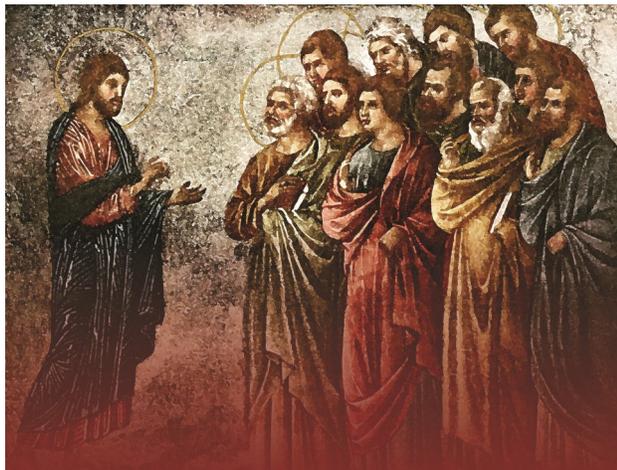



ASSUMPTION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



**23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

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

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Church and Parish Office:

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390
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Email: abvm@comcast.net
Web: 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.

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padrescott96@aol.com

In Residence Rev. Msgr. Frank Depman

Deacons Deacon Thomas Hannan
Deacon Ronald Lewis

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Parish Office Staff Donna Brumbaugh
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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.

GOODBYE, SI



After subscribing to the magazine for fifteen years I finally decided to cancel my subscription to Sports Illustrated. It has changed a lot during my time as a subscriber, progressively losing the battle, like many print magazines, against on line competition. It went from a weekly, to bi-weekly, to a monthly publication and provided more feature articles rather than information on last week's games which readers had already read or heard about by the time SI arrived in the mail. However, I did not cancel my subscription because of these editorial changes. I liked the longer articles and reading about sports history. Rather, I gave up on it because I could no longer support the company's hypocrisy.

SI has a progressive agenda. The general trend in its reporting and the subjects it chooses to present clearly reflect the editors' intent to promote certain causes, such as women's sports and LGBT inclusion. Of themselves, I did not find these goals objectionable, even if I subscribed to the magazine for sports information and entertainment rather than to read about social movements. The rise of interest in women's sports and a greater tolerance towards persons with same-sex attraction is a positive thing. But when I heard that Sports Illustrated included a transgender person in its swimsuit issue this year, I realized that I could no longer pay into this organization.

The swimsuit issue is soft pornography. I did not receive it because SI provided the option to its subscribers years ago to opt out of that issue. But every year there it was in the magazine rack of checkout counters in the supermarkets. For some reason I never went beyond shaking my head and thinking that it was inappropriate to put an almost naked woman on the cover of a magazine for people of all ages to ogle while waiting in line. This year I finally woke to the reality that I should not be supporting this publication by my annual subscription, even if I never received the swimsuit issue myself. I was startled by the realization that Sports Illustrated was now encouraging men not only to lust after scantily-clad women, but also after a scantily-clad man who models as a woman.

The hypocrisy is astounding, but it is common among other so-called progressive publications and movements that advocate for women's rights. They ignore the issue of their exploitation in the media and on the internet. In the era of the Me-Too movement it is astounding that so few are standing up to the porn culture which wreaks havoc in women's lives and encourages men to see them as sexual objects rather than as persons. We should all applaud the fact that sexual harassment in its many forms is finally being exposed as unacceptable behavior. But where are the advocates for women who are exploited in the pornography industry, where the average life expectancy of a porn star is 36.2 years?

Media groups like Sports Illustrated take advantage of the prurient interest of men in women's bodies. On the one hand they promote women's equality and on the other they present them as sex idols. All for profit. If they were really interested in promoting women they would not appeal to the animal instincts of men. As long as we continue to buy their products they will continue the sham. I am ashamed that for so long I was ignorant of the contradiction that it was for me, a professed follower of Christ, to subscribe to a magazine that publishes an annual issue of soft pornography. And I have to wonder how appropriate it is for Christians to subscribe to HBO, Showtime and other channels that regularly present gratuitous nudity in their programs.

- *Father Scott*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING [EZ 33:7-9](#)

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING [ROM 13:8-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL [MT 18:15-20](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Parish Finances

Collection for August 30, 2020	\$11,818
Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving -43% participation	
Budgeted Wkly Collection 2020/2021	\$14,231
Actual Average Wkly Collection 2020/21	\$13,560

For the 2021 fiscal year our budgeted Offertory income goal is \$740,000. This is less than what we need to balance the overall parish budget. We planned to make up that deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week about seventy-five percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. As a result, our Offertory financial support for August 30 was \$2,000 less than the budgeted Offertory support. The trend through August is a projected additional \$30,000 deficit in the Offertory collection. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

Parish Appeal Update

The 2020 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. In the first forty-four weeks of the campaign we have commitments from two-hundred ninety families for more than \$153,700 with \$149,303 received. 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 2020 Parish Appeal will conclude on October 31, 2020.

Ways to Donate to Offertory and Parish Appeal

The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity to the parish. There are multiple ways to donate to the Offertory and Parish Appeal:

- *Place your Offertory and/or Parish Appeal envelope in the collection basket
- *Mail the Offertory and/or Parish Appeal envelope to the Parish Office
- *Text 610-810-5080 from your smart phone or click on this link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA832>.



Do You Believe?

Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul and divinity) in the Most Holy Eucharist! We are blessed with an awesome opportunity to worship Jesus in His real presence. Spend time with Him...the time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you spend on earth! Visit our Adoration Chapel anytime, Monday-Friday, after morning Mass until 7 pm. For questions, contact Mary at 302-388-3752; hartown@verizon.net



Gail Daddario, David Powell, Patrick Mahan, Dennis Lee, Bill Norman, Anne Bryson Roberts, Dawn Farrugia, Pattie Perry, Fabiola Matalonis, Ed & Carol Painter, Debbie Robinson, Marilyn DePhillips, Bill Sauerwine, Sharon Kraynak, Mark B., Lorraine Moulder, Frank Wood, Mitzie Pack, Colleen Ide, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Luke Ramowski, Frankie Knowles, Pat Hamilton, Nancy Larkin, Kathi Lafferty, Hilde Varglien, RuthAnn Donahue, 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, Norman Ginsburg, Terry O'Connell, Ryan Coyle, Betty Anne Silva, Gert & John Lincoln, Linda & Gene Glomb, Phil & BJ Budzynski, Santi Ceccotti, Visitation Prayer Intentions

Requests will be printed in the bulletin for one month and military prayers for six months. You may renew as often as you wish by calling the Parish Office at 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

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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| ◆SPC Jason Lyons | ◆2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | ◆SGM Nicolas Relacion |
| ◆SGT Ana Brunal | ◆SGT Andrew Wolfe | ◆CPL Charles M. Griffith |
| ◆SGT Andrew Hart | ◆SSGT James McWilliams | ◆SSGT Michael Kauffman |
| ◆SGT Meghan Guerrero | ◆AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB | ◆Service Members & Coalition |
| ◆SGT Michael Guerrero | ◆SPC Thomas Wolfe | |

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, contact Dave Besselman at 484-667-0267 or dbesselman1@gmail.com.



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

James Rea



Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, September 9th
7:00 PM - ABVM Church

Join us as we gather together as a parish community and pray a very special Patriotic Rosary.

We ask God's continued guidance and blessings upon our country.



LABOR DAY

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 7th ~ 9:00 am Mass

Note: There will be no 6:30 am Mass. The Parish Office will be closed and there will be no Eucharistic Adoration.

Sacramental News



- * **First Communion Practice** is Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm in the Main Church. One parent and child should attend.
- * **First Holy Communion Celebration** is Saturday, September 26th at 10 am.
- * **Confirmation Practice** is Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm in the Main Church. Confirmandi and Sponsor (or proxy) should attend.
- * **Confirmation Mass** is Thursday, November 12th at 4 pm with Bishop Deliman.

WATCH MASS ONLINE VIA PARISH WEBSITE

If you are unable to get to Mass, watch live and recorded Masses using our Parish Live Stream Link via the Parish Website: assumptionbvmwestgrove.org. Mass is live streamed each Sunday at 10 am.

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*Help is needed to assist with the **Live Stream Team** on Sundays and for other special Liturgies that take place here at ABVM. Since the Pandemic, many of our parishioners are unable to attend Mass in-person and depend on being able to connect with the rest of our parish family through this medium. No particular computer skills are needed and all new team members will be trained on how to run the Live Stream. Please contact Michael Xavier Lundy, Director of Liturgy and Music at 610-869-2722 or by email at abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com.*



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Catholic Youth Faith Formation 2020-2021

ABVMFAITHFORMATION@gmail.com

We are joyfully offering formation sessions beginning the week of September 27th.
Instruction follows our Parish Mission Statement, to Know Jesus, to Love Jesus and to Serve Jesus!

Home-Based Formation:

Unit Preparation Sessions: Unit Preparation Sessions are for parents of students being catechized at home, however, all parents are welcome to join. Between 6-8 parent preparation sessions for the home-based choice are being scheduled before each of the **5 units of study**. These sessions will allow parents time to **refresh, renew and familiarize** themselves before instruction periods. *Session dates and times will be announced throughout the course of learning.

On-Site Formation:

Levels and Times:

Sundays {Level 7} 11:10 am-12:30 pm

Tuesdays {Levels 1, 2, 3} 4:40 pm-6:00 pm

Wednesdays {Levels 4, 5, 6} 4:40 pm-6:00 pm

All Locations:

Parish Life Center

St. Cecilia Room

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room

**Home-Based Unit Meetings
are held in the Church**

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORMS ONLINE

<https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org/catholic-youth-faith-formation>

Registration Form 2020-21. Select 2020 CYFF Registration and indicate quantity (number of children you are registering), Click ok. Scroll to the top of the page and begin to complete registration form. Continue following prompts until payment is complete.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Fall, the RCIA program will be offered here at Assumption BVM. Deacon Ron Lewis will conduct 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 late 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 soon. 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. Please contact Deacon Ron Lewis at wineguy54@hotmail.com or call 302-547-8586.

ABVM School News



Academic Excellence in a Christ-Centered Environment

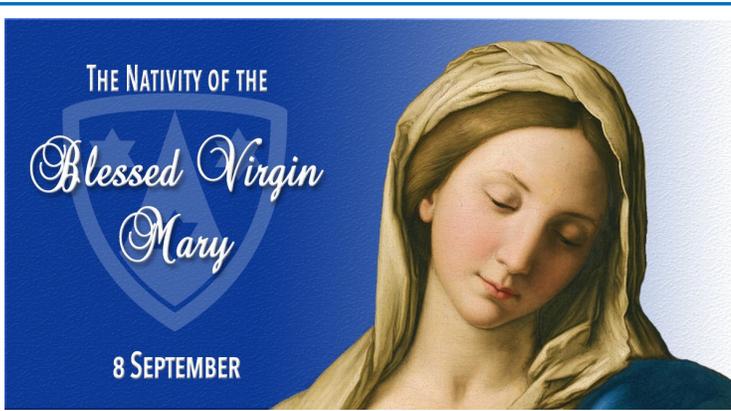


WELCOME BACK! We are so excited to have our school children back for the Fall semester. The Assumption BVM Professional Team has been busy preparing the school (following strict Covid-19 protocols). Each classroom has been sanitized, spaced appropriately and ready for the students.

- ◆ An updated version of our School's Health and Safety Plan, ***Onward Plan-At a Glance***, can be found at <https://files.constantcontact.com/95c009d3101/97221bf7-6eab-4eef-b965-8eec016f3319.pdf>
- ◆ All students may wear their Physical Education uniform for the first two weeks of school and they may bring lunch boxes to school.
- ◆ Back to School Night—September 10, 2020. The event will be virtual beginning at 6 pm.
- ◆ Please join us for the **Annual ABVM Golf Outing** at the Deerfield Country Club, 507 Thompson Station Rd, Newark, DE on October 12th. Shot gun start at 1 pm. Dinner will be at 6 pm. \$150.00 per player. Cost includes green fees, cart, lunch, drinks on the course, range balls, and dinner. Dinner Only: \$50 per adult, \$20 child. For information, please email golfouting@abvmschoolwg.us

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



On September 8th, we celebrate the birth of Mary, exactly nine months after the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception. We know from recorded tradition of early Christians that Mary is the most blessed child of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne.

God chose, and still chooses, to redeem and sanctify individuals. He does this through Christ Jesus, who entered our world through the life of Mary. Jesus and Mary stand at the head of our prayer, reflection, and study: Jesus as a divine Person who took on a human nature, and the Blessed Virgin Mary as the perfect human creature.

Our challenge is to live the Gospel like Mary: listening for God's voice every day, letting his will for our lives sink into our hearts, and carrying out that will with the love of our human hearts.

Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother!



Please welcome our new Officers for the upcoming year:

- President: Jennifer Hoffman
- Vice President: Helen Leinhauser
- Secretary: Maureen Petrarca
- Treasurer: Mary Cahalan
- Financial Secretary: Madeline Kane

Our monthly meeting will be on **September 14th** at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All members are encouraged to attend. Contact Jen Hoffman at stpiusxaux@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

SAINT THIS WEEK



Saint Peter Claver

Died † 1654 A.D.

Feast Day: September 9th

Peter Claver was a Catalan Jesuit priest who served in the Columbian mission in Cartagena. For thirty-eight years he devoted himself to the African slaves, baptizing over 300,000. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever". He is the patron of Columbia and of all missions to black peoples.

FORMED.org

PICK OF THE WEEK



Mother Teresa

In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.

Use our Parish's Free Subscription Code: MC8NYZ.

Rosary Campaign

For an End to the Coronavirus



The Office of the New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites all to join online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. For more details, visit: <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>

Black and Indian Mission Collection September 12/13 Weekend

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be held on the **weekend of September 12/13, 2020**. Your prayers and financial support impact the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious women and men, and lay leadership who labor on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, mission schools and the many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel.

At ABVM our ushers only pass the basket around once during Mass. If you use Parish E-giving, you may edit your giving information on line by logging in at www.faithdirect.net and clicking on the icon "Edit My Gifts" on the home screen. If you give by using envelopes you are asked to place your gifts to the parish and to the special collection in the basket at the same time, using the pre-printed envelopes you received in the mail. Please note that you may also use a blank envelope and write the name of a collection you wish to support on it.



What you are is God's gift to you.

What you become is your gift to God.

– Hans Urs von Balthasar



FOOTBALL MANIA

17 Week Game
Parish Fundraiser

*It's not too late to turn in your
Football Mania tickets!*

Please send in your tickets stubs and payment by **Monday, September 7th** to the ABVM Parish Office. The opening day of NFL Football is Thursday, September 10th. Make checks payable to Assumption BVM. Cost: \$25 per ticket. All winners will be notified by mail. If the NFL season changes, Football Mania will implement a contingency plan to calculate winners and award prize money during any missed weeks by using the score from a random week in a prior season. The total number of winners, prize money awarded, and odds of winning will not be affected by any schedule changes. All promised money will be paid. For information, visit charitymania.com.

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (9/6-9/12/20)

Sun. M. Tarkington/T. Harrison Thu. C. Humkey/N. Kennard
Mon. M. Bruecks Fri. C. Lyons
Tue. J. Lyons Sat. R. Gaffney
Wed. D. & T. Harrison (Sign-up to pray in the vestibule.)

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

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

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

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

***Al-Anon meeting:** Visit <https://al-non.org> for
meeting information.

***Lions Club Hospital Equipment Loan
Program:** Contact 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:** Need help
accessing services and support for someone with an
intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.

***Formed.org** Free access to Catholic movies, ebooks,
programs, & children's resources. Use code MC8NYZ.

***Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group:**
Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.

***STRIVE 21 Day Detox from Pornography.** Register
at cardinalstudios.org.

***National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 800-273-8255.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Charles Nigro, requested by Gene and Eileen Fogarty

Reader 1/Reader 2: Debera Buoni (both readings)
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Lanciano, Shawn Murphy, Mary Wharton
Altar Servers: Nico Murphy, 2 servers needed
Sacristan: Fred Buoni
Music: Gwen Kull, Michael Xavier Lundy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

8:00 am Mass - Derek Stem, requested by Paul and Sue Zuk

Reader 1 & 2: Marie Losito (both readings)
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Ellie Barron, Bruce Michalski, Philip Wengloski
Altar Servers: Liam & Tommy Wilson, 1 server needed
Sacristan: Fred Buoni
Music: Ann Wengloski, Michael Xavier Lundy

10:00 am Mass - Richard Petrarca, requested by Bonnie Bolla

Reader 1/Reader 2: Steve Liberatore, John Colgan
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Lauletta, Maureen Petrarca
Altar Servers: Hannah Char, Leif & Rafe Hamilton
Sacristan: Jeff Lyons
Music: Anthem

12:00 pm Mass - Michael C. Smith, Sr., requested by Father Scott Brockson

Reader 1/Reader 2: Molly Clark, Tom Finley
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Extraordinary Ministers: Michael Bruecks, Dennis Shannon
Altar Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: Jeff Lyons
Music: Christine Clancy, Michael Xavier Lundy

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

6:30 am Mass - George and Gloria Hart, requested by Bob and Marge Erling

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

8:15 am Mass - Patrice Adams, requested by Sue Atkinson and Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

6:30 am Mass - People of the Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

6:30 am Mass - Doris Blizzard, Janet Morgan, Helen Henry and Elaine Morse, requested by Joseph Bunting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

8:15 am Mass - Ann Sciotti, requested by Michael and Mary McCormack

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Toshiko Nagaura Bunting, requested by Joseph Bunting

Reader 1/Reader 2: Ed Sigda, Steve Liberatore
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Ann Barr, Ellie Barron, Lisa Goldstein
Altar Servers: Ethan & Nolan Goldstein, 1 server needed
Sacristan: Fred Buoni
Music: Nicole Boysen, Michael Xavier Lundy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

8:00 am Mass - Bob Lauer, requested by The Wyatt Family

Reader 1 & 2: Tom Harrison, Marie Losito
Deacon: No Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers: Cindy Sciotto, Shawn Murphy, Mary Wharton
Altar Servers: Nico Murphy, Liam & Tommy Wilson
Sacristan: Fred Buoni
Music: Lynne Claire Morse, Michael Xavier Lundy

10:00 am Mass - Eva DiGiuseppe, requested by Eileen and Gene Fogarty

Reader 1/Reader 2: Adriana Pfaff, Helen Leinhauser
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: Jason Chapman, Maureen Petrarca
Altar Servers: Rafe Hamilton, Heidi & Joel Stumpf
Sacristan: Steve Gempp
Music: Anthem

12:00 pm Mass - Brian Erling, requested by Faye Ferroni

Reader 1/Reader 2: John Colgan, Molly Clark
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Lanciano, Dennis Shannon
Altar Servers: Jacob & Samantha Calabretta, 1 server needed
Sacristan: Jeff Lyons
Music: Christine Clancy, Michael Xavier Lundy



Are you new in the Parish and would like to register? Please stop by the Parish Office weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm, or call the office at 610-869-2722 to register.



**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

***Due to an increased need in our area,
we will host a two day blood drive.***

Red Cross Blood Drive

**Assumption BVM Church (Lower Level)
300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390**

**Wednesday & Thursday, September 9/10
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

We ask that you schedule an appointment
by calling **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767) or by
visiting www.redcrossblood.org and entering sponsor code **assumptionbvm**.

You can also download the blood drive app.

For questions, contact ABVM parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559 or
email tedra.farrell@redcross.org.



**Now testing blood donations
for COVID-19 antibodies**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep



our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:19-20

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