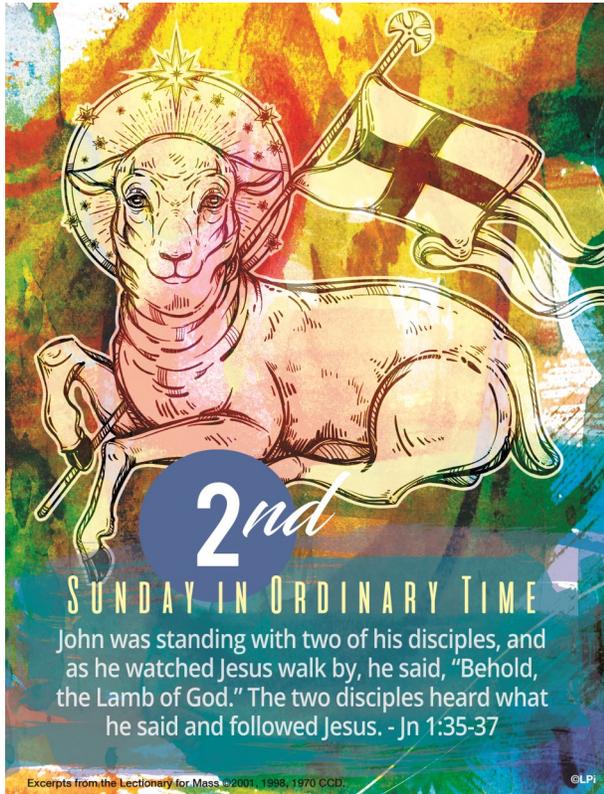



  
**ASSUMPTION**
  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
   
 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



***Sunday, January 17, 2021***

***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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 Web: [assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org)  
 Facebook: *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA*  
 Twitter: *@ABVM\_WestGrove*

***Weekend Mass Times***

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

***Daily Mass Schedule***

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

***Eucharistic Adoration***

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

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*Deacons* ..... Deacon Thomas Hannan  
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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.



## CHARACTER MATTERS

People normally act according to their character. No one is surprised when a person of good character does or says a good thing, and a person of bad character does or says a bad thing. It is almost expected of him or her.

Character as I am using it is the aggregate of distinctive qualities which a person exhibits in his or her language and choices. It is built up over time; a child is not born with a character, but develops it. The child's character is shaped in large measure by his or her environment, and especially by the influence of the parents or whoever takes their place in raising them. Education, natural abilities and deficiencies, and experience make a strong impact. However, I believe that the most important element in the shaping of a person's character is the moral choices that he or she makes. A person does not have a good or bad character because of someone else, but because of his or her moral choices.

When everything is considered, we are responsible for who we are. God has given us free will, and although we have no control over many things that happen to us, we do have control over how we react to them. If this were not so there would be no difference in the character of persons raised by the same parents, in the same circumstances, with the same natural abilities. Yet we know that there are significant and often dramatic differences in them. What is the cause of their differences? Their use of their freedom to make choices.

We are ultimately responsible for shaping our own character. We make who we are. Here I am speaking about the type of person we are by the moral choices that we make. I insist on our freedom to make them. One's physical abilities, health, level of education, and opportunities for advancement may be greater or lesser than what other people enjoy. They all have their influence. Others may have more or less advantages than me; it may be harder, or easier, for me to develop a good character. But no one can make me bad without my assent. My character is ultimately determined by my response to what has been presented to me, and where I have chosen to take the initiative. What have I pursued? Was it the good, or the bad, or a mixture of good and bad, as it is for most of us sinners.

If we are going to be better, happier persons, it is important for us to take responsibility for who we are. I need to accept that the person who I am today was built by my choices. There may be explanations for why I made those choices, and who could blame me for some of them? Forget the regrets! But let me realize that I am the major player in shaping who I am today. If I blame others for all that is bad in my character – a propensity to anger, lust, self-hatred, avarice, cynicism, addiction, whatever – I will remain trapped by these vices. But if I realize that I have the greater part of the responsibility for allowing these things to develop in my character, then I can turn to Christ, and ask his help to be free of them. I can repent, forgive those who hurt me if necessary, and receive healing from God. I can also be grateful for all those who helped me. I can be grateful for the good which God has allowed me to develop, and seek his help to be free of the bad.

We cannot develop a good, or to use a theological term, a righteous character, without the grace of God. But He cannot develop it in us without our cooperation. He can do this when we take responsibility for who we are, thank God for it, and by prayer, repentance, discipline and practicing good habits grow into the happier, more righteous person whom God has made us to be.

*- Father Scott*



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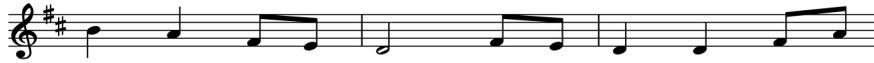
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021

## GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

NETTLETON



1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we  
 2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who  
 3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -  
 4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



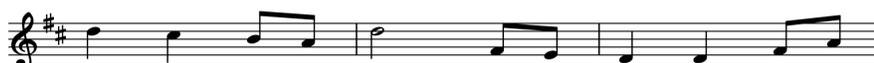
1. name you sov - reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels  
 2. set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -  
 3. last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin  
 4. judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your



1. wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a - dored:  
 2. heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise,  
 3. moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you trod:  
 4. ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid:



1. All cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and  
 2. While your Church on earth con - fess - es One ma -  
 3. By your cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -  
 4. Raise us up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us



1. earth draw near your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 2. jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
 3. front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -  
 4. from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all



1. ho - ly," Lord of hosts and God a - lone!  
 2. Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
 3. liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
 4. prais - es, Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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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 [1 SM 3:3B-10,19](#)

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

**RESPONSORIAL  
PSALM**

**PSALM 40: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**



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**SECOND READING [1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20](#)**

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA No. VI**

**GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**



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**GOSPEL [JN 1:35-42](#)**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” — which is translated Peter.

**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.

## COME, FOLLOW ME

Gael Berberick (ASCAP) and  
Barney Walker (ASCAP)

Refrain

Come, fol - low me and live; do not be a - fraid. Be -  
lieve and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave  
all your fears be - hind you; let your heart be free, for  
I will be your guide. Oh, come and fol - low me.

Verses

1. Come, fol - low in these foot-steps; I'll lead you gent - ly home.
2. Come, walk a - cross the wa - ter; place all your faith in me.
3. If you re - main with - in me, my words re - main in you.

to Refrain

1. No shel - ter, food nor mon - ey will you need up - on this road.
2. Cast all your doubts be - hind you to the wind and rag - ing sea.
3. What - ev - er you may ask of me, that is what I will do.

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## BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verses

1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from

1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain

1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.

God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,  
all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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# HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verses

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who  
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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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, January 16, 2021

**4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Gertrude Cloud, req. by The Lyons Family**  
**Deacon:** Deacon Hannan, **EMofHC:** L. Goldstein, M. Wharton  
**Readers:** M.A. Schill, D. Buoni **Servers:** E. & N. Goldstein, 1 server needed  
**Sacristan:** F. Buoni **Music:** C. Clancy, M. Lundy

### Sunday, January 17, 2021

**8 am Mass - Paul Marshall, req. by The Goldstein Family**  
**Deacon:** Deacon Hannan, **EMofHC:** M. Bruecks, M. Petrarca  
**Readers:** M. Losito, K. Hamill-Clark **Servers:** R. & L. Hamilton, 1 server needed  
**Sacristan:** K. Kelleher **Music:** N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### **10 am Mass - Joseph Kane, req. by Gene and Eileen Fogarty**

**Deacon:** Deacon Lewis, **EMofHC:** A. Barr, C. Sciotto  
**Readers:** H. Leinhauser, T. Harrison **Servers:** S. & J. Calabretta, 1 server needed  
**Sacristan:** S. Gempp **Music:** Anthem

### **12 pm Mass - Daniel Sirusas, req. by The Sciotto Family**

**Deacon:** Deacon Lewis, **EMofHC:** E. Barron, D. Shannon  
**Readers:** J. Colgan, M. Clark **Servers:** 3 servers needed  
**Sacristan:** J. Lyons **Music:** G. Kull, M. Lundy

### Monday, January 18, 2021 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**9:00 am Mass (Note: time change) Joseph Yenchik, req. by Jack and Dolores McCaffrey**

### Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

**Mary Shannon, req. by Dennis Shannon**

### Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

**Joseph & Elizabeth Matey Family, req. by Joe Bunting**

### Thursday, January 21, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

**People of the Parish**

### Friday, January 22, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

**For the Protection of Unborn Children and Their Parents**

### Saturday, January 23, 2021

**4:30 pm Vigil Mass - The Caruso Family, req. by Paul & T.F. Caruso**

**Deacon:** Deacon Hannan, **EMofHC:** E. Barron, S. Murphy  
**Readers:** E. Sigda, S. Liberatore **Servers:** N. Murphy, 2 servers needed  
**Sacristan:** F. Buoni **Music:** N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, January 24, 2021

**8 am Mass - Mark Johnson, req. by Mike & Ella Havrilak**  
**Deacon:** Deacon Hannan, **EMofHC:** C. Sciotto, P. Wengloski  
**Readers:** T. Finley, M. Losito **Servers:** L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed  
**Sacristan:** K. Kelleher **Music:** A. Wengloski, M. Lundy

### **10 am Mass - William Hahn, req. by Gene & Eileen Fogarty**

**Deacon:** Deacon Lewis, **EMofHC:** J. Chapman, T. Powell  
**Readers:** A. Pfaff, T. Finan **Servers:** L. & R. Hamilton, 1 server needed  
**Sacristan:** S. Gempp **Music:** M. McDonald, M. Lundy

### **12 pm Mass - Chad Stout, req. by Cheryl Sedlak**

**Deacon:** Deacon Lewis, **EMofHC:** M. Bruecks, D. Shannon  
**Readers:** K. Hamill-Clark, M. A. Schill **Servers:** 3 servers needed  
**Sacristan:** J. Lyons **Music:** C. Clancy, M. Lundy

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Joe Bruecks, Lauren G., Reynolds Family, Richard Burger, Jose Gonzalez, Robert DiStefano, Margie Nason, Keith Pinker, Judith Hasson, Dorothy Verna, Sharon DeNapoli, Ryan Coyle, Janice Wolfe, 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, 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 Assumption BVM 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.

## Parish Finances

*Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish in these challenging times!*

Collection for January 10, 2021	\$14,422
Includes \$6,000 estimated E-Giving -42% participation	
Budgeted Wkly Collection 2020/2021	\$14,231
Actual Average Wkly Collection 2020/21	\$13,849

For the 2021 fiscal year our budgeted Offertory income goal is \$740,000. This is less than 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 through January 3 was \$85 more than the budgeted Offertory income.

## Parish Appeal Update

The 2021 Parish Appeal is off to a good start thanks to you. In the first eleven weeks of the campaign we have commitments from two hundred thirty-seven families for more than \$92,600 with \$67,082 received. The first \$125,000 will go toward parish expenses; the remainder will go to 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>.



**Monday, January 18th**  
**Mass at 9:00 AM**

*(no 6:30 am Mass)*

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed.  
There will be no Eucharistic Adoration.

## Join us for Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday - Friday**

**After Morning Mass until 7 pm**

Whether you stop by for just a few minutes or make a Holy Hour, the Lord waits for you and blesses your effort.

For information, contact Mary at [hartown@verizon.net](mailto:hartown@verizon.net) or call 302-388-3752.



## Rest in Peace

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

*Anthony DiGuglielmo, Sr.  
Rev. Gus Esposito, OSA  
Waylon Kelly  
Grace Kerridge  
Betty Anne Silva  
Elsie Ursino*

## MASS CARDS

*Due to the devotion of our parishioners, we no longer have Masses available for specific dates in the calendar year 2021. However, you are welcome to stop by the parish office for a Mass Card. Your request and the usual donation of \$10 will be passed on to St. Rocco Parish in Avondale, which still has plenty of openings for Mass Intentions in 2021. If you want a specific date for the Mass to be said, however, you must contact St. Rocco Parish office directly at 610-268-3365. We will be opening our calendar to reserve Mass Intentions for 2022 on **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**. To be fair to everyone, no reservations for Masses will be taken before then. Thank you for your understanding.*

## WATCH MASS ONLINE



If you are unable to get to Mass, you can watch it online via the Assumption BVM Parish website at [assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org). Watch live and recorded Masses using our Parish Live Stream link. The 10:00 am Mass is live-streamed each week.



### *Spiritual Communion Prayer*

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

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### **Arise: Restoring Catholic Life after the Pandemic**

The period of lifting of the COVID19 restrictions requires us to be ready to assist people to reintegrate into an active, in-person engagement with parish life. Please visit [archphila.org/arise](http://archphila.org/arise) to find plentiful resources, guidelines, recommendations and directives for parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

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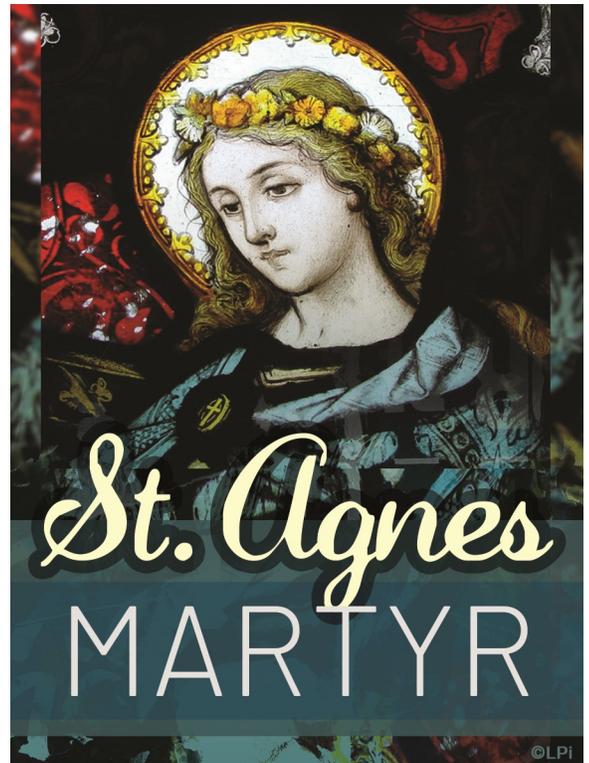
### **Come & See: Discernment Opportunities**

Come and See events offer men considering a vocation the opportunity to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. To register for one of these events, please visit <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/> or contact Fr. DeLacy, Vocation Director ([fr.sdelacy@archphila.org](mailto:fr.sdelacy@archphila.org)).

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### **Discernment Retreat**

Are you discerning religious life? The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity will be hosting a virtual discernment retreat January 29/30 for single women ages 18+ that are considering religious life. Join MSBT sisters in prayer and reflection, and hear MSBT sisters share their stories on mission. Go to [www.msbt.org](http://www.msbt.org) or email [voca@msbt.org](mailto:voca@msbt.org) for more information.



### **Feast Day: January 21st**

Saint Agnes was martyred under Emperor Diocletian in the 4th century at the age of 12. She is the patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence. She is represented with a martyr's palm and lamb (her name is Latin [agnus] = lamb).

### **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, ABVM Parish in West Grove is praying the Holy Rosary each Wednesday at 6:30 pm and all are welcome to participate.

## Announcements

### Pray the Rosary for Life (1/17-1/23/21)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. N. Kennard  
Mon. R. Gaffney Fri. C. Bruecks/C.Lyons  
Tue. D. Brumbaugh Sat. M. Mueller  
Wed. S. Tobin (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).

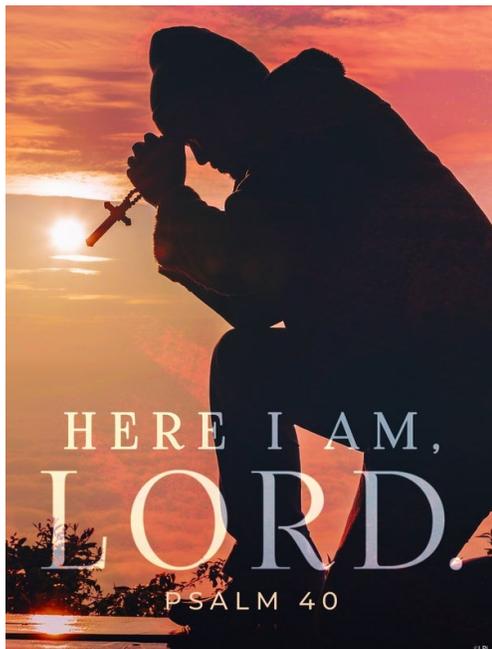
\***National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 800-273-8255.

\***Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups:** Visit [phillyevang.org/nourish](http://phillyevang.org/nourish)

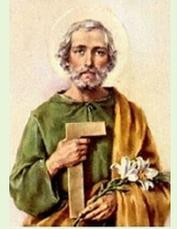
\***Hope in Christ:** Spiritual Support for Addiction: visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope).

- **Natural Family Planning** (Creighton Model)

Contact Kaitlyn at 484-889-9519;  
[kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com).



## Joseph's People—West Grove For the Unemployed & Underemployed



### Hiring Trends for the New Year

Joseph's People for the Unemployed and Underemployed will ring in the new year by continuing to host monthly meetings via ZOOM. Please join us as Andrew Mathis, Business Service Representative of EDSI discusses Hiring Trends for the New Year on **Wednesday, January 20th** at 7:00 PM. You can join the meeting via

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975384435?pwd=dUhXUTg3K05TYVNkaTnhSEJzSzQzQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 7538 4435

Passcode: 459165

Joseph's People provides prayerful support, introducing community resources, encouraging member interaction, and discussing job opportunities. For questions or assistance contact Ann Barr at [ann.barr@josephspeople.org](mailto:ann.barr@josephspeople.org).



*During this Year of Saint Joseph, let us implore his help and intercession to obtain employment!*

*Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety with my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this great burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help me guard against discouragement, so that I may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.*

## MARRIAGE HELP



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 12 - 14, 2021** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are confidential.



## Calendar

Jan. 18th: No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
Jan. 22nd: 8:15 am Mass (Kindergarten & 8th)  
Jan. 25th: Catholic Schools Week begins  
Jan. 29th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th)  
Feb. 5th: 8:15 am First Friday Mass (Pre-K & 4th)  
Feb. 9th: 7 pm Home & School General Meeting  
Feb. 12th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th)  
Feb. 15th: No School  
Feb. 19th: 8:15 am All School Mass (3rd & 5th)  
Feb. 26th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th)

**Store Gift Cards:** Parents have saved over \$2973 in tuition through this program. To obtain Acme and Giant Gift Cards, contact the school office at 610-869-9576. Purchaser will receive the face value of the gift card and 3% off tuition and ABVM School receives 2% profit. Customers still accrue bonus points for gas and other savings.

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## ABVM Youth Group Begins This Month!

On Sunday, January 24th, the ABVM Youth Group will be returning for middle school and high school aged children. During this time more than ever, our teens need a place to come together to learn how important God works within their lives in an informal and relaxed, fun environment.

The ABVM Youth Group will meet every Sunday, **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**, in the lower level of the Church. We have made some new updates which include a Facebook group, and an Instagram account which will be a great source for information on upcoming events. In addition, Bob Moran will be transitioning the group to Molly Clark, who is a parishioner and also a mother of two who attend our own ABVM Catholic School.

If you are interested in participating, please visit the parish website to download the permission form or you can find one in the narthex. Please return to the parish office or school office. We are also in need of adult volunteers, so if you are interested please email Molly Clark. Please feel free to invite your friends to attend! All middle school and high school youth are welcome. Please note you must wear a face mask. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Molly Clark at [mollyclark11@gmail.com](mailto:mollyclark11@gmail.com).

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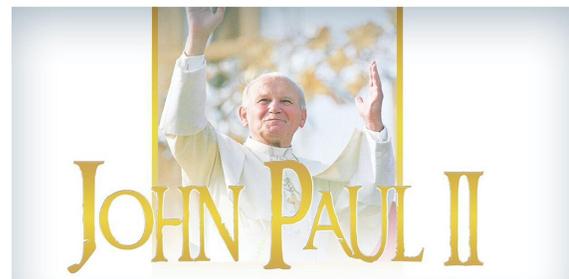
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

### JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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*Day of Prayer for the*

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**Friday, January 22nd**

**Mass at 8:15 am**

**Assumption BVM Church**

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**Pray for the Legal Protection  
of the Unborn**

We ask that you pray for the respect and protection of life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage.



**9 Days for Life Novena**

The annual 9 Days for Life novena will take place from January 21-January 29, 2021. Resources are available at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2021-novena-english>

**PHILADELPHIA  
2021  
MARCH FOR  
LIFE**

Saturday January 23rd, 2021



**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**9:00 AM Catholic Mass (All are welcome!)**

Archbishop Nelsen Perez will kick off the day by celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul (parking available at the Cathedral)

**10:30 AM Let the March Begin!**

The march will begin at the Cathedral and proceed to Independence Mall with several stops along the route, including Philadelphia Women's Center, where **6,500 abortions** are committed each year.

**12:00 PM Rally and Speakers**

We will conclude the day with a rally at Independence Mall!

For information, contact The Office of Life and Family Archdiocese of Philadelphia at 215-587-5661 or [phillycatholiclife.org](http://phillycatholiclife.org).



**March for Life, Washington, D.C.**

For more information about the Washington D.C. March for Life, please contact Stephanie Tobin at 484-467-6675 or Ann Barr at 610-869-8559.

# GIVE BLOOD



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The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Assumption BVM Parish and the American Red Cross will be **hosting two Blood Drives in February.**

**Date: Thursdays, February 11 and 18, 2021**

**Site: ABVM Parish Life Center (Church lower level), 300 State Rd, West Grove**

**Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



DONATE BLOOD

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. For questions, contact parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559 or email [tedra.farrell@redcross.org](mailto:tedra.farrell@redcross.org). For donor eligibility guidelines, call 1-800-RED-CROSS. **Now testing Blood Donations for COVID-19 antibodies.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**St. Pius X Council #3858**

**Monthly Meeting: Thursday, January 21st  
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, contact Grand Knight, Bernie Hughes, at 484-467-9778 or [bernie.hughesabvm@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.hughesabvm@gmail.com).

**Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

### PRAYER GROUP

**Thursdays, 6-7 pm, ABVM Adoration Chapel**

FOL Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed.



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**

### FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY

**The Presentation of the Lord; Feast of Candlemas**

**St. Mary Magdalen Church**

**2400 N. Providence Road, Media, PA**



Join us for 6 pm Rosary, 6:45 pm Speaker (Maureen Lomady), followed by 7:30 pm Mass with celebrant Msgr. Ralph Chieffo. It will be on-site and live-streamed. Candles and Sacramentals will be blessed.

## TAX CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

Parishioners who wish to receive a statement of their contributions for calendar year 2020 should complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to ABVM Parish Office, 300 State Rd., West Grove, PA 19390. Statements will be sent only if requested.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
- MON 1/18** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
- TUE 1/19** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
- WED 1/20** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
- THR 1/21** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI 1/22** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT 1/23** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

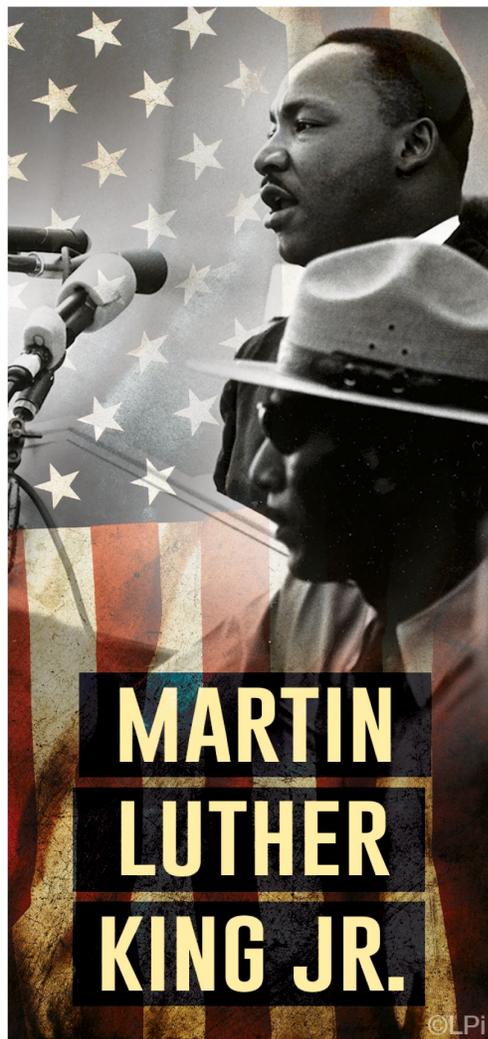
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
- Wednesday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
- Saturday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



*The time is  
always right  
to do what  
is right.*

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