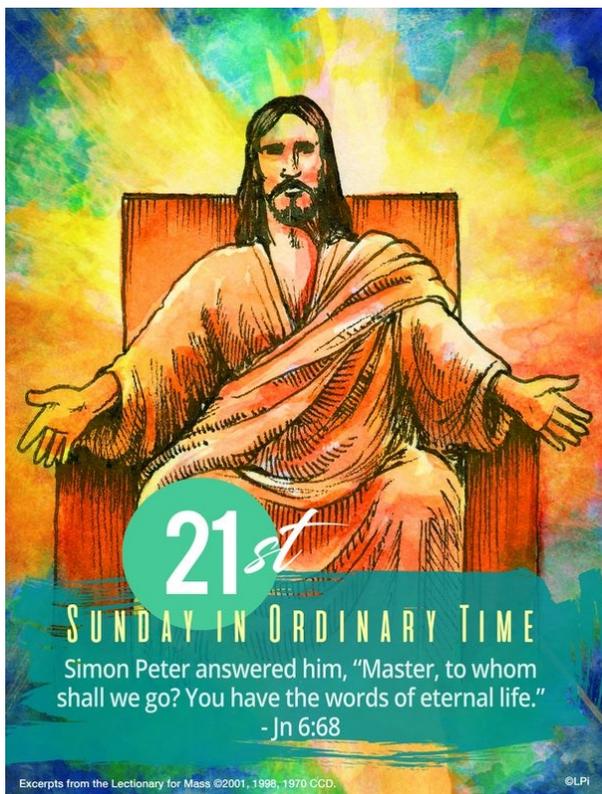



ASSUMPTION
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, August 22, 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.



WHY RELICS?

After my parents died and their children were emptying the house to prepare it for sale, I remember wanting to take home a few items by which to remember them. I was a little surprised at this feeling because I am not sentimental. But besides the set of glassware with the initial “B” – which logically became mine since my sisters have different last names and my brother didn’t want to ship them – I wanted something else. Today, I have two pictures from my parents’ home which I hang in whatever rectory I am living. One is a large canvas of swans which used to hang in their living room, and the other is a painting of a street in Montmartre, Paris which my parents bought when my father was stationed in France during the Korean War.

It is a normal human thing to want keepsakes. We would like to touch or at least look at a hat that Abraham Lincoln wore or a flag that Betsy Ross sewed. In the same way, we value things connected to saints. I was awed when I touched the chair on which St. John Vianney used to sit for twelve to fourteen hours a day hearing confessions in his little church in Ars-sur-Forman (no cushion – wow!). But I was even more awed when I celebrated Mass on the altar over which his incorrupt body is encased. To be near the body conveyed a strong sense of the saint’s presence. For the same reason people visit the graves of their loved ones.

The first Christians in Rome used to celebrate the Eucharist over the graves of the martyrs. The pope’s altar in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome is directly over the grave of St. Peter, who was crucified upside down for his testimony to Christ. The same is true of the altar in the Basilica of St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls, where the apostle to the Gentiles is buried. The tradition in the early Church of celebrating Mass near the burial place of a martyr originated the practice of placing a relic of a saint in or under the main altar of a Catholic church (today it is not required but is considered laudable). There is a biblical warrant for this practice: “I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God” (Revelation 6:9).

Relics are mentioned in the Bible. The bones of Joseph are carried with them by the Hebrews when they flee Egypt. The bones of the prophet Elijah were touched to a dead person who then came back to life. The prophet Elisha used Elijah’s mantle to part water in the same way that Moses famously used a rod to part the Red Sea. In the Gospels a woman touches Jesus’ garment and she is healed. The Acts of the Apostles records that Christians in Ephesus used handkerchiefs and cloths touched to the skin of St. Paul to heal the sick. Relics, of course, do not work miracles; rather, God uses them to incite faith, which is an important condition for a miracle, as is demonstrated when Jesus visits his hometown and cannot perform many miracles because of the Nazarenes’ disbelief (cf. Mark 6:5-6). A relic is not a talisman with a mysterious power; rather, it reminds believers that the one to whose body it belonged lived by faith and love, and he or she intercedes for us.

You may have noticed that eleven relics were recently placed in the narthex of the church. The one in the largest reliquary is of the Holy Cross. The other first-class relics, classified as such since they are a part of the body, are of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Anthony of Padua, St. John Neumann and St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Second-class relics, which are a piece of clothing of the saint, are of St. John Vianney, St. Padre Pio, St. Brother André, and Blessed Father McGivney. A third-class relic is from the coffin of the Jesuit Mexican martyr Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro.

Relics are reminders of our communion with the saints. They encourage us to live as they did. Just as those pictures from my parent’s house in some way convey their presence, even more so the relics of holy men and women seem to bring them near to us, or us to them. They also remind us that all the saints will one day be resurrected when Christ returns in glory. Their bodies will be reconstituted and united with their souls, and they will be assumed into heaven in the completeness of their humanity. Hopefully, we will rise with them!

Father Scott



ORDER of WORSHIP

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, August 22, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN

CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da -
2. O Source of un - cre - a - ted light, The Fa - ther's prom -
3. All a - do - ra - tion ev - er be, E - ter - nal Par -

1. tions first were laid! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Give us thy - self
2. ised Par - a - clete; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thrice ho - ly Font,
3. a - clete to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! From sin and sor -

1. that we may see The Fa - ther and the Son by thee.
2. thrice ho - ly Fire, Our hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire.
3. row set us free That we may live e - ter - nal - ly.

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

Text: LM with alleluias; composite.

Music: *Auserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

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 [JOS 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18B](#)

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

**RESPONSORIAL
PSALM**

PSALM 34: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B



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SECOND READING [EPH 5:21-32](#)

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VI



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GOSPEL [JN 6:60-69](#)

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses

1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,
2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

to Refrain

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

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Communion
Hymn

SPIRIT AND GRACE

1. Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
you are the wind that breathes through the field.
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and breath of life.

Refrain
In the bread, blessed, broken and shared,
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed in this
holy meal.

2. Spirit and grace, here in this meal;
you are the life that flows through the vine.
Gather this drink and form us in Christ.
Come, be our source and blood of life.

3. Spirit and grace, here in this place;
you are the light that shines in this space.
Gather your people and form us in Christ.
Come, be the heartbeat of our lives.

4. Spirit of God, sending us forth;
we spread your wisdom throughout all the earth.
Gather the nations and form us in Christ.
Come, be the presence in our lives.

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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

AURELIA



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One,



1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
2. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

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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, August 21, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Deceased Members of the Petrollini Family, req. by The Quinn Family

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: E. Barron, L. Lanciano, R. Schill

Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, M.A. Schill

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: Jen Hoffman Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, August 22, 2021

8 am Mass - Frank DiFerdinando, req. The Riordan Family

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, M. Petrarca, P.

Wengloski Readers: M. Losito, A. Pfaff

Servers: L. & T. Wilson, 1 server needed

Sacristan: Jeff Lyons Music: A. Wengloski, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Carmen and Helen Taraborelli, req. by Helen Bunch and Children

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

D. Lauletta Readers: H. Leinhauser, G. Charlton

Servers: N. Goldstein, H. & E. Char

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Dan Welch, req. by Sheila Connolly

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: T. Caruso, D. Shannon,

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

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: M. McDonald, M.Lundy

Monday, August 23, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Stanley Boland and Thomas Brewer Family, req. by Joe Bunting

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

Jim Kirwin, req. by The Harrison Family

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

People of the Parish

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

Harriet Zeller, req. by Dennis Shannon

Friday, August 27, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

Elizabeth Ackroyd, req. by The Harrison Family

Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:30 pm Mass - Deceased Members of the Caglia Family, req. by The Quinn Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: L. Goldstein, R. Schill, M. Wharton

Readers: M.A. Schill, E. Sigda

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

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, August 29, 2021

8 am Mass - Pattie Perry, req. by Bernadette Muto

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: A. Barr, M. Petrarca, P. Wengloski

Readers: T. Harrison, C. Foy

Servers: S. Calabretta, L. & T. Wilson

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

10 am Mass - George and Gloria Hart, req. by Bob and Marge Erling

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: E. Barron, B. Michalski,

D. Shannon Readers: H. Leinhauser, G. Charlton

Servers: R. & L. Hamilton, J. Stumpf

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Paul and Marguerite Fouts, req. by The Leinhauser Family

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

L. Lanciano, Readers: S. Liberatore, K. Hamill-Clark

Servers: E. & M. Stemerman, 1 server needed

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Judy Geller, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Dan Miller, Sharon Kraynak, Brent & Stephanie Starkey, Sharon DeNapoli, Marilyn DePhillips, Dawn Farrugia, Coz Daiello, Bill Sauerwine, Stephen Felicetti, Frankie Knowles, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, Victor & Dee Beirger, Joseph & Philip Caruso, D'Ambrosia Family, Peter Haggerty, Hilde Varglien, Marianne Boyd, 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, 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 Guerrera | ◆SGM Nicolas Relacion |
| ◆SGT Michael Guerrera | ◆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.



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

**Joseph and Michele Coffey Family
Jeff and Andrea Klein Family
Joseph and Michelle McDonald Family**

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, or visit our parish website for a registration form.

Parish Finances

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Collection for August 15, 2021	\$14,808
Includes \$6,550 estimated E-Giving	
-47% participation	\$13,846
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$13,074

We have budgeted \$720,000 for our Offertory income, which 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 seventy-eight per cent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for August 15 was \$962 more than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

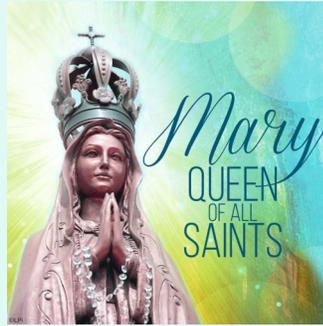
Parish Appeal Update

The 2021 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. In the first forty-two weeks of the campaign, we have commitments from two hundred seventy-eight families for more than \$160,800 with \$153,640 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. Please continue to fulfill your commitments.

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>.



*O Immaculate Mary,
Queen of Heaven and Earth,
refuge of sinners and our
most loving Mother, hear
our prayers.*

SPEND TIME IN ADORATION WITH YOUR SAVIOR



Eucharistic Adoration has been moved to the Parish Life Center (Church lower level) for the week of August 23-27, after Morning Mass until 7:00 pm.



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.

*Frank Kotkoskie
Joseph Montgomery*

A special thank you to Jeffrey Lyons for making the beautiful reliquary cabinet and for all those who donated the relics that are now displayed in the Church narthex for veneration. God bless you!

Carpent Replacement in the ABVM Church & Chapel

During the week of August 23-27, 2021, the Main Church and Chapel carpets will be replaced. **Weekday Masses** will be relocated to the Parish Life Center (Church lower level). **Eucharistic Adoration** will also be relocated to the Parish Life Center (Church lower level). The normal schedule for Mass and Adoration will be followed.





School Calendar:

- Aug. 23rd: Meet the Teachers, 6 pm - 7 pm
Aug. 30th: First Day of School, 1st-8th Grades
Aug. 31st: First Day of School, Pre-K & Kindergarten;
Band Demos for 3rd-7th Grade Students
Sept. 1st: Band Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm
Sept. 3rd: 8:15 am First Friday Mass, 11 am Dismissal
Sept. 6th: Happy Labor Day - School Closed
Sept. 8th: Back to School Night
Sept. 10th: 8:15 am Mass (Kindergarten & 8th Grade)
Sept. 17th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th Grades);
Home and School Movie Night
Sept. 18th: ABVM Community Picnic—All are invited
Sept. 23rd: Virtual NED Show Assembly Positive
Mindset Mission
Sept. 24th: 8:15 am Mass - Student Council
Installation Mass - Class Representatives



Catholic Youth Faith Formation

Registration 2021-22:

At Assumption BVM 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 or additional information, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Janine Kramer, at abvmfaithformation@gmail.com, call 610-869-8575, or visit <https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org/catholic-youth-faith-formation>.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Resumes September 12th
10:00 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. Cecilia Room, where they will gather to hear God's Word. If you feel called to volunteer for this beautiful ministry, please contact Lisa Goldstein at KidsMass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org



Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 pm, ABVM Parish Life Center

If you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or someone who was baptized as a child but has not yet celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist, have them contact Deacon Ron by phone or e-mail. This Fall, the RCIA program will be offered here at Assumption BVM. Join Deacon Ron Lewis for a ***Meet and Greet*** on Wednesday, September 15th at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center (Church lower level). The RCIA program will begin late September and, God willing, will culminate on the Easter Vigil next year with the welcoming of several new Catholics to our Parish! So, get the word out! It may result in the greatest journey someone you know will take...the journey to our Catholic Faith in Jesus Christ. Contact Deacon Ron at RCIA@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or call 302-547-8586.

BINGO IS BACK

Knights of Columbus

Dinner and Bingo

ABVM Parish Center
Thursday, September 9th
6:00 Dinner; 6:30 Bingo



10 Regular Games **Winner receives \$30**
3 Special Games **Winner receives \$100**
Last Special Game **Winner receives 60%**

\$5 for 10 games with 3 cards per game
\$5 for each Special with 4 cards per game
Bingo Package listed above - Cost: \$25

**Dinner includes sloppy joes, tater tots,
fruit salad, chips, dessert, and drink
for \$7.00. BYOB**

*Proceeds benefit the charitable works of the
Knights of Columbus. For information, please contact
John Brennan 610-869-4100 or
Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net.*

FOOTBALL MANIA
ABVM Parish Fundraiser
17 week Game

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Save the date!



ABVM Community Picnic

Saturday, September 18 from 12-4 pm, Parish Grounds

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ABVM CYO Sports Corner

VOLLEYBALL: Grades 5 and 6 (JV Only)



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Registration is now open at the link below.

A **Meet & Greet** with the coach(s) will be September 1st, 6 pm, at ABVM School.

We will meet outside.

For questions, reach out to Neil O'Donnell at cyo@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

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

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (8/22-8/28/21)

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OPENING YOUR HEART (For women new to the program) This 22 week foundational course begins Wednesday, September 22nd, 9:00-10:30 am, ABVM Parish Life Center.

GROUNDING IN HOPE (For women who have already completed Opening Your Heart) This 17 week course begins Tuesday, September 21st, 9:00-10:30 am, ABVM Parish Life Center.

BLAZE (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. This 20 week course begins Sunday, October 10th, 11 am-12 pm, ABVM Parish Life Center.

For information or to register, contact Stephanie at BibleStudy@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or call 484-467-6675.



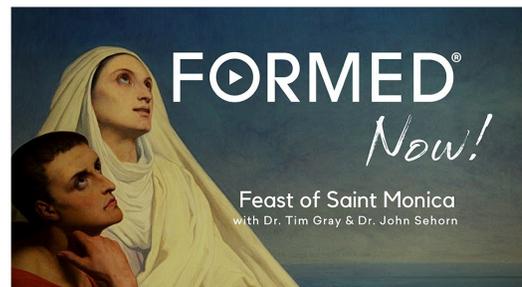
PICK OF THE WEEK

August 22, 2021

FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA

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Through her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint!



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Lily's Gift Ministry is a Catholic resource for women and couples who have received a poor prenatal diagnosis and are seeking support as they carry their precious baby to term. Learn more at www.Lilysgift.org

Young Adult Weekend at Malvern

Young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House, September 3-5, 2021. For information or to register, visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



September 18, 2021
Daylesford Abbey, 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. Enjoy powerful music by Firehill Worship, The Scally Brothers, We are Messengers and Alverlis. Call 800-965-9324, visit <https://www.theabbeyfest.com>, or email tickets@www.TheAbbeyFest.com.

Upcoming Events:

- * **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) 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.
- * **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** (September 17-19, 2021, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) Register at wwme.org.
- * **PADRE PIO FESTIVAL** (September 18/19, 2021, St. Bede Church, Holland, PA) Events include Mass, Veneration of Padre Pio Relics, Healing Service with Confessions, live musical entertainment, food tents, craft vendors, amusements for children, and much more. Call 215-357-5720 or visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com.
- * **RESPECT LIFE MONTH OPENING MASS** (September 26, 2021, 11 am Mass, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA) Join us as we unite in prayer with Archbishop Perez to uphold the sanctity of life!
- * **SEMINARY OPEN HOUSE** (October 3, 2021, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA) Celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary! Open House and Tours start at 2 pm led by seminarians. Vespers will be in St. Martin of Tours Chapel at 5 pm. Visit www.scs.edu/. Come see the Seminary before it is transferred to its new location!
- * **POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT** (October 22-24, 2021, Malvern-Frazer, PA) All inquiries are strictly confidential. Financial aid is offered if needed. Contact Georgeann at 484-955-4278, geemcgarry@gmail.com or Susan at 610-716-4795, susiemck@comcast.net.
- * **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** (October 23, 2021, Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) Women are invited to attend one, 2 hour, in-person mini-conference, morning or afternoon, and enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. Carpooling available from our parish. Call Stephanie at 484-467-6675. Visit www.catholicwomensconference.org.
- * **KENNETT AREA SENIOR CENTER GOLF OUTING** (October 25, 2021, Hartefeld National, Avondale, PA) For information or to register, please visit us at www.bit.ly/3xu5F5D or call 610-444-4819.
- * **HEALING RETREAT FOR VETERANS** (November 18-21, 2021, Discovery House, Hammonton, NJ) Please visit <https://davidretreat.com/retreat/healing-retreat-for-veterans/>.

WEEKLY PRAYER



Year of Saint Joseph

Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

On the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

Saintly Reflection

"Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care."

-St. Francis de Sales

To find local events and prayer resources, visit archphila.org/joseph.

Observances for the week of August 22, 2021

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship. ©LPi

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