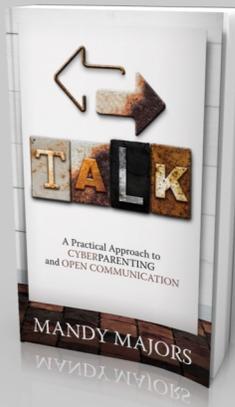
# nextTalk™

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).

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



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.



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 offer Man Up Philly 2020. include **former Eagle, Brent Celek, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Steve Bollman**, and music by **Mark Forrest**. Now is the time to commit yourself to growing and enriching your faith, along with inviting fathers, sons, and friends.

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## Event List

- \* **VOCATION AWARENESS: Come & See Weekends for Men** (January 17-19, 2020 for Post High School Men and January 25-26, 2020, High School Men, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA) An opportunity for high school men and above who are considering a vocation to visit St. Charles 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. Please 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, Wynnewood, PA) Topic: *"On the Church and Social Communications"* featuring Father Mike Schmitz. **SOLD OUT.** Facebook LIVE streaming will be available.
- \* **CHOSEN: DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, WARRIORS RETREAT** (February 1, 2020, 9 am to 12 pm, Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford, PA) Remember our feminine genius, understand common spiritual obstacles, and Blessed Mother's role in protecting and strengthening us. Conference team: Fr. Stephen DeLacy, De Yarrison, Jen Lozano, Megan Murphy. Register at [youaremadenew.com/chosen-conference](http://youaremadenew.com/chosen-conference) or call 610-287-2989.
- \* **VALENTINE EVENING OF REFLECTION** (February 9, 2020, 5 to 9 pm, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Evening includes Mass and renewal of wedding vows, dinner and inspirational speakers. Register at 710-644-0400 or [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com).
- \* **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.
- \* **S.A.C.R.E.D.** (February 29, 2020, Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE) Salesian Adult Christian Religious Education Day (S.A.C.R.E.D.) is an annual event offering opportunities for adults to grow in their faith as seen through Salesian Spirituality. Visit [sacred.salesianum.org](http://sacred.salesianum.org).
- \* **SPIRIT AT WORK YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** (March 6-8, 2020, St. Raphaela Retreat Center, Haverford, PA) Encounter the Holy Spirit working in your life and learn Ignatian tools for decision making. To register, visit [straphaelcenter.org](http://straphaelcenter.org) or email [ignatianyaretreats@straphaelcenter.org](mailto:ignatianyaretreats@straphaelcenter.org).
- \* **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 [familypromisesccc.org](http://familypromisesccc.org) or call 610-444-0400.

## FIND LOCAL CATHOLIC ENCOURAGEMENT...

- \* **Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction:** [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope)
- \* **Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups:** [phillyevang.org/nourish](http://phillyevang.org/nourish)
- \* **Find a Catholic Moms Group:** [phillyevang.org/moms](http://phillyevang.org/moms)
- \* **Local Catholic ministries:** [phillyevang.org/fire](http://phillyevang.org/fire)





## ABVM Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting

It is time to start to plan for this year's Spaghetti dinner!! We will have our First Planning Meeting in the lower level of the church at 6:30 pm on **Wednesday, January 15**. If you are able to attend, contact John Brennan at [jjbrennan@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:jjbrennan@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org) or call **610-869-4100**. **We will need a few more folks** at the planning level this year, so please think about stepping forward to help out the parish.

Looking ahead: Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 26th in the ABVM Parish Center, 1 pm to 5:30 pm.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## HAPPENING SOON

**Knights Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 16th**  
6 pm, Parish Life Center

**Coffee & Donut Social**  
**Sunday, February 2nd, 11 am**  
Parish Life Center

**Dinner & Bingo**  
**Thursday, February 6th**  
6 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Bingo (School Gym)

For membership information, please contact  
Ron Calloway at 980-875-1605 or  
[rlalloway99@gmail.com](mailto:rlalloway99@gmail.com).

## Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

**Monday, January 13th**

7:00 pm, Parish Life Center

*All Ladies Auxiliary members are  
encouraged to attend.*



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 16 & 17 Winners:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Points
168	\$400	Michael DeGrasse	117
2667	\$25	Wayne Daneker	116
4762	\$25	Mary Jane Morris	116
2840	\$50	Natalie Levandusky	26

## TAX CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of their contributions for calendar year 2019 should complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to ABVM Parish Office, 300 State Rd., West Grove, PA 19390. Statements will be sent only if requested.

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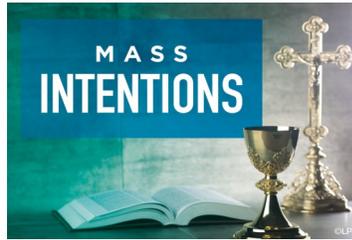
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*Thank you to all who participated!*



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**

**4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Nolan Modica, requested by Michael Guerrera**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Helen & Sarah Leinhauser  
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Ellie Barron, John Brennan, Charlie Humkey, Lisa McNamara, Frank Puoci  
Altar Servers: Declan & Nolan Sullivan, Madelynn Welch  
Music: Anthem  
Sacristan: Frank Buoni

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020**

**8:00 am Mass - Domenica and Domenico Martelli, requested by Earl and Marie Saienni**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Lee Richardson, Jackie Battinieri  
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Ella Havrilak (A), Ann Barr (B), Dennis Shannon (C), Bruce Michalski (LH), Bob DiMarco  
Altar Servers: Annie Strehlau, Tommy & Liam Wilson  
Music: Alexandra Laub, Michael Xavier Lundy  
Sacristan: Ray Bunjo

**10:00 am Mass - Doris Carstens, requested by The Reynolds Family**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Anthony Taglione, John Colgan  
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Lauletta (D), Paul Crowley (E), Shawn Murphy (TP), Ruder Schill (JPP), Jim Kirwin (JPR), Mary Wharton (PENN), Jason Chapman, Diane Thomas  
Altar Servers: Nicolette Murphy, Heidi Stumpf, Rafe Hamilton  
Music: Regina Coeli Choir  
Sacristan: Steve Gemp

**12:00 pm Mass - Alois Schill, requested by The Schill Family**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Steve Liberatore, Tom Finley  
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Corkadel, Nancy Paproth, Stephanie Tobin, Barry Young, Ellie Barron, 1 Extraordinary Minister to be determined  
Altar Servers: Madeline Flores, Kimberli & Neil O'Donnell  
Music: Gwen Kull, Michael Xavier Lundy  
Sacristan: Jeff Lyons

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

**6:30 am Mass - Francis J. Depman, requested by Mike and Ella Havrilak**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

**8:15 am Mass - Charlie Nigro, requested by Clara Dunlap**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020**

**6:30 am Mass - People of the Parish**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**

**6:30 am Mass - Joseph and Elizabeth Matey Family, requested by Joe Bunting**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**

**8:15 am Mass - Charlie Nigro, requested by Sonny and Laraine Maddalozzo**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020**

**4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Margaret Lang, requested by Paul Rafferty**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Debera Buoni, Ed Sigda  
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Ellie Barron, Lisa Goldstein, Charlie Humkey, Maureen Petrarca, Ruder Schill  
Altar Servers: Adien Daneker, Nolan & Ethan Goldstein  
Music: Regina Coeli Choir  
Sacristan: Fred Buoni

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020**

**8:00 am Mass - Sam Gullo, requested by Sonny and Debbie LaBarca**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Lee Richardson, Michael Debes  
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Crowley (A), Cindy Sciotto (B), Shawn Murphy (C), Frank Puoci (LH), John Brennan  
Altar Servers: AJ Gourgoulis, Tommy & Liam Wilson  
Music: Andrea Arena, Michael Xavier Lundy  
Sacristan: Ray Bunjo

**10:00 am Mass - Charlie Nigro, requested by David and Dianne Fogarty**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Ed & Grace Charlton  
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Lanciano (D), Donna Lauletta (E), Ann Barr (TP), Bruce Michalski (JPP), Joan Patrick (JPR), Lisa McNamara (PENN), Tom Powell  
Altar Servers: Hannah Char, Connor Opdenaker, Michael Stemerman  
Music: Anthem  
Sacristan: Andy Mazzeo

**12:00 pm Mass - Enrico Mastronardi, requested by Anthony J. McGinley**

Reader 1/Reader 2: Steve Liberatore, Kathleen Hamill-Clark  
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Brumbaugh, Kathy Corkadel, James Fredericksdorf, Sharon Hannan, Mary K. LaRoe  
Altar Servers: Isabella Atwood, Jacob & Samantha Calabretta  
Music: Michael Xavier Lundy  
Sacristan: Jeff Lyons

**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.*

