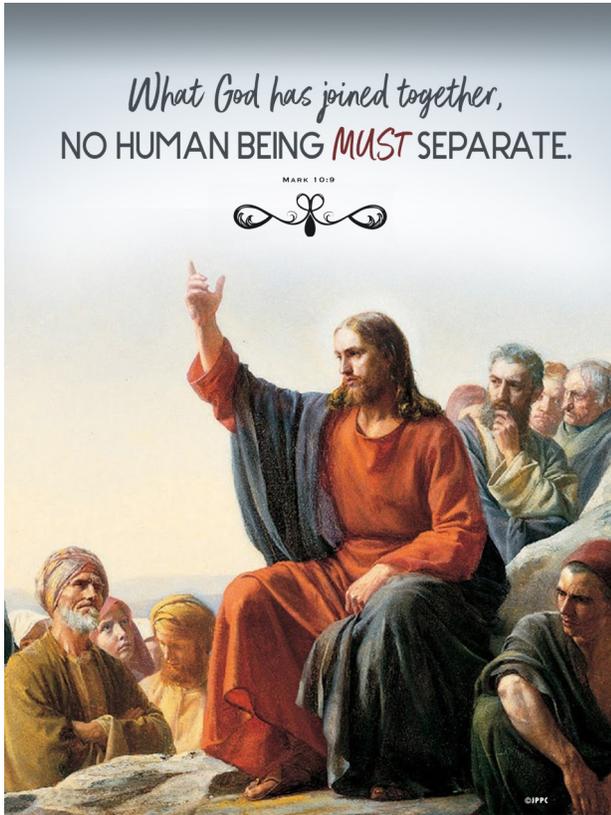


  
**ASSUMPTION**  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
 To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

*Church and Parish Office:*

300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390  
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm  
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 Facebook: *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA*  
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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.

*Pastor* .....Reverend Scott D. Brockson  
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*In Residence* .....Rev. Msgr. Frank Depman

*Deacons* .....Deacon Thomas Hannan  
 Deacon Ronald Lewis

*Business Manager* .....Mary Rose Edmonds

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 abvmfaithformation@gmail.com

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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](mailto:DonnaABVM@comcast.net).

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



## GOD'S PLAN FOR MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO GENESIS

When God created Adam and Eve he created marriage. Their sexual differentiation and marital union is an important element in what it means for them to be created in God's likeness and image: "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). God is fruitful and loving, and therefore those created in his image must also be fruitful and loving. According to Scripture, God is revealed – "imaged" – in the one-flesh union of the man and woman. It reveals that marriage is essential to the mission God gave them of subduing the earth: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the seas, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth" (Gen 1:28). In the plan of God human beings can be fertile only by coming together as husband and wife. His purpose for creating them can only be fulfilled in their marriage.

God could have filled the earth with humans in the same way that He filled it with animals, not by wine, dancing, and courtship, but by mating according to mere instinct. But God, who created them in the divine image, wanted human beings to love, because He himself loves. Genesis teaches us that the first form of human love which God created was spousal love. This love is both spiritual and physical. "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body" (Gen 2:24). They cling in love and are united physically. From this perspective sex can never be downgraded to a simple physical act. As Pope John Paul II teaches, "Creating the human race in His own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being...Love includes the human body, and the body is made a sharer in spiritual love... Consequently, sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such" (*Familiaris consortio* #11).

Genesis reveals that sexuality is God's gift to humanity, given at the moment he creates them as male or female. Their sexuality makes a man and a woman compatible with each other. It is given to draw them together into a communion, which by God's blessing is shared with their children. It was never God's intention that shame should have anything to do with sex or the human body: "The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame" (Gen 2:25). It was only after they sinned that they lost the original harmony which they enjoyed with God, with each other, and within themselves. But even after their sin God kept them together as husband and wife, clothing them with leather garments and settling them "east of the garden of Eden" where they raised a family (Gen 3:24). Despite being expelled from the garden, God did not change the blessing and purpose of their sexuality or the nature of their marriage. Only, unfortunately, it became a lot harder for them to live it! The rest of the Bible is God's story of how over thousands of years he wooed their descendants back into a holy marriage, of the Lamb and his Bride the Church, which will be consummated when Christ returns in glory (cf. Revelation 22). Sacramental marriage is an image of this relationship. But more on that later!

*Father Scott*



# ORDER of WORSHIP

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 2021

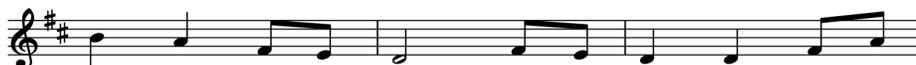
## ENTRANCE HYMN

### GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

NETTLETON



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



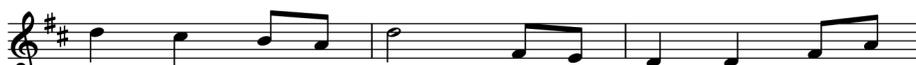
1. name you sov - reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels  
 2. set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -  
 3. last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your vir - gin  
 4. judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy help your



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



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



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



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

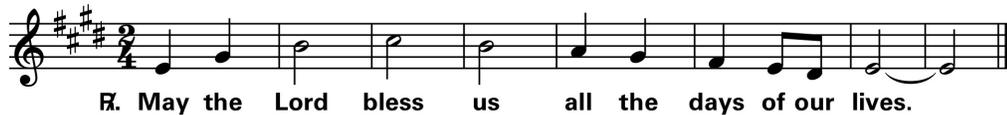
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**GLORIA** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**FIRST READING GENESIS 2:18-24** The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

**RESPONSORIAL  
PSALM**

**PSALM 128: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**



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**SECOND READING [HEBREWS 2:9-11](#)**

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

**GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. V**



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**GOSPEL [MARK 10:2-16](#)**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

**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

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring  
hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1182–1226. Text and music © 1967, 2003, OCP. All rights reserved. Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy.

Communion  
Hymn

BREAD OF LIFE

Bobby Fisher



1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to  
2. Lov-ing Lord, Cre - a - tor God, o - pen our eyes to  
3. Liv - ing Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the



1. you.                    Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Trans-form our  
2. see                    the good that lives in each of us, that called the  
3. way                    that we may live in har - mo - ny, and from you



1. lives a - new.                    O - pen our eyes so that we might see  
2. world to be.                    And when we fail to see the good,  
3. nev - er stray.                    Wipe all op-pres-sion from our midst;



1. your pres-ence in one an - oth - er.                    Your life, poured out in  
2. when friend-ships fal - ter and crum-ble,                    give us the cour - age  
3. give us a love for all peo-ple.                    Your song of jus - tice



1. love to-day,                    u - nites us all in you.  
2. to for-give                    that we may live in peace.  
3. sing in us,                    to live for peace to - day.

## SOUL OF MY SAVIOR

ANIMA CHRISTI



1. Soul of my Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy my breast; Bod - y of
2. Strength and pro - tec - tion may thy Pas - sion be; O Bless - ed
3. Hear me, Lord Je - sus, lis - ten as I pray; "Lead me from



1. Christ, be thou my sav - ing guest; Blood of my Sav - ior, bathe me
2. Je - sus, hear and an - swer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and
3. night to nev - er end - ing day. Fill all the world with love and



1. in thy tide; Wash me with wa - ter flow - ing from his side.
2. shel - ter me; So shall I nev - er, nev - er part from thee.
3. grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine."

Text: 10 10 10 10; attr. to Pope John XXII, 1249–1334; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.  
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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, October 2, 2021

**4:30 pm Mass - Robert Hopkins, Sr., req. by Joyce Malchione and Family**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: E. Barron, R. Schill, J. Fredericksdorf Readers: N. Coyne, M. Debes

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, October 3, 2021

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

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: A. Barr, L. Lanciano, M. Wharton

Readers: M. Losito, K. Hamill-Clark Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton

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

**10 am Mass - William Wohlgenuth, req. by Respect Life Ministry**

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: D. Lauletta, D. Shannon,

T. Powell Readers: H. Leinhauser, A. Pfaff

Servers: C. Opdenaker, J. Stumpf, 1 server needed

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: Anthem

**12 pm Mass - Gary Gamache, req. by His Wife and Family**

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

E. Barron Readers: J. Colgan, C. Foy

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

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

### Monday, October 4, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

**Helen Furniss, req. by G. and Nancy Furniss**

### Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

**Jim Kirwin, req. by Gene and Eileen Fogarty**

### Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

**6:30 am - People of the Parish**

**6:30 pm - Solemn Prayer on the Vigil of our Lady of the Rosary**

Deacon Lewis, Readers: M. Schill, Servers: M. Riordan, 1 server

needed Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

### Thursday, October 7, 2021, 6:30 am Mass

**Joseph F. Nash, req. by The Nash Family**

### Friday, October 8, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

**Pattie Perry, req. by Virginia Kujala**

### Saturday, October 9, 2021

**4:30 pm Mass - Warren Devonshire, req. by The Devonshire and DeCamillo Families**

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: L. Goldstein, S. Hannan,

L. Lanciano Readers: E. Sigda, D. Buoni

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

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

### Sunday, October 10, 2021

**8 am Mass - Pattie Perry, req. by Joyce Malchione**

Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: B. Michalski, M. Petrarca, P.

Wengloski Readers: J. Battinieri, M. Losito

Servers: 3 servers needed

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

**10 am Mass - George and Harriet Zeller, req. by Dennis Shannon**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: D. Lauletta, D. Shannon,

1 minister needed Readers: T. Harrison, 1 lector needed

Servers: A. L. & R. Hamilton

Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

**12 pm Mass - Mary Lattanzi, req. by The Liberatore Family**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: D. Brumbaugh, T. Caruso, R.

Schill Readers: S. Liberatore, M. Schill Servers: J. & S. Calabretta,

1 server needed Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Michael Carroll, Vincent Terrusa, Helena Perry, Judith Hasson, Jeanne Reifsnnyder, Lauren G., Kevin Fogarty, Ron Finn, Katherine Brown, Mary Lou Fieni, Ryan Coyle, Hazel Owens, Dorothy Verna, Karen & Wayne Powell, Larry Spencer, 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, 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    | ◆Service Members & Coalition                |
| ◆SGT James Francis       |   |
| ◆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 September 26, 2021	<b>\$11,106</b>
Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	<b>\$13,846</b>
Actual Average Weekly Collection	<b>\$12,778</b>

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-seven percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for September 26 was \$2,740 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 eleven months of the campaign, we have commitments from two hundred eight-four families for more than \$170,700 with \$165,378 received. We have met our goal. The first \$125,000 will go toward parish expenses. The next \$25,000 will go to the emergency fund for unbudgeted, major expenses for the church; e.g., the ultimate replacement of the church roof. The remainder, over \$150,000, will also go toward parish expenses. Please continue to fulfill your commitments.



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>.



### My Catholic Will

Consider a gift to ABVM Parish in your will, estate plan or life insurance. Your gift ensures the vitality of the parish for years to come.



## SOLEMN PRAYER

On the Vigil of  
**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021**

**Assumption BVM Church, 6:30 pm**

Join Deacon Ron Lewis for an evening of Solemn Prayer.

- \* **Holy Rosary**
- \* **Scripture Meditations**
- \* **Inspiring Music in Honor of our Blessed Mother**
- \* **Litany of Loreto**
- \* **Solemn Blessing**

## 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.

*Taddeo DiTaddeo  
James Hueston, Jr.  
James Hutelmyer  
Nedenia Leech  
John Oscar, Sr.  
Geraldine Pautler*



On Sunday, September 26, 2021, the following children were welcomed into the ABVM Parish Family:

*William Anthony DiPaolo  
Jacob David Dougherty  
Lucca Christopher Humble  
James Jeffrey Lieberman*



**Coffee & Donut Social  
This Sunday  
after the 10 am Mass**



## ATTENTION: PARENTS

- **HOW DO I TALK TO MY CHILDREN ABOUT SEX?**
- **HOW DO I PREPARE THEM FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF IMAGES ON THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA?**
- **HOW DO I TEACH THEM ABOUT GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PLAN FOR MEN AND WOMEN?**

Join us in the ABVM Parish Life Center on **Saturday, October 16th** from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for a presentation by Bill Donaghy, M.A., father of four and senior lecturer of the Theology of the Body Institute, who has given conferences in the U.S. and internationally to Bishops, Priests and Laity.

Grounded in the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II on human sexuality, Bill will help parents communicate a positive approach to male and female relations to children. Materials for parents and children will be available for sale. There is no cost to attend. Adults only, please.

**THE BEST DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN ARE THEIR PARENTS!**

## *Make A Joyful Noise Campaign*

### MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE SOUND QUALITY OF THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE AT ABVM

Gifts will be used to improve the quality of our Church sound system and Allen Renaissance Organ. All Memorial Gifts will be doubled thanks to the generosity of a single donor family who will match donations from parishioners up to \$25,000. Memorial Gifts would be from a family or organization for a minimum of \$500, in memory of a relative or loved one. The plaque near the entrance of the chapel will acknowledge your memorial gift. Non-memorial gifts will be gratefully accepted. For information and a donor form, email [development@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:development@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org). As of September 28th, we have received \$22,750. Thank you.



## School Calendar:

- Oct. 6th: 7 pm General Home & School Meeting via Zoom
- Oct. 8th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades); Pizza Lunch sponsored by Home & School Association
- Oct. 11th: School is Closed; ABVM Golf Outing, Deerfield Country Club, Newark, DE
- Oct. 15th: 8:15 am Mass (3rd & 5th Grades)
- Oct. 16th: Oktoberfest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
- Oct. 19th: Lifetouch Picture Day
- Oct. 21st: Conferences, 2 pm - 6 pm
- Oct. 22nd: School Closed, Conferences 7am - 2pm
- Oct. 25th: H & S Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 29th: 8:15 am Mass (1st & 7th Grades)

## ABVM SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021**  
*Deerfield Golf Club*

Join us for the **Annual ABVM Golf Classic** at the Deerfield Country Club, 507 Thompson Station Rd, Newark, DE on October 11th. Shotgun start at 1 pm. Dinner will be at 6 pm. \$175.00 per player. Cost includes green fees, cart, lunch, drinks on the course, range balls, and dinner. Dinner Only: \$50 per adult, \$20 child. Email [golfouting@abvmschoolwg.us](mailto:golfouting@abvmschoolwg.us) or visit <https://abvmschoolwg.us/abvm-golf-classic>.

*Catholic Youth Group*  
SOUTHERN CHESCO

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## Community New Garment Association

The Works of Mercy together with the Community New Garment Association will be collecting **new clothing** items to benefit local organizations. Please take a labelled leaf from the tree in the church vestibule, purchase the item listed, and return it to the collection box by **October 10th**. Your donations locally benefit Jeanne Jugan Village, Divine Providence Village, the Avon Grove School Nurses, Oxford Neighborhood Services, Tick Tock Childcare, and Chester County Hospital.



# WEST GROVE LIFE CHAIN

## Take One Hour to Stand for Life

**This Sunday, October 3rd, 2:30-3:30 PM**

Please assemble in front of Assumption BVM Church. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes for the end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.



### Respect Life Meeting



The next ABVM Respect Life meeting will be held on

**Wednesday, October 13th** at 7 pm in the ABVM Parish Life Center. For questions, contact [RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org).

### Announcements

#### **Pray the Rosary for Life** (10/3-10/9/21)

Sun. D. Harrison Thu. T. Harrison/N. Kennard  
Mon. C. Sedlak/T. Harrison Fri. J. Lyons/D. & T. Harrison  
Tue. D. Brumbaugh Sat. D. Brumbaugh  
Wed. G. Bryson (*Sign-up to pray in the vestibule.*)

\***HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org; RachelsVineyard.org** 610-354-0555,

\***Pregnant? Need Help?** Call 1-800-CARE-002.

\***Pregnancy Hotline:** Call 610-626-4006 or text 484-451-8104. **Birthright:** 610-436-0773.

\***Annulment Proceeding:** Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (215) 587-3750.

\***Al-Anon:** Email [Mondayodat@gmail.com](mailto:Mondayodat@gmail.com) or visit <https://al-non.org>.

\***Lions Club Hospital Equipment Loan Program:** Contact 484-883-0515; [www.aglions.com](http://www.aglions.com).

\***Courage:** Courage ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. A weekly peer support group is offered to homosexual men and women who wish to live according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Call 215-587-4505. Confidentiality assured.

\***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](http://archphila.org/hope).

\***STRIVE 21 Day Detox from Pornography.** Register at [cardinalstudios.org](http://cardinalstudios.org).

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

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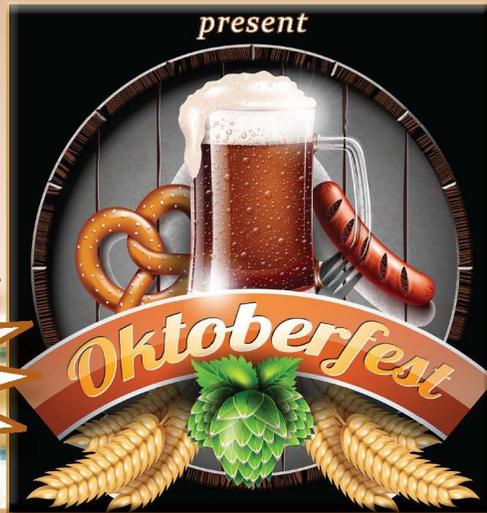
**40 Days for Life** offers hope, compassion and love to those who feel that their only hope is abortion. Since the beginning of the Fall Campaign (September 22nd) 52 lives have been saved through prayer and witness. The ABVM Respect Life Group has committed to give witness in front of West Chester's Planned Parenthood. Would you like to be part of a small group that spends 1 hour in prayer in defense of the unborn on **Monday, October 18th**, 7 am to 7 pm? To sign-up or for information, contact Stephanie at 484-467-6675 or email [RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org).

### Learn to Massage Your Baby

Bring your 1 to 9 month-old baby to class to learn the benefits of infant massage and the strokes to perform this! It is a wonderful opportunity to bond with your baby and get to know other young families. Benefits include improved sleep, better digestion, language development and more. You massage your own baby while following the instructor who presents the strokes on a doll. Just bring a blanket/pillow. Massage oil and handouts will be provided. Classes begin **Thursday, October 21** from 9-10:15, downstairs in the ABVM Parish Life Center. Cost: \$30 (to attend all 5 classes). Class dates are: 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11 & 12/2. For more info: contact Luana (certified educator of infant massage) at [luana.liberatore95@gmail.com](mailto:luana.liberatore95@gmail.com)



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*Proceeds benefit SCC Medic 94 fundraiser  
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## *The Knit Crochet Pray Group*

is now meeting twice a month at ABVM. We will meet on the First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm till 8:30, and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm.

We are working on lapghans, shawls and baby items to donate to the New Garment Association. We already have quite a few ready. We also have another beautiful quilt to donate to the NICU at AI duPont de Nemours Hospital!



Meetings are held in the Church Lower Level (Conference Rm).

October - Thursday, 10/7 at 7 pm & Tuesday, 10/19 at 1:00 pm

November - Thursday, 11/4 at 7 pm & Tuesday, 11/16 at 1:00 pm

December - Thursday, 12/2 at 7 pm (No 12/21 meeting)

If you would like a prayer shawl or blanket, please let us know. If you are familiar with knitting or crocheting and need a refresher, we can help. Contact: [Knit@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:Knit@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org)

Americans across the country are  
invited to pray

## THE ROSARY COAST TO COAST

**Sunday, October 10th**  
**ABVM Church, 4 pm to 5 pm**



*Fellow parishioners will gather at the ABVM Church for this special hour of devotion.* The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. For information, visit [RosaryCoastToCoast.com](http://RosaryCoastToCoast.com).

## American Red Cross



**Thursday, October 14th**

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

ABVM Church (lower level)

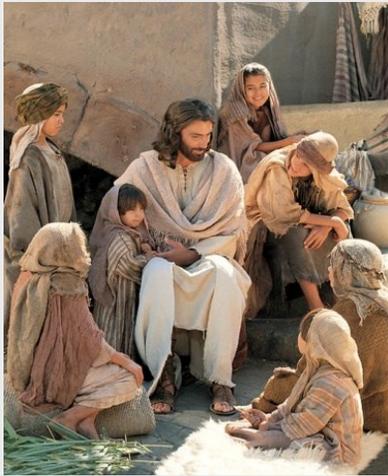
Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code *assumptionbvm* to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-733-2767.

## FOOTBALL MANIA ABVM Parish Fundraiser

Participants can go to [www.charitymania.com](http://www.charitymania.com) to view the winning sweepstakes game card numbers each week to see if they've won. Winners will also be notified by mail.

### Congratulations to the Week 3 Winners:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Pts
3131	\$100	John Schoch	115
752	\$25	Susan Skurla	114
3861	\$25	Denise Nash	114
137	\$25	Lucia LaFemina	109



## ABVM Parish Children's Program

*All parish and Archdiocesan guidelines on masking and social-distancing apply.*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you called to share your faith with children?

Contact Lisa Goldstein

[KidsMass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:KidsMass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org)

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children, ages 4 to 7, who have not yet received First Holy Communion, are invited to *know Jesus, love Jesus, and serve Jesus* in the St. Cecelia Room every Sunday morning at our 10 am Mass, from mid-September to May. No registration is necessary. Please bring your children to the Adoration Chapel prior to the start of Mass, and during the Entrance Hymn, our teachers lead them to the St. Cecelia Room where they will hear and respond to God's Word as well as learn the order and postures of the Liturgy. During the Presentation of the Gifts, your children will be guided back to the Main Church, where they rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## Children's Rosary



Oh, how children love this popular Catholic devotion to Our Lady! And Mary loves the voices and hearts of her children! Our purpose is to create a spiritually nourishing environment where our parish children can gather to learn and practice the Rosary. Children of all ages are welcome. Our first gathering will be in the Main Church, during October, the Month of the Rosary: **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 to 11:45 am**. No registration necessary. Bring a parent, a rosary if you have one, and a prayer petition on a small piece of paper to place in our petition box. Contact Caroline Lyons at: [Rosary@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:Rosary@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org)

## Liturgical Season Events

Join us for a *Christmas Nativity Day/Night* during Advent (will resume in 2022), a *Lenten Walk with Jesus* during March, or *Outdoor Rosary Walk* in May. Dates and times, and other important information, will be shared later. Note: These events are pending as information is updated from the Archdiocese and Chester County Health Department.

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## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm

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## Stitching for Service Ministry Sacred Heart Church, Oxford, PA

The Church of the Sacred Heart **Stitching for Service Ministry** is currently selling raffle tickets, \$5 each, for our "Quilt of Friendship" and ALL proceeds will benefit the Archdiocese's Mother of Mercy House in Philadelphia. For tickets or information, e-mail [StitchingforService@gmail.com](mailto:StitchingforService@gmail.com).

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## Our Community Announcements

**UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE** (October 8-9, 2021, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Morton, PA) This conference will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom. Visit [www.heartofthefather.com/event](http://www.heartofthefather.com/event).

**CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE** (October 8-10, 2021, Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ) Speakers include: Fr. Celso, Fr. Ariel Hernandez, Fr. Rene Canales, Daniel O'Connor, and Josip Elez (son of Ivanka, visionary from Medjugorje). For tickets (in person or virtually), visit [www.CamdenDioceseCatholicRenewal.org](http://www.CamdenDioceseCatholicRenewal.org) or call 609-652-7729.

**OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CRAFT FAIR** (October 9, 2021, Schneider Parish Center, 2995 Cemetery Road, Parkesburg, PA) There will be crafters and vendors selling unique items. Our kitchen will be serving homemade quiche, soups, sandwiches and desserts. Rain date is October 16th. For questions, email [jdagney@olcchurch.org](mailto:jdagney@olcchurch.org).

**POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT** (October 22-24, 2021, Malvern-Frazer, PA) Please contact Georgeann at 484-955-4278, [geemcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:geemcgarry@gmail.com) or Susan at 610-716-4795, [susiemck@comcast.net](mailto:susiemck@comcast.net).

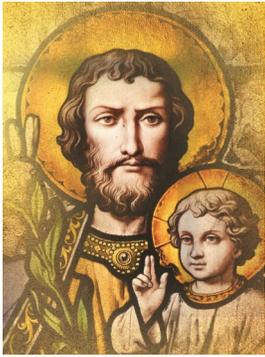
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** (October 23, 2021, Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) Women are invited to attend one, 2 hour, in-person mini-conference, morning or afternoon, and enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. For information, visit [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org). Carpooling available from our parish. Call Stephanie at 484-467-6675.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/3xu5F5D) or call 610-444-4819.

**FIGHT LIKE YOU ARE CATHOLIC RETREAT** (October 29-31, 2021, St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson, PA) A retreat on spiritual warfare in the Catholic tradition featuring Susan Brinkmann and Fr. Isaac Haywiser, OSB. Visit [www.catholiclifeinstitute.org](http://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org).

**HEALING RETREAT FOR VETERANS** (November 18-21, 2021, Discovery House, Hammonton, NJ) Experience growth, redemption and restoration. Retreat includes daily Mass & Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, sunrise hikes, outdoor experiential activities, gourmet food, military camaraderie, and encouraging conversation in a peaceful, tranquil setting. Please visit <https://davidretreat.com/retreat/healing-retreat->

# WEEKLY PRAYER



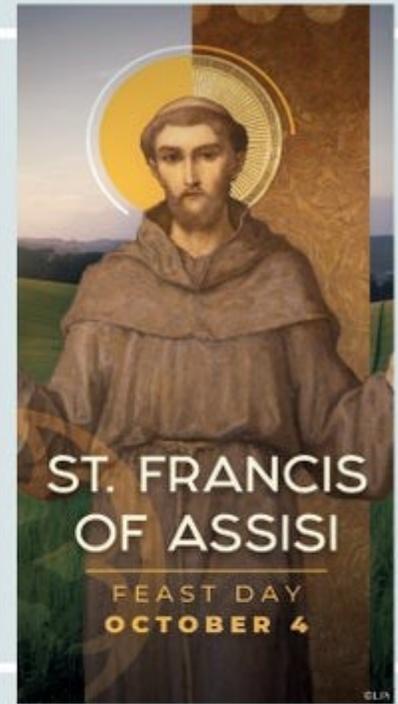
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***Meditation on Saint Joseph***

“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

*For prayer resources, visit [archphila.org/joseph](http://archphila.org/joseph).*



## Saint of the Week

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. He founded the men’s Order of Friars Minor, the women’s Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
**Monday:** St. Francis of Assisi  
**Tuesday:** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin  
**Thursday:** Our Lady of the Rosary  
**Saturday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“What God has joined together.” We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God’s power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed. ©LPi

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