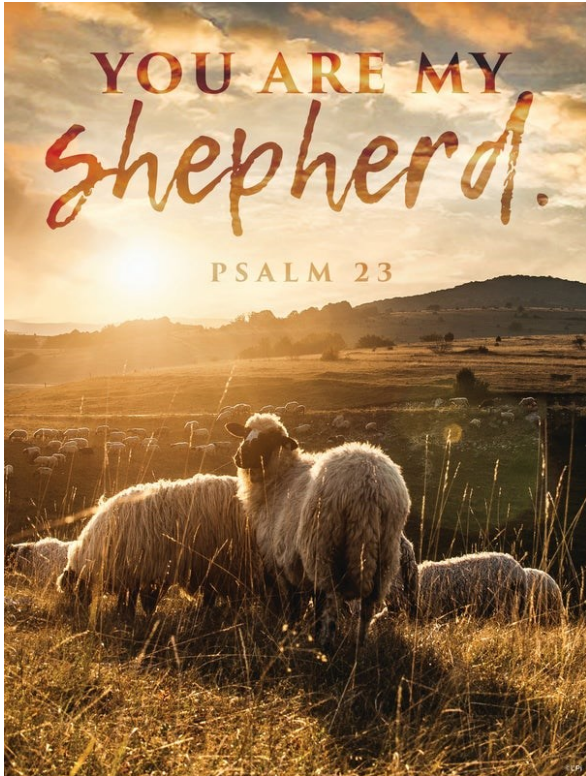


ASSUMPTION

 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, July 18, 2021

Church and Parish Office:

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm
 Email: abvm@comcast.net
 Web: assumptionbvmwestgrove.org
 Facebook: *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA*
 Twitter: *@ABVM_WestGrove*

Weekend Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

PastorReverend Scott D. Brockson
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Deacon Ronald Lewis

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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.

Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. – James 5:14-15

The first sacrament we receive is Holy Baptism. It is the doorway to all the other sacraments, each of which confers a special grace of the Holy Spirit. The last, and most important, sacrament we will receive, if we are able to consume it, is Holy Communion, which when given to one who will shortly pass away is referred to as Viaticum. The word means “food for the journey” in Latin and originally referred to provisions provided to a Roman official for his travel. In the Holy Eucharist the dying person is given the sustenance needed for the final steps of their earthly pilgrimage. Christ is *via tecum* - with you on the way.

A priest should be called to administer the sacraments when a person becomes seriously ill or appears to be dying. An elderly person is also a candidate to receive the sacrament due the weakness and vulnerability that comes with old age. If possible, the individual should make a confession. For someone who is close to dying, after the absolution the priest confers an Apostolic Pardon, authorized by the Pope, which includes a plenary indulgence. This is the removal of the residual effects of sins that would otherwise have to be purified in Purgatory. In other words, if the recipient of the Apostolic Pardon has the required spiritual disposition – repentance and freedom from attachment to sin – the soul is guaranteed a direct entry into heaven by this pardon.

There are two choices of prayers for the Apostolic Pardon which the priest may use: “Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy”; or, “By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The pardon can be given even if a person is unable to make a sacramental confession, but the pardon does not remove guilt, which for mortal sin can only be forgiven in Baptism, Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. The pardon forgives the effects of sins which linger in the soul even after their guilt has been rescinded.

The Sacrament of Anointing will forgive mortal sins when a person is unable to confess them. It is a priest who celebrates the sacrament since he has the spiritual power to forgive sins. As St. James writes, the “presbyters” should be called to pray over and anoint the sick person. Only one is needed for a valid sacrament. The priest lays his hand on the head of the sick or dying person, dips his thumb in holy oil, and makes the sign of the Cross with it on the forehead and the palm of the hands. Touching the forehead he says, “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” Then, touching the hands, he says, “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” Sometimes the head or hands are not accessible, due to the condition of the patient, but as long as the priest can anoint the holy oil on some part of the body, such as the feet or chest, the sacrament is validly celebrated.

The grace of the Anointing of the Sick strengthens against temptations that often afflict persons who are suffering, such as self-absorption, despair, or revolt against God. It confers peace and courage. It unites the ill person with the passion of Christ, and he or she is given the grace to offer their affliction for the good of the People of God. The sacrament will heal a person when this forms part of God’s plan for their salvation. It forgives sins so long as the person has a disposition of repentance. For a dying person, the Anointing of the Sick is preparation for the final journey. “This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father’s house” (Catechism #1523). Whatever you do, do not wait until the last minute to call the priest when someone is dying! Let your dying loved one benefit from the grace and consolation of the sacrament and prepare for a happy death.

Father Scott



ORDER of WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday, July 18, 2021

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ST. COLUMBA

ENTRANCE HYMN



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



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



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

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

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 [JER 23:1-6](#)

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD. Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

**RESPONSORIAL
PSALM**

PSALM 23: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



R. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

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SECOND READING [EPH 2:13-18](#)

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL [MK 6:30-34](#)

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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

LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,
lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju - dah: Pre-pare the
2. I my - self will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

to Refrain

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

Verse 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and

to Refrain

3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:9ff; Ezekiel 34:11ff; Matthew 11:28ff. Text and music © 1976, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP

Communion
Hymn

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.

1-3, 5, Final to Vss 1-3, 5 Fine 4 to Verse 4

Verses 1-3

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

1. rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
2. lead me by path - ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my
3. fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

to Refrain

1. walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
2. spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your Name.
3. rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

Verse 4

4. You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

to Refrain

4. ha - tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Text: Based on Psalm 23. Text and music © 1986, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

TELL THE GOOD NEWS

GELOBT SEI GOTT



1. Tell the good news to all the earth:
2. Filled with the Spir - it, Je - sus came,
3. Filled with the Spir - it, forth we go;



1. Je - sus re - veals our hu - man worth.
2. Heal - ing the sick, the blind and lame.
3. Je - sus' own word, the seed we sow.



1. Let ev - ery heart to joy give birth!
2. Let ev - ery crea - ture praise his name!
3. Let ev - ery land the gos - pel know!



- 1-3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 17, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Dan Welch, req. by Sheila Connolly

Deacon: No Deacon, EMofHC: L. Lanciano, TF Caruso, R. Schill, J. Fredericksdorf Readers: E. Sigda, MA. Schill,
Servers: E. & M. Stemerman, 1 server needed
Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: N. Boysen, M. Blaschke

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8 am Mass - Rose Brumbaugh, req. by Paul and Sue Zuk Family

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, B. Michalski, P. Wengloski Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, M. Debes
Servers: L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, K. Evangelista

10 am Mass - Gerald Serchio, req. by The Powell Family

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: S. Hannan, D. Lauletta, D. Shannon Readers: H. Leinhauser, D. Buoni
Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, J. Stumpf
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Michael Marino, req. by Jeff and Caroline Lyons

Deacon: No Deacon, EMofHC: E. Barron, M. Petrarca, M. Wharton, A. Barr, Readers: J. Colgan, J. Battinieri
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M.J. Morris

Monday, July 19, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Dan and Pete Farris, req. by Mary Ann

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

Joe Tedasky, req. by The Erling Family

Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Henry J. Shields, req. by The Shields Family

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

People of the Parish

Friday, July 23, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

Gerald Trumbore, req. by The Goldstein Family

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Wayne Bunch, req. by Helen Bunch and Children

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: R. Schill, M. Wharton, 1 minister needed Readers: D. Buoni, M.A. Schill
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Blaschke

Sunday, July 25, 2021

8 am Mass - Peter and Nora Walsh, req. by The Leinhauser Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, M. Petrarca, P. Wengloski Readers: M. Losito, T. Harrison
Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: A. Wengloski, K. Evangelista

10 am Mass - William Haid, req. by Carl and Debra LaBarca

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: N. Paproth, D. Lauletta, A. Barr Readers: A. Pfaff, G. Charlton
Servers: E. & H. Char, 1 server needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Rose Brumbaugh, req. by Jeff and Caroline Lyons

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: TF Caruso, S. Hannan, D. Shannon, Readers: S. Liberatore, C. Foy Servers: 3 servers needed Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M.J. Morris

PRAYER REQUESTS



Brent & Stephanie Starkey, Sharon DeNapoli, Marilyn DePhillips, Dawn Farrugia, Neil Patel, 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, 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, Ryan Coyle, BJ Budzynski, David Powell, Patrick Mahan, 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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| ◆2 LT Emily Fanning | ◆SGT Andrew Wolfe |
| ◆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 | ◆Service Members & Coalition |
| ◆2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso | |
| ◆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 support and generosity!

Collection for July 11, 2021	\$12,344
Includes \$6,500 estimated E-Giving -47% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection 2022	\$13,846
Actual Average Weekly Collection 2022	\$13,350

We have budgeted \$720,000 for our Offertory income for the 2022 budget year. This is less than what we need to balance the overall parish budget. We will make-up this deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week about eighty percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. As a result, our Offertory financial support for July 11 was \$1,502 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

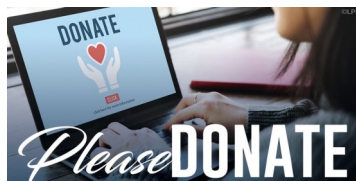
Parish Appeal Update

The 2021 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. In the first thirty-seven weeks of the campaign, we have commitments from two hundred and seventy-five families for more than \$153,300 with \$143,013 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

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>.



Holy Baptism

On Sunday, July 11, 2021, the following children were welcomed into the Assumption BVM Parish Family:

*Samuel Battinieri
Paul Duva Giordano
Elizabeth Annina Santoleri*

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.

*Donald Bolden
Matthew Choinski*

ANNOUNCEMENT

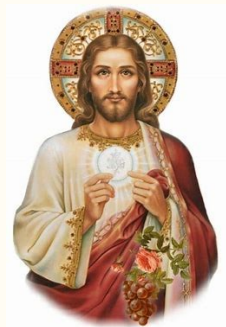
We welcome our parishioner Charlie Foy as the new Parish Maintenance Supervisor. He will attend to the maintenance and repair needs of the parish buildings, operating systems and grounds, and make sure that the parish is in compliance with safety and insurance standards. We are grateful to Charlie for taking on the position.

Come, Rest in My Heart

ABVM Adoration Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday through Friday
after Morning Mass until 7 pm



If you able to sign-up for a specific Holy Hour or be a substitute over the summer months, contact Mary at 302-388-3752 (Prayer@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org).

*Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, on fire with love for us,
inflammé our hearts with love for You.*

ABVM CYO Sports Corner

Registration is now open.

Registration deadline: August 15th

VOLLEYBALL: Grades 5 thru 8
CROSS COUNTRY: Grades 5 thru 8

Please consider volunteering so that our kids can participate in these sports!

For Varsity Volleyball we do not have a coach.
For Cross Country we do not have a coach.

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/>.



Safe Environment Clearances

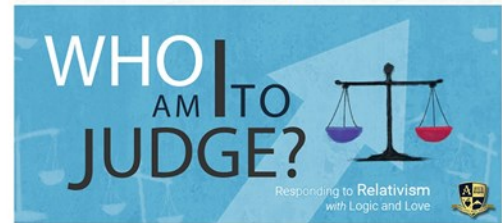
The safety of our children is a priority at Assumption BVM Church. Offering your time and talents is invaluable, and we are so grateful for your help. Safe Environment Clearances are needed prior to volunteering for School, CYFF, CYO, Scouts, and anything that involves children. A list of clearances can be found on the Assumption BVM website at www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org, select *About Us*, then select *Safe Environment Clearances*. Once clearances and training are completed, certificates need to be sent to the Parish Office. For questions, call the Parish Office at 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

St. Patrick's Cemetery

St. Patrick Cemetery, Kennett Square, is a sacred home to many loved ones who have gone before us in faith. In an effort to honor and maintain the dignity of our cemetery, beginning July 30th and then on the last Friday of each month, there will be a general clearing of all items that are not permitted on the graves. Items may be retrieved close to the shed on the cemetery grounds. Thank you in advance for abiding by the "Rules and Regulations" as provided to the deed holder and as found on our parish website.

FORMED™

PICK OF THE WEEK



WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality, that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.

This is a free service to our parishioners.
Please visit website FORMED.ORG.
Our Parish Code is MC8NYZ.



Charismatic Prayer Group

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets each week at Sacred Heart Church (Chapel), 203 Church Road, Oxford, PA on **Wednesdays** 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come be uplifted and rejuvenated. Through praise, worship and song, we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us with His strength and gifts! All are welcome to attend.



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 available on our website with further details. We welcome all children, levels 1-7, to grow closer to Christ and journey in faith and Sacramental preparation with us! For questions, contact Janine Kramer at abvmfaithformation@gmail.com, call 610-869-8575, 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, Communion and Confirmation. Parents are encouraged to contact our Office of Religious Education at 610-869-8575 or email abvmfaithformation@gmail.com.

Catechists: Additional Catechists are needed for on-site and home-based lessons. Training, lesson plans and materials are provided for you. To inquire about becoming involved in the faith formation of our youth, please contact Janine Kramer at 610-869-8575.

EDUCATOR CAREER FAIR

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You are invited to register for this Virtual Event **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is hiring TEACHERS with competency in Special Education, Theology, World Language, Fine Arts, Business, Health/PE, Mathematics, Science, Engineering, English, and Social Studies. Administrators representing AOP Schools and the Office of Catholic Education will be available to interview attending candidates and answer questions. Please visit www.AOPcatholicschools.org to view information about our Schools of Special Education, Secondary Schools and the Office of Catholic Education. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Pennsylvania Certification is preferred. Candidates need to submit resume and transcripts prior to event for review, if not already on file with the Office of Catholic Education. To register for an interview or for questions concerning the application process, please contact Barbara Guiliano, HR Assistant for Secondary Schools at bguiliano@archphila.org.



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For information, contact Georgeann 484-955-4278 geemcgarry@gmail.com or Susan 610-716-4795 susiemck@comcast.net. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed.

The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary for Life (7/18-7/24/21)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. M. Kennard/C.Lyons

Mon. C. Sedlak Fri. R. Gaffney

Tue. C. Lyons Sat. J. Patrick

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 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.

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

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

BLAZE

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. Cost: \$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.

FOOTBALL MANIA

17 Week Game

ABVM Parish Fundraiser

Football Mania begins September 9th. Parishioners have recently been mailed Football Mania tickets. Please send your score card stubs and money to the ABVM Parish Office (300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390). Make checks payable to *Assumption BVM Church*. Winners will be notified by mail. Participants can also visit: www.charitymania.com to view the winning sweepstakes game card numbers each week to see if they've won. Tickets: \$25 (\$1.47 per week of the Football Mania!) Additional score cards can be picked up in the Church vestibule. Return your ticket stub and payment by August 30th.

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Chair, Joe Taraba (joseph.taraba@yahoo.com), or Cubmaster,
Tom Pantazes (flyer12tom@gmail.com). For more information,
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[BeAScout](#) and click on Pack 0054 Assumption BVM Parish.

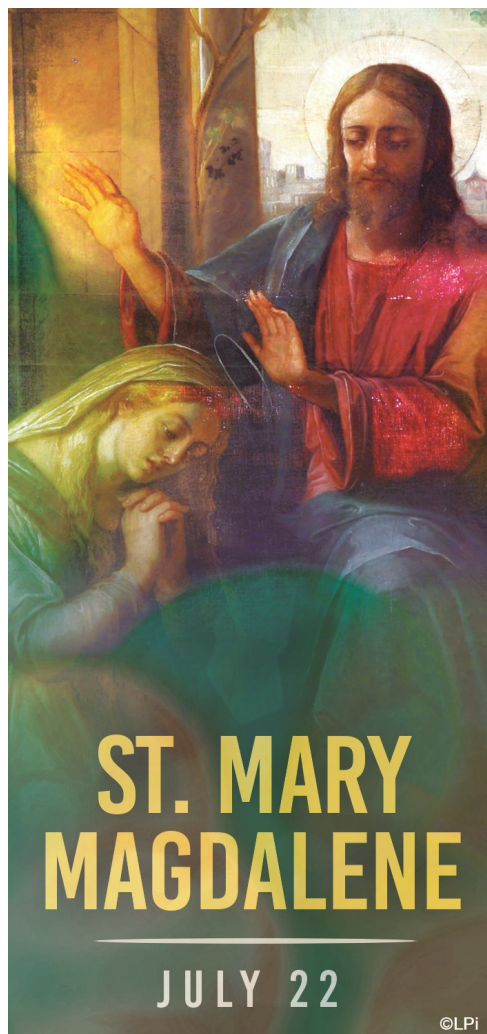
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 3, 2021

150th Anniversary of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



Mark your calendars for the 150th anniversary of Saint Charles
Borromeo Seminary at the Overbrook Campus, 100 East Wynne-
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Tours starting at 2 pm led by our seminarians. Solemn Vespers in
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JULY 22

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the Risen Lord,
Mary Magdalene
announces his
resurrection to the
disciples.*

Saint Mary Magdalene was healed
of possession, became a disciple of
Jesus and was present at his cruci-
fixion. In the Gospel of Mark, she
was the first to witness to the risen
Lord, hence, she is called the
“*apostle of the Apostles*”. Saint
Mary Magdalene is the patroness of
the Order of Preachers, repentant
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www.catholicwomensconference.org



- * **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 Sister Sara Butler, MSBT, at 267-350-1833 or email mbcretreat@msbt.org.
- * **MAGNIFEST** (Saturdays: July 31, August 7, August 14, 2021, St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson, PA) Enjoy a series of summer nights filled with music and praise! Food and beverages are available. For details, please visit magnifestpa@gmail.com or email magnifest@stmaryprov.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. 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. 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 or on-site 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. 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 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.
- * **A DAY OF PROMISE GOLF TOURNAMENT** (September 13, 2021, 1 pm Shotgun Start, 5 pm Dinner, Kennett Square Golf & Country Club, Kennett Square, PA) Family Promise of Southern Chester County is sponsoring this Golf Tournament to help support homeless families, because every child deserve a home. Visit www.familypromisesc.org/events.

WEEKLY PRAYER



Archdiocesan Novena to Saint Joseph

(Pray the 19th of each month from 3/19-11/19/21)

The praying of this Novena is to unite everyone in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the 19th of each month, from March through November 2021, in single petition of confident prayer to the Lord through the heavenly intercession of Saint Joseph. Please keep in mind the monthly Archdiocesan intention (**July 19th: For all those in Consecrated Life and for more numerous vocations to the Consecrated Life.**) For additional novena prayers, please visit www.archphila.org/joseph.

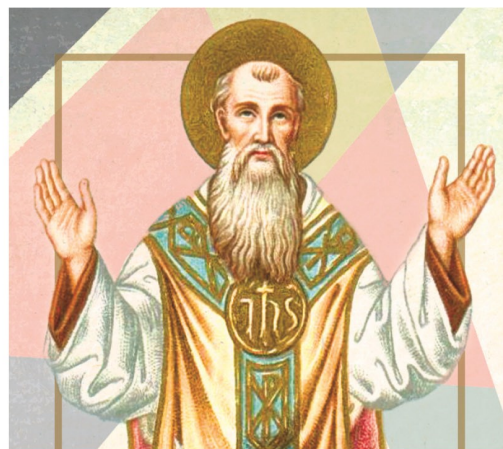
O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, Jesus, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Amen.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

- Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
Friday: St. Bridget, Religious
Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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St. Lawrence
OF BRINDISI
JULY 21



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I say to the
Lord, you
are my Lord,
you are my
only good.

— PSALM 16:2 —

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