

# ASSUMPTION

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



***Sunday, November 22, 2020***

## *Church and Parish Office:*

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390  
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## *Weekend Mass Times*

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Masses

## *Daily Mass Schedule*

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

## *Eucharistic Adoration*

After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm  
ABVM Adoration Chapel  
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## *Sacraments and Devotions*

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

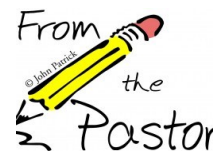
**Matrimony:** Engaged couples are asked to meet with the parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding and enroll in a marriage-prep program.

**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.



## EXERCISE AUTHORITY AS CHRIST

Unlike worldly kings, who win or retain a kingdom by war, our Lord won his kingdom by self-sacrifice. His moment of victory was the moment of his greatest weakness, when on the Cross he was lifted up from the earth in order to draw all people to himself (cf. John 12:22). Our Lord wins souls into his kingdom not by the power of an army but by the ministers of Holy Baptism. By faith and Baptism they are delivered from the kingdom of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (cf. Colossians 1:13). In contrast to the world, the Sovereign of this kingdom rules by mercy and love. Those who have the highest place in his kingdom are the meek and humble.

On this Solemnity of Christ the King we might ask ourselves, if Christ became ruler by the weakness of the Cross, how are we to exercise authority in our various places of responsibility? A ruler normally displays strength, not weakness. But the Savior said to Saint Paul, "My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). He taught the apostle that he was made strong by being weak in his own human effort. The less Paul would depend on himself the stronger he would be, since his strength would come from God. In this, he was doing nothing other than following the example of Christ, who said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority but speak thus as the Father taught me" (John 8:28). Here, Jesus connects his authority with his being "lifted up" – nailed to a cross – and his relationship to the Father. This says a lot about how we ought to exercise the authority that God delegates to us for the benefit of others.

The Bible teaches that all authority comes from God. "For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God" (Romans 13:1). This is true whether authority is exercised by leaders of states, families, businesses, organizations and, of course, the Church. Every communal group needs some kind of authority to hold it together and direct it towards the same purpose. Without an authority – a person, persons or even rules of conduct – a community will fall apart since it has no direction and lacks the leadership to unite it. But authority is closely associated with power, and so it can easily be abused. In such cases, God's purpose for authority is thwarted, as in the instance of kings and governors, "who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and praise those who do right" (1 Peter 2:14). When kings and governors, and anyone in authority, act out of self-interest, they oppose the plan of God.

In the Christian dispensation, authority needs to be connected to weakness. We have a King who was crucified. When we are in a position as "kings" or "queens" we must crucify our passions so as not to abuse our authority. We must let go of the desire to control other people. We must resist the temptation to manipulate people. This does not mean we should be pusillanimous leaders. God does not intend for us to shrink before our responsibilities. After all, our example is Christ, the strongest of leaders. At times he showed great vigor in exercising his authority, such as when he calmed a storm, and when he took up a whip and chased the money-lenders out of the Temple precincts. At other times he restrained his power, as when he was arrested in Gethsemane: "Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he would at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" (Matthew 26:53-54). Whenever Jesus exercised authority, he did it in weakness, ceding first place to the will of the Father, which requires the strongest of character.

The authority we might have as a parent, a boss, a public official or a group leader is given to us by God for the benefit of those over whom you preside, as well as for the success of the common mission. Let us pray that we may use our authority, however great or small it may be, in the manner willed by God. It exists to correct the wrong and to praise the right. It exists not as a service to ourselves but to others. Let us ask that we may be weak, suppressing our disordered passions and relying on God's grace, for then we will be strong. Let us ask for the prudence to hold back when that is the best option, and to act boldly when necessary. In all things let us follow the example of Christ crucified!

- Father Scott



# ORDER of WORSHIP

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 22, 2020

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an - gels sing a - bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re-sound In praise of him a-lone.
2. Who on the third day did a-rise And hope to sin-ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



1. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo - ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man - y crowns, As thrones be - fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris - en King For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. Who came e - ter - nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through-out the earth his praise re-sounds For he is Lord of all.

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## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING [EZ 34:11-12,15-17](#)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PSALM 23: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A



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## SECOND READING [1 COR 15:20-26,28](#)

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## GOSPEL [MT 25:31-46](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 it 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.

# YOU GATHER IN THE OUTCAST

Scot Crandal



1. You gath - er in the out - cast, The wretch - ed and the sore.
2. You dwell a - mong the low - ly, The poor and those who mourn.
3. You shoul - der all the bur - dened, The fall - en and the lost.
4. You wel - come all the hun - gry, The thirst - y and the weak,



1. From ev - ery street and cit - y, From ev - ery home we pour.
2. To you we bring the suf - f'ring, To you we bring the torn.
3. For you, none is too heav - y, For you, no bar the cost.
4. In you we find all full - ness, In you is what we seek.



1. You lay your hands up - on us, You heal the wound - ed soul,
2. You meet us with com - pas - sion, You mend the hurt we bring,
3. Your care is nev - er wear - ied, Your love is nev - er still,
4. You lay the feast be - fore us, You bid us come and eat,



1. You raise the crushed, dis - heart - ened, You make the bro - ken whole.
2. You give us hope and har - bor, You make the sad heart sing.
3. Your watch for us un - sleep - ing, Un - wav - er - ing your will.
4. But, oh, be - fore you serve us, You kneel and wash our feet.

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## Communion Hymn

# THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

## TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOVEREIGN KING

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1. To Je - sus Christ, our Sov - 'reign King, Who is the  
2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry  
3. To thee and to thy Church, great King, We pledge our

1. world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And  
2. land and na - tion; For in thy king - dom, Lord di - vine, A -  
3. hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore thy throne we sing In

1. thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.  
2. lone we find sal - va - tion.  
3. end - less ju - bi - la - tion. } Christ Je - sus, vic - tor!

1-3. Christ Je - sus, rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and re - deem - er!

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### Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares  
of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits who prowl about  
the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 21, 2020

**4:30 pm Mass - John & Clair Hall, req. by John & Karen Hall**

Readers 1/2: M.A. Schill, D. Buoni

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: A. Barr, L. Lanciano

Servers: M. Riordan, 2 servers needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, November 22, 2020

**8 am Mass - Adele Angelucci, req. by Joe & Denise Nash**

Readers 1/2: T. Finan, T. Finley

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, P. Wengloski

Servers: R. & L. Hamilton, L. Wilson

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: A. Wengloski, M. Lundy, Handbells

**10 am Mass - Gary Gamache, req. by Joyce Malchione**

Readers 1/2: S. Liberatore, H. Leinhauser

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: J. Chapman, D. Lauletta

Servers: S. & J. Calabretta, H. Char

Sacristan: S. Gemp Music: Anthem

**12 pm Mass- Richard Petrarca, req. by Jeff & Caroline Lyons**

Readers 1/2: J. Colgan (both readings)

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: L. Goldstein, M. Petrarca

Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, 1 server needed

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

### Monday, November 23, 2020, 6:30 am Mass

**People of the Parish**

### Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 8:15 am Mass

**Margaret Gavagan, req. by The Branca Family**

### Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 6:30 am Mass

**Joseph Mergliano, req. by The Family**

### Thursday, November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving

**9:00 am Mass (time change) - Intentions of Mary, Mother of God**

Readers 1/2: S. Liberatore, H. Leinhauser

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: B. Michalski, D. Shannon

Servers: W. & A. Gorman, T. Wilson

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

### Friday, November 27, 2020, 8:15 am Mass

**Joseph and Wanda Erling, req. by The Erling Family**

### Saturday, November 28, 2020

**4:30 pm Mass - Charles Owens, req. by Joanne DiJoseph**

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

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: E. Barron, M. Wharton

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, November 29, 2020

**8 am Mass - Jason O'Brien, req. by The O'Brien Family**

Readers 1/2: M. Losito, A. Pfaff

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: L. Lanciano, S. Murphy

Servers: N. Murphy, L. & T. Wilson

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: J. Leinhauser, M. Lundy

**10 am Mass - Richard Petrarca, req. by Joyce Malchione**

Readers 1/2: T. Harrison, T. Finan

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: T. Powell, C. Sciott

Servers: H. Char, R. & L. Hamilton

Sacristan: S. Gemp Music: Anthem

**12 pm Mass - Joseph Charley, req. by Jeff & Caroline Lyons**

Readers 1/2: M. Clark, K. Hamill-Clark

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, D. Shannon

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Margie Nason, Keith Pinker, Judith Hasson, Dorothy Verna, Sharon DeNapoli, Ryan Coyle, Janice Wolfe, Gail Daddario, Phil & BJ Budzynski, David Powell, Patrick Mahan, 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, Dawn Marley, Louann & Daniel Armstrong, Linda Miller, Paula Bryan, John S., Jesse Clement, Eileen Byrne, Nancy Furniss, Lauren G., Joyce Dorazio, Christian Workman, 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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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ♦SGT Jason Lyons         | ♦AB Michael Connelly &   |
| ♦SGT Ana Brunal          | FLT277, Lackland AFB     |
| ♦SGT Andrew Hart         | ♦SPC Thomas Wolfe        |
| ♦SGT Meghan Guerrero     | ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion    |
| ♦SGT Michael Guerrero    | ♦CPL Charles M. Griffith |
| ♦SGT James Francis       | ♦SSGT Michael Kauffman   |
| ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | ♦Service Members &       |
| ♦SGT Andrew Wolfe        | Coalition                |
| ♦SSGT James McWilliams   |                          |

*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.*



**We would like to welcome the following new members to our Parish Family:**

**David and Katrina Wilson Family**

Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!! Please contact the ABVM Parish Office, weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm, at 610-869-2722.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### Parish Finances

Collection for November 15, 2020	\$12,948
Includes \$6,400 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Wkly Collection 2020/2021	\$14,231
Actual Average Wkly Collection 2020/21	\$13,732

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 plan to make up that deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week about seventy-seven percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. As a result, our Offertory income for November 8 was \$1,283 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up the good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

### Parish Appeal Update

The 2021 Parish Appeal is off to a good start thanks to you. In the first three weeks of the campaign we have commitments from one hundred thirty families for more than \$36,000 with \$24,387 received. The first \$125,000 will go toward parish expenses; the remainder will go toward the emergency fund for unbudgeted, major expenses for the church; e.g., the ultimate replacement of the church roof.

### 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>.



# Happy Thanksgiving

## Thursday, November 26th

### 9:00 am Mass



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever!*

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

### Please Note:

*The Assumption BVM Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office re-opens on Monday, November 30 at 8 am.*

## Eucharistic ADORATION

**Monday - Friday, After Morning Mass until 7 pm**  
ABVM Adoration Chapel

**Please Note:** There will be no adoration on Thanksgiving, November 26. On *Wednesdays* in Advent, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the main church. For questions or for information, contact Mary at 302-388-3752; [hartown@verizon.net](mailto:hartown@verizon.net).



# ADVENT



## VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

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### Wednesday Evenings in Advent

**December 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd**  
ABVM Main Church

6:30 pm - Holy Rosary  
7:00 pm - **Vespers, Reflection, and Benediction**

*Join us in Prayer during this Season of Hope!*

## "Flame of Love"

Prayer Group at ABVM

**ABVM Adoration Chapel**

Meetings:

*Thursdays from 6-7 pm*

Flame of Love Rosary

*Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30 am*



The Flame of Love is a new instrument to push forward the work of salvation! The greatest gift since God sent His Son, Jesus, meant for everyone; it bestows religious experiences, blinds Satan, saves souls and blesses family members. For more information, please contact Mary at 302-388-3752.

## Announcements

**Pray the Rosary for Life** (11/22-11/28/20)

Sun. D. Ellingson

Thu. N. Kennard

Mon. M. Bruecks

Fri. T. Harrison

Tue. S. Gosline

Sat. T. Harrison

Wed. T. Harrison/J. Lyons *(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:** Email Mondayodat@gmail.com or visit <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 support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.

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

**\*STRIVE 21 Day Detox from Pornography.** Register at [cardinalstudios.org](http://cardinalstudios.org).

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

## FOOTBALL MANIA ABVM Parish Fundraiser

Participants can go to [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 10 Winners:**

Ticket	Prize	Name	Points
4180	\$25	J. & N. Leech	116
3400	\$25	Jeannine Roth	114
3597	\$25	Neil Coyne	113



## Advent Giving Tree

**Helping those in Need**

Please help make Christmas brighter for those in our community who are in need. Beginning November 29th, please take a tag from our Giving Tree in the Church vestibule. Donations support the Parish Works of Mercy, Twin Pines Nursing Home, Saint Rocco's, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Joseph's People, Birthright, and Family Promise. **Please bring your wrapped gifts with tags attached on Sunday, December 13th** by the end of the 10 am Mass. This year we will accept and sort the gifts in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to help sort and deliver gifts after the 12:00 pm Mass. We are looking for volunteers to help with the deliveries especially to Birthright and Twin Pines. For questions, call Dot at 215-460-2616 or Ann at 610-869-8559.



Our first Knitting Club meeting was a great success. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, December 3rd** in the Parish Life Center. If you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting, come join us as we use our skills to bring comfort to others. Bring some yarn, needles and/or hooks! We have plenty of patterns. Don't forget to wear a mask. If you know someone who could use a lapghan or shawl, contact Donna at [donnaulaletta@gmail.com](mailto:donnaulaletta@gmail.com).



## WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN QUOTES

**"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily life and decisions."**

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing", [respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations)

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Titles and privileges, palaces and guards, banquets and benefits, servants and fine living, are all things earthly folks associate with kings and royalty. These have no place in Christ. To understand the kingdom of Christ and what it means to have Christ as our king, one must be willing and able to understand transformation, engagement and empowerment. To live in the kingship of Christ, we have to live deeply and contemplatively; allowing God to change not only how we act, but how we feel, think, and see. It is not an easy journey or one that is always welcomed. Sometimes, it is easier and safer to live as if Christ were our earthly king. It's a more black and white world. But the kingdom of Christ exists in a world of gray where the hungry, thirsty, those who are strangers, naked, ill, and imprisoned find a welcome home. It is a kingdom that doesn't always make sense, where the last are first and the weakest are most strong. World economics and secular philosophy doesn't like this kind of king. Maybe that is why they crucified him the first time and continue to. Whatever we do to the least of God's children, we do to God. Do you really want to inherit the kingdom?

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### Observances for the week of November 22, 2020

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Monday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day



Saint Cecilia, martyred in the 3rd century, is the Patroness of Sacred Music because of the "song of God in her heart". She has been honored in Rome since the 5th century and is mentioned in the Roman Canon. Officials exhumed her body in 1599 and found her to be incorrupt.

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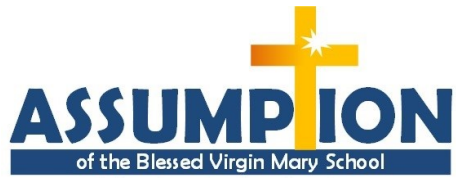
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### 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael Gaitley this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary—the Mother of God—and her Son and to prepare yourself for a spiritual renewal.



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***On November 11<sup>th</sup>,  
ABVM Students and  
Staff thanked and  
honored our  
Nation's Veterans  
for their service.***

**Thanksgiving Feast-Nov. 24th:** One of our favorite traditions at ABVM School is our Thanksgiving Feast. This Home & School sponsored event is for students and staff only. We invite students to dress as either a Native American or a Pilgrim. If your child chooses to not dress in this way they may wear their gym uniforms. We thank Home & School for providing this delicious feast and we give thanks as a school family for our many blessings.

**Family Vacations may result in quarantine:** The holidays are quickly approaching. Parents, it is because of your support and the safety measures we have in place at school that our school is open for in-person learners. We thank you in advance for the sacrifices you will make over this holiday season to keep our school community safe.

## **ABVM School Calendar**

Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 25th: 11 am Early Dismissal

Dec. 1st: Giving Day; 1st Day of Second Semester

Dec. 4th: 8:15 am First Friday Mass (3rd & 5th Grades)

Dec. 11th: 8:15 am Mass (Kindergarten & 8th Grade)

Dec. 18th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th Grades)

Dec. 21st: No School (Professional Development Day)

Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st: No School - Christmas Break



***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!***

# Giving Day



**12-1-20**

**A.B.V.M. School**

On **Tuesday, December 1st**, ABVM will participate in **Giving Day**, an international day of giving that focuses on charitable donating following the Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping days. One hundred percent of these tax-deductible donations go directly to the operating expenses and special projects at ABVM School. Giving Day 2019 set a new record raising over \$53,000 for our school! The start of the 2020-2021 school year brought many challenges and additional investments in PPE. We are hopeful our 2020 Giving Day will again exceed all expectations. Donations can be made through #igivecatholic starting November

16, 2020 by visiting <https://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/assumption-bvm-school-westgrove>. Donations can also be sent anytime to Assumption BVM School, Attn: Business Office/Giving Day, 290 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390.

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## Support the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program

### Non-Perishable Food Drive



Food  
Collection

Christmas Day will soon be here, a time to celebrate and count our blessings with friends and family. Beyond the laughter and the presents, there is a silence for so many of our community. Laughter is stilled by poverty and hunger, silenced by emptiness and loss of hope. Poverty haunts hundreds of our neighbors every day, even during the holidays when life feels so festive and secure. Hunger knows no season.

Thank you to all the generous people who have made this program a success for so many years. Without your time, donations and support, our campaign would never have been able to service over **362 families** that were cared for in **2019**. It would be wonderful if we could say that there is not a need to run the program this year, but the reality is that we still have many families that need help.

Due to this greater number of families and a lesser amount of donations, we have decided to ask our generous parishioners to assist with this part of the program again this year. Last year's response to our needs was met with TREMENDOUS support!!! We will have a **collection box in the vestibule from November 14/15 through the weekend of December 5/6**. We would appreciate donations of **canned vegetables, canned meats/tuna fish, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, soup, pasta & sauce, bagged rice and stuffing**. Please contact John Brennan at 610-869-4100 or JJBrennan@AssumptionBVMWestGrove.org if you have questions.

As many of you have heard, we will not be having the program at the ABVM Parish Center due to the classrooms that were relocated there for social distancing. To be able to do the program within the COVID-19 health guidelines, we have been fortunate enough to secure 3 locations: Masda Mushroom for the sorting, St Gabriel's Parish Center for the distribution along with the Avondale Fire Company's parking lot for non-perishable food collection. To assist with any part of the program, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094facae2fa1f49-avon>. We have also established a VENMO account, @AGCBP (4100 for direction) for those who like to contribute electronically. Checks can also be sent to the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program, P.O. Box 146, New London, PA 19360.



### SPRIT POWER

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

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### "Little Blue Books" for Advent

Take time out of your busy schedule to read the 6 minute daily Advent reflections. The "Little Blue Books" are available in the church vestibule and are free of charge.

### ABVM Magazine



The new edition of the ABVM Magazine is now in your email. Learn how the parish has been able to safely reopen during the pandemic and how parish ministries and organizations have contributed to our strong comeback.

This edition is full of important information about current and future events, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, so don't miss it! Please share this with your family by forwarding your Constant Contact email. The magazine is also on the parish website (<https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org>). Open the menu icon in the upper left corner, expand "About Us" then click on "ABVM Magazine". If you would like an email copy, contact [ABVMmagazine@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:ABVMmagazine@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org).



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It is so important to support the Seminary Appeal because the seminary is dependent on the generosity of the faithful.

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# Rosary Campaign

For an End to the Coronavirus



**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 8 PM**

*"I repeat, there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary." – Sr. Lucia of Fatima*

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is holding a Rosary Campaign. Join us 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 to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. For more, visit: [phillyevang.org/rosary](http://phillyevang.org/rosary). In addition, Assumption BVM Parish in West Grove is praying the Holy Rosary each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and all welcome to participate.

## WATCH MASS ONLINE

If you are unable to get to Mass, you can watch it online via our Parish website at [assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org). Watch live and recorded Masses using our Parish Live Stream link. The 10 am Mass is live-streamed each week.



*Jesus, I love You. O my God, I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.*

## Please Remember...

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## Thanksgiving Pie Sale

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