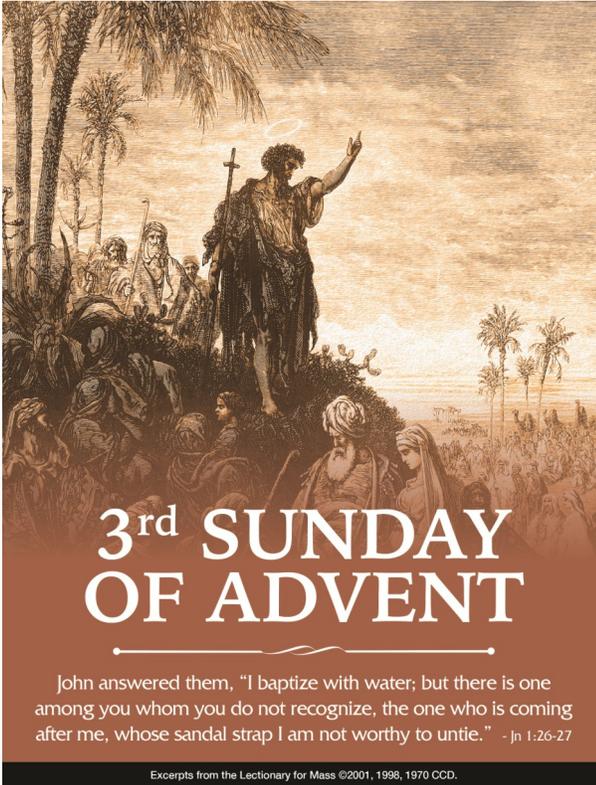



ASSUMPTION
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, December 13, 2020

Church and Parish Office:

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm
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Weekend Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm
 ABVM Adoration Chapel
 No Adoration on public holidays or snow days.

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Sacraments and Devotions

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

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

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

Rosary: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (Church)

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



WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?

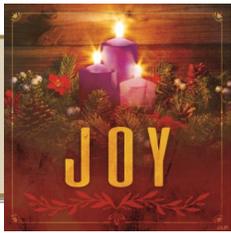
John was born approximately three months before the birth of Jesus. He was a cousin of Jesus but did not know him personally before they met as adults. According to the evangelist, "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his manifestation to Israel" (Luke 1:80). His parents lived in Ein Karem, a hillside village outside of Jerusalem. John's father Zechariah was a priest, which would make John a priest also, but there is no reason to believe that he exercised his priesthood in the Temple as his father did at times. John probably moved into the wilderness region of Judea to live alone when he began to discern his calling as a prophet. Before that he may have been a member of the Jewish sect located in Qumran, which followed a strict monastic rule. This community is famous for the Dead Sea scrolls, which it hid in caves from an advancing Roman army around A.D. 70, and were discovered in good condition by a Bedouin shepherd boy in 1947. Remarkably, they include manuscripts of a large portion of the Old Testament that predated any known manuscripts at the time by 8 to 11 centuries. There is no way of knowing for sure if John lived at Qumran, but if he did, he left the community before beginning his preaching ministry.

The Gospel records that John referred to the crowds which came out to hear him as a "brood of vipers." Moved by his strong words, they repented and were baptized by him to symbolize their change of life. John also aimed his preaching at religious and political leaders, including Herod the Tetrarch, whom he condemned for incest (marrying his brother's wife). This would eventually lead to his arrest and execution. To the soldiers who came out to him he commanded that they stop extorting the people, and to tax collectors that they collect no more than the required amount. His message of conversion focused on justice: "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise" (Luke 3:10-11). This message was firmly in line with the prophetic tradition. What was unique about John, however, was his declaration that the appearing of the Messiah was imminent, and the people needed to prepare for him through interior conversion.

John is referred to in Christian tradition as the Precursor. A precursor was a messenger sent ahead of a royal official to announce his imminent arrival. John's ministry fulfilled the prophecy of Malachi, the last of the Old Testament prophets: "Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible day" (Malachi 3:23). When asked by the religious leaders who he claimed to be, John quoted Isaiah, saying "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'" (John 1:23). Later, Jesus would confirm that the Baptist was the fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy: "And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come" (Matthew 11:14). When Jesus came to him at the Jordan River, John did not want to baptize him, since Jesus had no sin, and he was not unworthy to untie the tongs of his sandals. But he obeyed when Jesus insisted, and was rewarded with the vision of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, coming upon Jesus as he came up out of the water.

Let me conclude by noting two things as food for thought. The first is John's insistence that the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit. It is remarkable that all four Gospels records it, which is unusual. Clearly, this truth would be very important to the life of the Church. We might ask, is it important to me? Second, the last time we see John in the Gospels before his beheading is when, from prison, he sends disciples to Jesus to ask if, in fact, he is the One to come, or should they look for another. Jesus affirms that he is doing the works of the Messiah – giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, walk to the lame, cleansing to lepers, and life to the dead – and says, "Blessed is he who takes no offense at me" (Matthew 11:6). In the midst of his harsh confinement, even John the Baptist needed to be encouraged in faith. We also need such encouragement from a brother or sister in Christ during times of trouble. Let us be willing to offer and receive it from one another.

- Father Scott



ORDER of WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 13, 2020

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode 1.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord. *For we have sinned against you.* Show us, O Lord, your mercy. *And grant us your salvation.* May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

FIRST READING IS 61:1-2A,10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LUKE 1: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



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SECOND READING 1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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GOSPEL JN 1:6-8,19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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 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.

READY THE WAY

Bob Hurd

Verses



1. "Read - y the way of the Lord! Read - y the
 2. "Let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry
 3. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. Des - ert and
 4. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are
 5. Strength-en the ones who are weak. Strength-en the



1. way of the Lord!" A voice — cries out in the wil - der -
 2. val - ley be filled. Let ev - 'ry moun-tain be hum -
 3. waste-land will bloom. ‡ Glo - ry and splen-dor will fill the
 4. deaf will then hear. ‡ Those who are lame will then leap for
 5. ones who are weak. ‡ Say to the fright-ened: "Have cour -



1. ness: "Read - y the way of the Lord!" (to Verse 2)
 2. bled; let ev - 'ry val - ley be filled." (to Refrain)
 3. land. Des - ert and waste-land will bloom. (to Verse 4)
 4. joy. Those who are mute will then sing. (to Refrain)
 5. age." Strength-en the ones who are weak. (to Refrain)

Refrain



Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di - ca - tion.



Look and be-hold the sav - ing pow - er of God.



1, 2 to Verses 3, 5 Final
 2 The sav - ing pow - er of God.

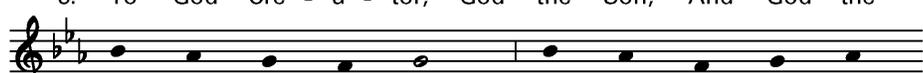
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CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
 6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
 2. death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
 3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
 4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
 5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
 6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and



1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
 2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
 4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast: Him who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 12, 2020

9:00 am Mass - Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: J. Chapman, L. Lanciano

Readers 1/2: S. Liberatore Servers: L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed

Sacristan: Sacristan needed Music: M. McDonald, M. Lundy

4:30 pm Mass - Rinaldo DiBattista, req. by The Torello Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Petrarca, M. Wharton

Readers 1/2: D. Buoni, E. Sigda Servers: C. & C. Norbeck, 1 server needed

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

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8 am Mass - Frederick Atkinson, req. by Sue Atkinson

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, B. Michalski

Readers 1/2: M. Losito, K. Hamill-Clark Servers: H. & J. Stumpf, 1 server needed

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: K. Evangelista, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Betty Shannon, req. by Dennis Shannon

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

Readers 1/2: T. Harrison, H. Leinhauser Servers: L. & R. Hamilton, 1 server needed

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Matthew Powell, req. by Steve & Joan Belitsky

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

Readers 1/2: S. Liberatore, J. Colgan Servers: N. Murphy, 2 servers needed

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

Monday, December 14, 2020, 6:30 am Mass

People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 8:15 am Mass

Ed Yacuboski, req. by Holly & Shawn Murphy

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:30 am Mass

6:30 am Mass - People of the Parish

7:00 pm Advent Service Servers: E. & N. Goldstein Reader: M. Clark

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 6:30 am Mass

Christopher Michael Furniss, req. by Mom & Dad

Friday, December 18, 2020, 8:15 am Mass

Josephine Marge, req. by The Harrison Family

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:30 pm Mass - Rinaldo DiBattista, req. by Patty Malchione

Deacon: No Deacon, EMofHC: E. Barron, S. Murphy, M. Petrarca

Readers 1/2: K. Hamill-Clark, D. Buoni Servers: N. Murphy, 2 servers needed

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

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8 am Mass - Frederick Atkinson, req. by The Gill Family

Deacon: No Deacon, EMofHC: A. Barr, C. Sciotto, P. Wengloski

Readers 1/2: M. Losito, T. Finley Servers: L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed

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

10 am Mass - Betty Shannon, req. by Dennis Shannon

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: T. Powell, D. Shannon

Readers 1/2: A. Pfaff, T. Finan Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, H. Char

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Living & Deceased Members of The Schill and Pastock Families, req. by The Schill Family

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

Readers 1/2: M. Clark, M.A. Schill Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, 1 server needed

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Derek Cox, Jose Gonzalez, Robert DiStefano, Margie Nason, Keith Pinker, Judith Hasson, Dorothy Verna, Sharon DeNapoli, Ryan Coyle, Janice Wolfe, Phil & BJ Budzynski, David Powell, Patrick Mahan, Bill Norman, Anne Bryson Roberts, Dawn Farrugia, 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, 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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| ◆HM1 Matthew Rosenberg | ◆SSGT James McWilliams |
| ◆SGT Jason Lyons | ◆AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB |
| ◆SGT Ana Brunal | ◆SPC Thomas Wolfe |
| ◆SGT Andrew Hart | ◆SGM Nicolas Relacion |
| ◆SGT Meghan Guerrero | ◆CPL Charles M. Griffith |
| ◆SGT Michael Guerrero | ◆SSGT Michael Kauffman |
| ◆SGT James Francis | ◆Service Members & Coalition |
| ◆2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | |
| ◆SGT Andrew 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.



Are you new to our Parish and would like to register?

We would love to have you!!
Please call the ABVM Parish Office,
weekdays, at 610-869-2722.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Parish Finances

Collection for December 6, 2020	\$18,428
Includes \$6,400 estimated E-Giving -44% participation	
Budgeted Wkly Collection 2020/2021	\$14,231
Actual Average Wkly Collection 2020/21	\$13,731

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-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. As a result, our Offertory income through December 6 was \$4,100 more than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your 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 six weeks of the campaign we have commitments from one hundred ninety-eight families for more than \$65,700 with \$43,217 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>.



ADVENT



VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

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Wednesday Evenings in Advent December 16th and December 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!

Advent Confessions

(Assumption BVM Adoration Chapel)

Saturday, December 19th, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Sunday, December 20th, after the Noon Mass

Note: Area Advent Penance Services will be held at St. Cornelius in Chadds Ford on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 pm, and St. Patrick in Kennett Square on Thursday, December 17th at 7 pm. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24th

4 pm Mass - Church
4 pm Mass - Parish Center
7 pm Mass - Church
10 pm Mass - Church

Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25th

9 am Mass - Church
11 am Mass - Church



All Masses in the Church will be live-streamed on our parish website.

Rest in Peace

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

Lois DiVincenzo

FOOTBALL MANIA ABVM Parish Fundraiser

Participants can go to 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 12 & 13 Winners:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Points
2470	\$50	Robert Clawson	12
947	\$400	John Eller	124
2596	\$25	Harry O'Neill	116

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (12/13-12/19/20)

Sun. R. Gaffney Thu. J. DeMichiel
 Mon. M. Bruecks Fri. R. Gaffney
 Tue. T. Harrison Sat. M. Tarkington
 Wed. 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:** Email Mondayodat@gmail.com or visit <https://al-non.org>.

***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.

***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.

***Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups:** Visit phillyevang.org/nourish

***Hope in Christ:** Spiritual Support for Addiction: visit archphila.org/hope.

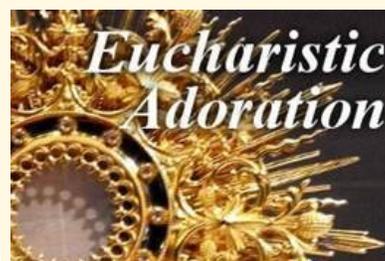
***Natural Family Planning (Creighton Model)** Contact Kaitlyn at 484-889-9519; kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com.

Please Note:

For those unable to attend Mass in person, ABVM Parish live-streams the 10 am Mass each Sunday on our Parish website.

Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

ABVM Adoration Hours:
Monday-Friday,
After Morning Mass until 7 pm



Talk with God. He will listen to you. This is the time for just you and God. Tell Him what is on your mind. And remember, to hear God you must listen first. For information, contact Mary at 302-388-3752; hartown@verizon.net.



Please Return Your Giving Tree Gifts Today

Help those in our community who are in need! Please return your Giving Tree wrapped gifts (with tags attached) to the Church this **Sunday, December 13th**. 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. This year we will accept and sort the gifts in the Parish Life Center. For questions, call Dot at 215-460-2616 or Ann at 610-869-8559.

Archdiocesan Vocation Office Prayer Partners

All are invited and encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. We have a committed group of men and women who are praying the Holy Rosary daily for vocations. In addition, they gather once a month on the first Saturday of each month to pray the Rosary in community. If you would like to join this group, contact Sue Matour in the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778; smatour@archphila.org.

Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Thurs., Dec. 17, 2020, 7 pm (via Zoom)

We invite Catholic men and their wives (if married) with a deep spiritual life who are between ages 29-55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as a Permanent Deacon to attend this meeting. For more information, please visit www.archphila.org/deacon.

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Thank You

GIVING DAY UPDATE

Thank you for a successful Giving Day 2020.

With your support we have raised \$58,559. Additional donations can be mailed to Assumption BVM School, Attention: Business Office/Giving Day, 290 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated!

Calendar

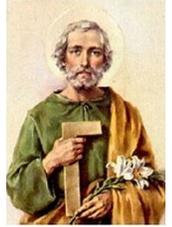
Dec. 18th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th Gr.); 11 am Dismissal
Dec. 21st: No School (Professional Development Day)
Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st: No School - Christmas Break

SAFE ENVIRONMENT Protecting God's Children

The Archdiocese is still offering this required one-time class as a live online training session facilitated by OCYP staff. Participants will be able to register at www.virtusonline.org and will then receive instructions to log in. Sessions are limited to 20 participants. (Protecting God's Children is a one-time session that "Pre" COVID-19 had to be taken in person.) This is a great opportunity to complete the training from your own home so take advantage of this convenience while you can. Let's be prepared for the day when many of our ministries can start to gather again. For questions, please contact the Parish Office at 610-869-2722.

VIRTUAL MEETING Joseph's People-West Grove

For the Unemployed
and Underemployed



Topic: 20 Client Successes in 2020 and Why? will be the topic of the Wednesday, December 16th Joseph's People meeting at 7 pm.

To join this Zoom Meeting go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89996154675?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89996154675?pwd=NVBnaC85bU4wWXNpU2xKL3ZVbUtQdz09)
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Meeting ID: 899 9615 4675

Join us as Ed Samuels, author of *Optimize Your Resume, Do's and Don'ts the SamNova Way* and senior executive coach of SamNova, Inc. encourages people seeking a new path to employment at the next Joseph's People for the Unemployed and Underemployed. Ed Samuel, Executive Career Coach with SamNova, Inc (www.samnovainc.com) will be discussing success stories of clients landing jobs, making career pivots, and re-inventing themselves to start encore careers - all during the last 10 months amid Covid-19. Ed will explain how 20 clients took specific actions that made all the difference in optimizing their life and careers.

Joseph's People provides prayerful support, introducing community resources, encouraging member interaction, and discussing job opportunities. For questions or assistance, contact West Grove Chapter Leader, Ann Barr, at bjbarr@comcast.net or visit www.josephspeople.org.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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Last Day to Order



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE

NOTE: Due to the pandemic, greens, including poinsettias, must be ordered ahead of time this year. Please complete the order form and place it in the box in the Narthex or the collection basket.

ITEM	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
Poinsettias		\$7.00 ea. or 3 for \$20	
Wreaths		\$25.00	
Crosses		\$25.00	
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Total Amount Due			

Please make checks payable to:

“KOC Pius X Council 3858”. You can pre-pay or you can pay at pick up. Please enter your name and contact information at the bottom of this form.

Order forms will be collected after the noon Mass each week beginning on **November 29th**. The last Sunday to order will be **December 13th**. Orders will be available for pick up the following Sunday after all Sunday Masses. Order pickup will be OUTSIDE in front of the church. Orders will NOT be available for pick up after the **Saturday Evening Mass**. Because our supplier provides a variety of poinsettias, we cannot guarantee any color selection. When you pick up your order, you may select from what we have, but we cannot promise a particular color.

You can order by email to northrwl@gmail.com by scanning and attaching this completed form, or by listing your items in the email. You will get a return email telling you when to pick up your order and cost. If you wish, you can pay via Paypal to Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net. **No Email orders will be accepted after Dec. 13th**. We realize that this system will be inconvenient for some, and we apologize. We are trying to maintain our traditions in these unusual times while keeping everyone as safe as possible. Please wear a mask when picking up your greens.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Saints of the Week

Saint Lucy

Feast Day: Dec. 13th

*Patron of
of the Blind and
those with Eye Troubles*



St. Lucy was martyred in Sicily in 304 A.D. under Emperor Diocletian. Because of her name which means “light”, she is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia. She is mentioned in the Roman Canon and is the patroness of Syracuse and all Sicily. She is often depicted in paintings holding her eyes on a golden plate and holding a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.

Saint John of the Cross

Feast Day: Dec. 14th

Known as the Mystical Doctor



St. John of the Cross was born in Fontiveros, Spain in 1542. He was known as a mystic and poet and an ally of St. Teresa of Avila in founding the Discalced Carmelite friars. He suffered imprisonment by the unreformed Carmelites of the Observance. He authored *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, *The Spiritual Canticle* and *The Flame of Living Love*. The Discalced Carmelites today number around 4,000 religious.



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You may also search on Facebook for *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA*.



On Sunday, December 6, 2020, the following child was welcomed into our Parish Family:

Elias Asher Kull



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

St. Pius X Council #3858

**Monthly Meeting: Thursday, December 17th
6:30 PM—ABVM Parish Life Center (lower level)**

All members are welcome to attend the meeting. For those who are unable, the meeting will also be available on Zoom. For more information or for questions, please contact Grand Knight, Bernie Hughes, at 484-467-9778 or email bernie.hughesabvm@gmail.com.



The Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting will be on Monday, **December 14th** at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All members are encouraged to attend. Please contact Jen Hoffman at stpiusxaux@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Celebrate the Season



Christmas Cards of Cheer

This year due to COVID-19 the Ladies Auxiliary will not be distributing Christmas cookies to parishioners on the Communion Call List, but will be replacing this with **Christmas Cards of Cheer**. If you would like to help our efforts please consider writing out some Christmas greetings that can then be addressed to anyone. Please place your unsealed cards in the Ladies Auxiliary box on the windowsill in the Narthex. Cards will be distributed to residents of Brandywine Hall and Twin Pines in addition to parishioners on the Communion Call List. Help us share some love with those who may be feeling isolated and alone. If you have any questions, please email Jen Hoffman at stpiusxaux@gmail.com.



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Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 17th, 11AM-4PM

ABVM Parish Life Center

Please visit: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code assumptionbvm to schedule an appointment. You can also call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule.

Contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

Donor Eligibility Guidelines: call 1 800 RED CROSS

For additional questions, please call parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559.



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This month's topic is:

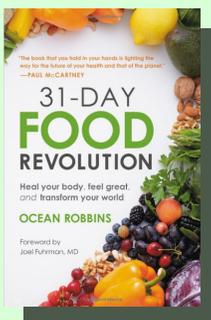
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Heal your body, feel great, and transform your world

Consider attending our upcoming session on:
Monday, December 14th, 6 pm-7:30 pm

Presented by Isabella Hsiao

Meeting Location is via zoom -
<https://udel.zoom.us/j/7457001462>



For questions, please contact ABVM parishioner, Steve Bowman, by email at transformffh@gmail.com or call 302-584-7531. Please let our team know if we can assist you in your health journey and in making progress. You can also visit our Transform Lifestyle Medicine Alliance Webpage - <https://www.transformlm.org/>



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