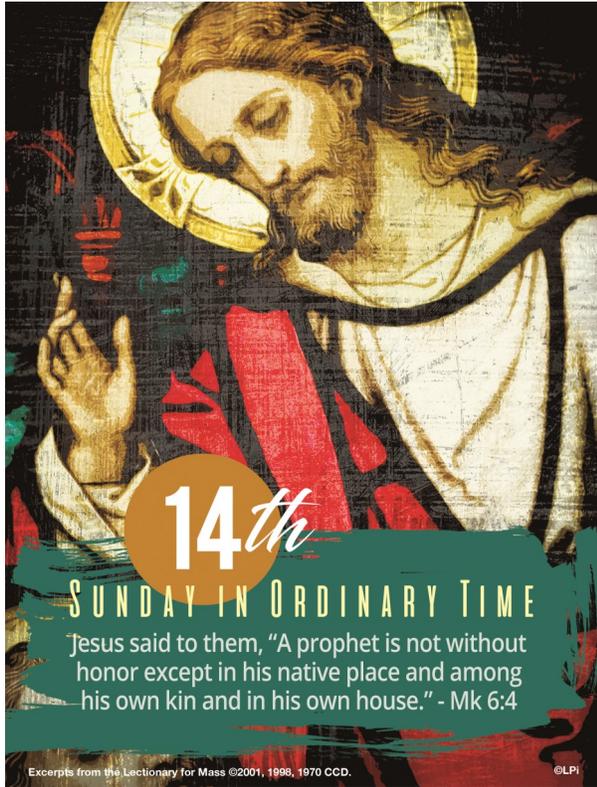


ASSUMPTION

 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, July 4, 2021

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
 No Adoration on public holidays or snow days.

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Sacraments and Devotions

Baptism: Sundays at 1:15 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 - 7:00 pm
Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Flame of Love Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet:
Thursdays, 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

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

Hearing Assist Devices are available for use at Mass. Please see an usher for details.



THOU SHALT LOVE THY COUNTRY

The obligation to love one's country is the result of Jesus' command to love one's neighbor as oneself. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "It is the *duty of citizens* to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of *one's country* follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community" (#2239). A "duty of gratitude." Everyone is born into a language, a culture, and an environment, including geography, that affects their tastes and way of looking at things. These influences help a person to develop a sense of identity. Without this inheritance a person tends to feel lost. No one is born into a perfect country, just like no one is born into a perfect family. With all its imperfections, we love and are grateful for our family; so we should love and be grateful for our country.

In *Memory and Identity*, a memoir published shortly before his death, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that patriotism "is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its tradition, its language, its natural features. It is a love which also extends to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love." Just as we have a natural love for family members, we have a natural love for our nation. This love leads us to strive towards the establishment of a more just and righteous society, where the human rights of every person are protected, and the basic needs of people are provided for. The Catechism teaches that sometimes love and service of country needs to be expressed in "just criticisms of that which seems harmful to the dignity of persons and to the good of the community." But for all its faults, we should not be reluctant to celebrate the great accomplishments of our nation.

We are obligated as citizens to do our part in advancing the common good. Our faith gives us an even greater motivation since the Master told us to love one another and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. The magisterium of the Church teaches us that we should therefore be ready to submit to legitimate authorities, to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend our country. Love of country should move us to elect officials and support leaders in industry, entertainment and the media who respect the fundamental rights of every human person, with a particular concern for integral families, the poor, the unborn, the elderly and the handicapped. Of course, authentic love of country will always reject xenophobic nationalism. As the Pope wrote in *Memory and Identity*, "Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one's own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others, patriotism, on the other hand, is a love of one's native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one's own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love."

A proper love of country takes pride in the accomplishments of its history, culture, and political organization. It also laments the failures that are part of that history. I believe that if we are to contribute to the common good and act justly, we must not focus exclusively on the positive or the negative. Love can only be built on truth. Without hiding her flaws, we must teach the coming generation to love America. Then they will be willing, as generations before them have been willing, to sacrifice personal interest for the general good. If love for country becomes absent, the citizenry will become ever more hedonistic and lawless. Only a well-grounded patriotism will move the population to strive towards making the United States a more perfect union. As we celebrate Independence Day, let us pray for America the Beautiful, and ask God to crown her good with brotherhood, to mend her every flaw, to confirm her soul in self-control, and her liberty in law. Amen!

- Father Scott



ORDER of WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 4, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon - der a - new
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

Text: 14 14 47 8; Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; adapt. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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 2:2-5](#)

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

**RESPONSORIAL
PSALM**

PSALM 123: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



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SECOND READING [2 COR 12:7-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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GOSPEL [MK 6:1-6A](#)

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.

Offertory
Hymn

OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan

Verses

1, 5. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
 4. I live with - in you. Deep in your love.

1, 5. A - bre mis o - jos, que quie - ro
 2. A - bre mis o - í - dos, que quie - ro
 3. A - bre mi co - ra - zón, que quie - ro
 4. Ven y des - can - sa en mi

1, 5. see your face. O - pen my eyes, Lord.
 2. hear your voice. O - pen my ears, Lord.
 3. love like you. O - pen my heart, Lord.
 4. heart, O Love. I live with - in you.

1, 5. ver co - mo tú. A - bre mis o - jos,
 2. ir co - mo tú. A - bre mis o - í - dos,
 3. mar co - mo tú. A - bre mi co - ra - zón,
 4. co - ra - zón. Ven y des - can - sa,

1, 5. Help me to see.
 2. Help me to hear.
 3. Help me to love.
 4. Rest now in me.

1, 5. a - yú - da - me a ver.
 2. a - yú - da - me a o - ir.
 3. a - yú - da - me a a - mar.
 4. te a - li - via - ré.

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Communion
Hymn

TASTE AND SEE

James E. Moore, Jr.

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses: Cantor

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. His
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me. To -
 3. Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. †

1. praise shall al-ways be on my lips; my
 2. geth-er let us all praise his name. I
 3. You'll want for noth-ing if you ask. †

1. soul shall glo-ry in the Lord for
 2. called the Lord and he an-swered me; from
 3. Taste and see that God is good; in

to Refrain

1. he has been so good to me.
 2. all my trou-bles he set me free.
 3. him we need put all our trust.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

MATERNA



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



1. For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
2. A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
3. Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



1. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
2. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
3. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
4. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



1. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
3. Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
4. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

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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, July 3, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Emma Gogel, req. by Her Daughter, LeAnn

Deacon: Deacon Lewis EMofHC: E. Barron, M. Petrarca,

M. Wharton Readers: C. Foy, S. Liberatore

Servers: 3 servers needed

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

Sunday, July 4, 2021

8 am Mass - Msgr. John Graf, req. by The Brumbaugh Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis EMofHC: A. Barr, M. Bruecks,

P. Wengloski Readers: M. Debes, M. Losito

Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, 1 server needed

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: A. Wengloski, K. Evangelista

10 am Mass-Mario Carlo Rossin, req. by The Gianforcaro Family

Deacon: Deacon Hannan EMofHC: D. Lauletta, B. Michalski,

C. Sciotto Readers: J. Battinieri, T. Harrison

Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Daniel Volpe, req. by Mom-Mom Haggerty

Deacon: Deacon Hannan EMofHC: T.F. Caruso, S. Hannan,

D. Shannon Readers: J. Colgan, K. Hamill-Clark

Servers: 3 servers needed

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

Monday, July 5, 2021, 9:00 am Mass (time change)

Jim and Viola Pantano, req. by The Erling Family

EMofHC: B. Michalski Reader: C. Foy Music: C. Kuzepski, H. Bunch

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Joseph Cooper, req. by Joe Bunting

Thursday, July 8, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Joseph Gillin, req. by His Daughter

Friday, July 9, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

Michael Marino, req. by Joann DiLiberto

Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Ascanio DeCamillo, req. by Millie Devonshire

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: E. Barron, L. Lanciano, M.

Wharton Readers: T. Harrison, E. Sigda

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: N. Boysen, M. Blaschke

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8 am Mass - William Haid, req. by Peter MacEwen

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: D. Brumbaugh, B. Michalski, M.

Petrarca Readers: C. Foy, M. Debes

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

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, K. Evangelista

10 am Mass - Stefanie and Myron Pastock, req. by The Schill Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: J. Chapman, D. Lauletta, R. Schill

Readers: M.A. Schill, G. Charlton

Servers: E. & H. Char, J. Stumpf

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Quirk and Choppy Families, req. by Marian Choppy

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: A. Barr, TF Caruso, D. Shannon

Readers: M. Clark, J. Colgan Servers: E. & M. Stemerman

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Coz Daiello, Bill Sauerwine, Stephen Felicetti, Frankie Knowles, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, Victor & Dee Beirger, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Pam Davidson, D'Ambrosia Family, Peter Haggerty, Hilde Varglien, Marilyn DePhillips, Dawn Farrugia, Marianne Boyd, Lois Witmeyer, McFillin Family, Logan Moyer, Terry Pia, Kathy & Michele Moro, Lori Gaffney, Lorraine Moulder, Daniel Hill, Cathy McKeaney, Virginia Morneau, Marie & Carl Nardi, Mary Martini, George Timer, Aimee Gallick, Bishop Francis Malooly, Terry Neale, Joe Bruecks, Lauren G., Reynolds Family, Jose Gonzalez, Robert DiStefano, Margie Nason, Judith Hasson, Dorothy Verna, Sharon DeNapoli, Ryan Coyle, BJ Budzynski, David Powell, Patrick Mahan, Bill Norman, Fabiola Matalonis, 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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| ◆LT Ryan Hoffman | ◆AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB |
| ◆HM1 Matthew Rosenberg | ◆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 & Coalition |
| ◆SGT Andrew Wolfe | |
| ◆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.



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

We would love to have you!! Please call the Assumption BVM Parish Office, weekdays, at 610-869-2722, or visit our parish website for a registration form.

Parish Finances

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

Collection for June 27, 2021	\$13,611
Includes \$6,500 estimated E-Giving -46% participation	
Budgeted Wkly Collection 2020/2021	\$14,231
Actual Average Wkly Collection 2020/21	\$14,104

Our actual Offertory income for the 2021 fiscal year was slightly more than \$733,000. We had budgeted \$740,000 for our Offertory income. This was less than what we needed to balance the overall parish budget. We will make up both of these deficits from the Annual Parish Appeal.

Parish Appeal Update

The 2021 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. In the first eight months of the campaign, we have commitments from two hundred sixty-nine families for more than \$151,600 with \$141,005 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.faihdirect.net/PA832>.



Independence Holiday Mass

Monday, July 5, 2021
9:00 am Mass

Note: There will be no 6:30 am Mass and no Eucharistic Adoration. Following Mass, the church will be closed. The Parish Office will also be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, July 6th at 8 am.

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, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Barbara Herwick
Dean Morgantini



On Sunday, June 27, 2021, the following child was welcomed into the Assumption BVM Parish Family:

Connor James Quinlan

Eucharistic Adoration

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
After Morning Mass until 7 pm

ABVM ADORATION CHAPEL



Would you be able to spend an hour in Adoration?

Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul & divinity) in the Most Holy Eucharist. We are blessed with the awesome opportunity to worship our Lord through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Host is placed in a gold monstrance on the altar in the Adoration Chapel, Monday through Friday, after morning Mass until 7 pm. Consider using this very privileged time to unite in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If you are able to sign-up for a specific Holy Hour or be a substitute over the summer months, please contact Mary at 302-388-3752 (Prayer@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org). For those unable to commit to a particular day, please come and spend some time in prayer even if it is a few minutes.



Catholic Youth Faith Formation

Registration 2021-22

At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, we enthusiastically offer a leading On-Site and Home-Based Faith Formation Program, structured to meet the various needs of our students. Ongoing registration is now available on our website with further details and information. We welcome all children Levels 1-7 to grow closer to Christ and journey in faith and Sacramental preparation with us! For questions, please contact Janine Kramer at 610-869-8575, email abvmfaithformation@gmail.com, or visit <https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org/catholic-youth-faith-formation>.

Unbaptized Youth

Baptism is the gateway to the sacraments and to Christian life. If your child is between the ages of 7 and 17 and has not been baptized in the Catholic faith, we welcome them to begin their journey with us to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to contact our Office of Religious Education at abvmfaithformation@gmail.com or call 610-869-8575.



***Feeling blessed and want to give back?
Feeling called to share the Good News?***

Parishioners are invited to support our Catholic Youth Faith Formation!

**On-Site and/or Home-based Catechists
are especially needed!**

Training, lesson plans and materials are provided for you. Please contact, Janine Kramer, Office of Religious Education at 610-869-8575 or email abvmfaithformation@gmail.com, and inquire about becoming involved in the faith formation life of our youth!



ABVM CYO Sports Corner

Registration is now open for Volleyball.

Registration deadline: August 15th

VOLLEYBALL: Grades 5 thru 8

**For Varsity Volleyball we do not have a coach.
Please consider volunteering so that we may
have a Varsity Team.**

If you are interested in coaching, reach out to
Neil O'Donnell at
cyo@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

Our registration site is:

<http://assumptionbvmwestgrove.website.sportssignup.com/>.

Updated Information as COVID19 Restrictions Lift



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia released updated directives for the celebration of Mass and other parish ministries in light of lifting the pandemic restrictions. To read the new directives and stay informed about other important matters as we navigate the tail end of the pandemic, visit the Archdiocesan Arise website at archphila.org/arise.

Words to Ponder

***“Even if in your heart you have
buried hope, do not give up:***

God is greater. Darkness and

death do not have the last word.” - Pope Francis



“Protect your families ... Be sanctuaries of respect for life.”

- Pope Francis
Philippines, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary for Life (7/4-7/10/21)

Sun. T. Harrison Thu. N. Kennard/J. Lyons
Mon. C. Sedlak Fri. R. Gaffney/D. & T. Harrison
Tue. J. Lyons Sat. C. Lyons
Wed. C. 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 Mondaydat@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.

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

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

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



Keeping Children & Youth Safe

Safe Environment Clearances

The safety of our children is a priority at Assumption BVM Church. Offering your time and talents are invaluable, and we are so grateful for your help. Thank you for taking the time to complete all the required clearances. A list of clearances can be found on our website at www.assumptionwestgrove.org; select *About Us*, then select *Safe Environment Clearances*. Once clearances and training are completed, certificates and forms need to be send to the Parish Office. For questions, call 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

BLAZE is the Walking with Purpose ministry for 7th and 8th grade girls. The mission of **BLAZE** is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty. **BLAZE** is coming to ABVM! The first of twenty weekly sessions will begin on Friday, October 8th at 6 pm in the ABVM Parish Life Center. Each week, participants will be led through an ice breaker activity and a short lesson based on a lie found in the world and a truth found in Scripture. The girls will also leave with a small take-home gift which corresponds with the lesson. The program cost is \$25. Registration forms are available on the parish website or by contacting Tina Sgroi at Blaze@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org. Registration deadline is August 20th. Visit walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze to learn more.



Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC)

Join CYACC for one of our most beautiful events. An evening of adoration and night prayer, with the option of Confession, will begin at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, July 7th in the lower Chapel of St. Agnes in West Chester. Access to the Chapel is outside, around the sides of the Church, and free parking is available behind the Church. Look forward to seeing you there! For more information about our organization, check www.cyacc.org, find us on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.



Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

-1 Timothy 4:12

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The Assumption BVM Parish, West Grove, is seeking a **part-time worker** to perform light maintenance tasks in the Church. Responsibilities include but are not limited to setting up tables and chairs, changing light bulbs, minor repairs, restocking supplies, and escorting inspectors/vendors. Schedule is 3 to 4 hours a day for 3 days a week. Resumes/letters of interest should be sent to abvm@comcast.net.





Father Chuck's Challenge

Thank you for the support you have given to Father Chuck's Challenge. Donations can be placed in the brochure envelopes and dropped in the collection basket this weekend. Checks may be written out to the parish, and please include a note in the memo section of the check stating "Fr. Chuck's Challenge".

"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers, you do unto Me." - Matthew 25:40

DO YOU HAVE A WILL OR ESTATE PLAN?

Are you too busy to make a will or estate plan? Do you have more important things to do? Having these documents may be more important than you think. All estates are subject to review by state probate courts, and if there is no will, the court assigns the executor, beneficiaries and guardians to care for minor children and disabled dependents. Important decisions such as who will inherit your property, who will pay off outstanding bills, and who will raise your children are in the hands of the court if there is no will. Completing a will may not be expensive depending on the complexity of your assets. But, it is important that you take care of your family to ensure that your intentions are carried out. Make sure you have a will and that it is current. Also, please consider including ABVM parish in your will, estate planning or insurance policy as a legacy gift. We recommend you talk with an estate planning attorney. Contact Gene Fogarty, Development Council President, at development@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or call 610- 742-5289.

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Let us pray...

Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has an opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses to Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.

Amen.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

John Paul II in America: Uniting a Continent

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven by a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



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For more information, check out our Facebook page at [Cub Pack 54 – West Grove](#) Or [BeAScout](#) and click on Pack 0054 Assumption BVM Parish.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, September 12th at the 10 am Mass. This is an opportunity for young children, ages 4 to 7, who have not yet made the Sacrament of Holy Communion, to listen to, discuss, and understand the Mass Readings on an age-appropriate level, so that they too may *Know Jesus, Love Jesus, and Serve Jesus.*

No registration is required. For participation in this program, please bring your children or grandchildren to the Adoration chapel prior to the start of Mass. As the Entrance Hymn begins, the Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders will walk your children downstairs to the St. Cecelia Room, where they will gather to hear God's Word. Please watch the bulletin as more details are shared later in the summer. Safe environment clearances are required for all those working with our children. If you feel called to volunteer for this beautiful ministry, please contact Lisa Goldstein at KidsMass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 15, 2021

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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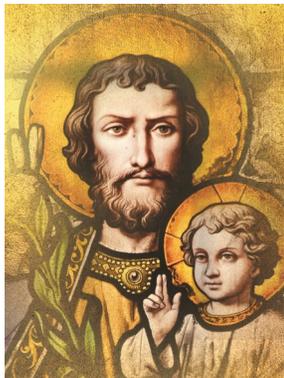
Visit www.redcrossblood.org and locate sponsor code **assumptionbvm** to schedule an appointment. You can also download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999. You can also call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling. For questions, contact ABVM Parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559. **Those who come to give blood July 7-31, 2021 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card.**



The Bulletin Board

- * **SEXUAL ETHICS AND THEOLOGY OF THE BODY** (July 12-16, 2021) One week on-line course hosted by Pontifical John Paul II Institute of Studies on Marriage and the Family, Washington, DC) Visit johnpaulii.edu/events.
- * **COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT** (July 25-31, 2021, Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, NE Philadelphia, PA) Guests can choose to make a private retreat or guided/directed retreat. For information or to register, call Sr. Sara Butler, MSBT, at 267-350-1833 or email mbcretreat@msbt.org.
- * **MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR GRANDPARENTS** (July 26, 2021, 10 am-12 pm, National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto, PA) Celebrate the blessings and challenges of grandparenting on this feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne. Deacon Anthony Bellitto will be the guest speaker. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Email angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000.
- * **FEAST DAY OF BLESSED SOLANAS CASEY** (July 30, 2021, 11:30 am, National Centre of Padre Pio, Barto, PA) Celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Solanus Casey with an opportunity to pray the Rosary, venerate his relic, and view an inspirational movie about his life and spirituality. There is no cost to attend, however, register for the movie by contacting Angela@PadrePio.org or call 610-845-3000.
- * **FLAME OF LOVE NATIONAL CONFERENCE** (July 30-August 1, 2021, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Join us virtually for the Flame of Love Retreat with retreat director Fr. James Blount. To register, call 610-644-0400 or visit malvernretreat.com/register.
- * **WOMEN'S TEA** (August 8, 2021, 2-4pm, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) We will reflect on the power of surrender and devotion to Mary. Cost \$25 onsite and virtual. Visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.
- * **MEN OF MALVERN RETREAT-CHESTER COUNTY** (August 13-15, 2021, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Chester County men are invited to gather, pray and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information or to register, visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.
- * **WEEKEND COUPLES RETREAT** (September 10-12, 2021, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Join us for a weekend of renewal and rejoicing in your marriage. Enjoy wonderful meals, conferences, and time together. To register, visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400.
- * **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** (September 17-19, 2021, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) This weekend is designed for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Visit www.wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.
- * **ABBYFEST** (September 18, 2021, Daylesford Abby, Paoli, PA) Don't miss this one of a kind experience celebrating faith, music, and powerful witness! Nine-time Grammy nominee, Matt Maher, will headline this year's festival. For tickets, visit theabbyfest.com, call 800-965-9324 or email tickets@www.TheAbbyFest.com.
- * **2021 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** (October 23, 2021, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) This year, Catholic women are invited to attend one, 2 hour, in-person mini-conference, morning or afternoon, and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. Theme: "Strong and Beautiful". Morning keynote by Lisa Brenninkmeyer and afternoon keynote by Mother Clare Matthias, CFR. For more information, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org. For carpooling information from ABVM Parish, contact Stephanie at 484-467-6675.

WEEKLY PRAYER



POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS
“YEAR OF
SAINT JOSEPH”

December 8, 2020 to
December 8, 2021

Meditation on Saint Joseph

“If all the faithful are debtors to the Virgin Mother for being made worthy through her to receive the Redeemer, there can be no doubt that next to the Mother of God we owe to Saint Joseph our special homage and veneration.”

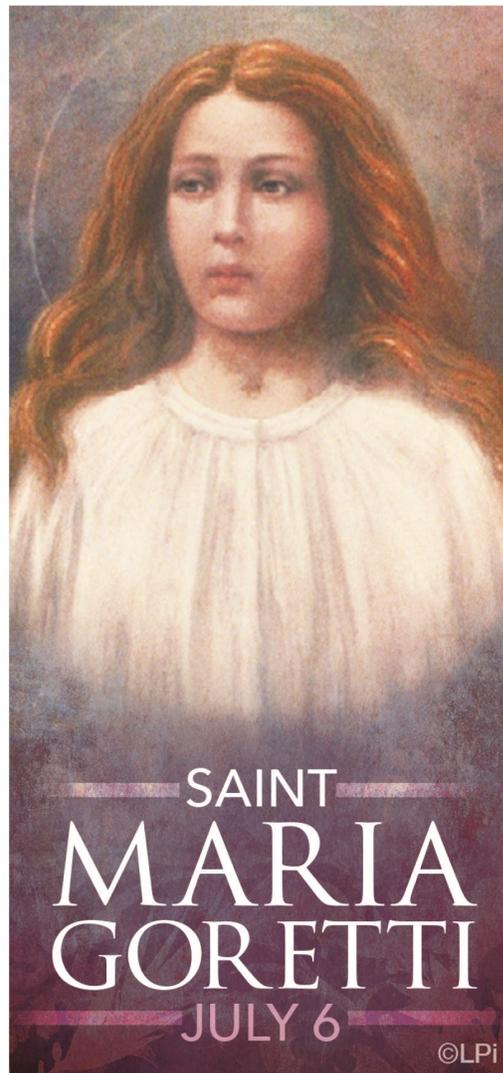
- Saint Bernardine of Siena

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God’s power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country’s independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God’s will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us. ©LPi



Marie Goretti was born in Ancona, Italy on October 16, 1890. At age 12, she was stabbed to death by a neighbor, Alessandro Serenelli, preferring to die than to be raped. On her deathbed, she forgave her attacker and promised to pray for him. Alessandro was sent to prison for 30 years and had a profound conversion experience. Upon his release from prison, he found Maria’s mother and asked for forgiveness. On June 24, 1950, Maria Goretti was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII with her mother and Alessandro Serenelli present. Eventually, Alessandro joined the order of Friars Minor Capuchin as a lay brother until his death. Saint Maria Goretti is the patroness of teenage girls.

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