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

Sunday, November 28, 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.

Pastor **…..……Reverend Scott D. Brockson**
padrescott96@aol.com

In Residence **…….Rev. Msgr. Frank Depman**

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

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

Parish Office Staff **……..……Donna Brumbaugh**
Ann Caruso

Parish Office **(Ph) 610-869-2722, (fax) 610-869-3252**

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abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com

School Principal **…..……Danielle White**
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School Office **(Ph) 610-869-9576, (fax) 610-869-4049**

Director of Religious Education (DRE) **.....**
Janine Kramer
abvmfaithformation@gmail.com

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Facilities Request **…….abvmfacilities@gmail.com**

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.

A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

The Church follows a liturgical and seasonal pattern of worship because God revealed to the Hebrews that this is the way he wants to be worshipped. When they escaped from Egypt and Pharaoh's army God led them to Mount Sinai to make a covenant with them and form them into his people. Moses ascended the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments and instructions on the form of worship that would seal and preserve the Covenant. Fidelity to the liturgical laws was synonymous with fidelity to the Covenant. Besides special days and seasons set in the Jewish calendar there was the weekly observance of the sabbath. This pattern and cycle give both form and sense to the life of observant Jews, as the pattern and cycle of the Christian year gives form and sense to the lives of faithful Christians.

Jesus and his disciples followed the cycle of religious Jewish festivals. We know that they also kept the sabbath because in the Gospels we often find them in a synagogue on the sabbath, even if their observance of the sabbath did not conform to the strict rules of the Pharisees. There is no reason to assume that after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ that his followers worshipped God only spontaneously and ceased all liturgical practices. For example, in the Book of Acts we find Peter and the others worshipping in the Temple. The sources of Christian antiquity provide clear evidence of organized, liturgical worship in the early Church, including the famous *Didache*, or "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which was written in the first century. It includes instructions for the celebration of Baptism and the Eucharist.

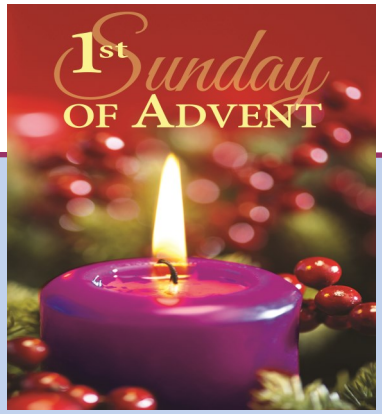
For both Jews and Christians, the purpose of feasts and seasons is to commemorate God's saving acts in significant moments of salvation history, to thank him for them, and to perpetuate their remembrance throughout the generations. Their celebration is meant to bring into the present all their mystery and grace. In this way the worshippers are better able to conform their lives to the truths they impart. It is a divine pedagogy. The acts of God become more than recorded history and dramatic stories. They become alive in the lives of the faithful, as they celebrate the Passover as if it were the first Passover, or Christmas as if Jesus is born that very day. This *anamnesis*, or calling to mind of a past event to make it present, is evident in the change to the prayer of consecration in the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday: "On the day before he was to suffer *for our salvation and the salvation of all, that is today*, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands…"

The Second Vatican Council sums up the reason for the liturgical year in its "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium #102*):

> Holy Mother Church is conscious that she must celebrate the saving work of her divine Spouse by devoutly recalling it on certain days throughout the course of the year. Every week, on the day which she has called the Lord's Day, she keeps the memory of the Lord's resurrection, which she also celebrates once in the year, together with His blessed Passion, in the most solemn festival of Easter. Within the cycle of a year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from the Incarnation and Birth until the Ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the coming of the Lord. Recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of her Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present for all time, and the faithful are enabled to lay hold upon them and become filled with saving grace.

As we begin a new year of grace with the First Sunday of Advent, let us ask the Lord to open our spirits to the graces he would give us in this holy season, in which we enter into spiritual communion with the holy men and women of the generations before Christ, who looked with anticipation to the coming of the Messiah. Let us also liven our hope and expectation for that yet-to-be glorious day when Christ will come to judge the living and the dead.

- Father Scott



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Readings in Missal
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First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

Gospel:

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

The Order of Worship
The First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn.....(antiphon) **To you, O God, I lift up my soul.**

(10 am Mass) **Come Now, Almighty King | #710**

Responsorial Psalm.....**Psalm 25**

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation .....***Alleluia***

Offertory Hymn .....**Savior of the Nations, Come | #53**

(10 am Mass) **The King Shall Come | #70**

Communion Hymn..... (antiphon) ***O Lord, you have favored your land.***

(10 am Mass) **Save Us, O Lord | #662**

Recessional Hymn.....**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | #41**

(10 am Mass) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | #38**

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, November 27, 2021
4:30 pm Mass - Helen Debski, req. by The Riordan Family
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: S. Hannan, L. Lanciano, R. Schill Readers: M.A. Schill, N. Coyne Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, November 28, 2021
8 am Mass - Jason O'Brien, req. by The O'Brien Family
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, M. Petrarca, 1 minister needed Readers: J. Battinieri, A. Pfaff
Servers: L. & A. Hamilton, C. Opdendaker
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: K. Evangelista, M. Lundy

10 am Mass- Wanda & Joseph Erling, req. by The Erling Family
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: D. Lauletta, B. Michalski, T. Powell
Readers: T. Harrison, G. Charlton Servers: E. & H. Char, J. Stumpf
Sacristan: Sacristan needed Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Jim Kirwin, req. by Kevin Kirwin
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: E. Barron, TF Caruso, M. Wharton
Readers: J. Colgan, S. Liberatore, Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

Monday, November 29, 2021, 6:30 am Mass
Lucille Gillin, req. by Her Daughter

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 8:15 am Mass
Frank and Marion Yanchik, req. by The Erling Family

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30 am Mass
6:30 am Mass - People of the Parish

4:15 pm Confirmation Mass - Confirmandi and Their Families
Deacons: Deacon Hannan and Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: M. Bruecks
Readers: M.A. Schill, M. Losito Servers: E. Char, R. & A. Hamilton, W. & A. Gorman, 3 servers needed
Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: Anthem

Thursday, December 2, 6:30 am Mass
Alice Mulgrew Bunting and Henry Eugene Bunting, req. by Joe Bunting

Friday, December 3, 2021, 8:15 am Mass
Living and Deceased Benefactors of Assumption BVM Parish and School

Saturday, December 4, 2021
4:30 pm Mass - Christine Gillin, req. by Her Sister
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: A. Barr, J. Fredericksdorf, S. Hannan Readers: N. Coyne, K. Hamill-Clark
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, December 5, 2021
8 am Mass - Chris Panarello, req. by Bob Williams
Deacon: Deacon Hannan, EMofHC: M. Bruecks, L. Goldstein, B. Michalski Readers: M. Debes, T. Harrison
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, K. O'Donnell
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Sonny Frank, req. by Bonnie Bolla
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: D. Brumbaugh, D. Lauletta, T. Powell
Readers: H. Leinhauser, A. Pfaff, Servers: E. & H. Char, L. Hamilton
Sacristan: Steve Gempp Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Chris Furniss, req. by G. and Nancy Furniss
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EMofHC: E. Barron, TF Caruso, M. Wharton
Readers: J. Colgan, C. Foy
Servers: S. Calabretta, M. & E. Stemerman
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: Cantor needed, M. Lundy

Prayer Requests

Lori Gaffney, Erin W., Dottie Duffy, Joe Schroder, Dave Peterson, Angela DiProspero Crognale, Jonathan Redford, Joan Bolton, Terry Neale, Lois Witmeyer, Joseph Bruecks, Nancy Larkin, Terry O'Connell, Michael Carroll, Vincent Terrusa, Helena Perry, Judith Hasson, Jeanne Reifsnyder, Lauren G., Kevin Fogarty, Ron Finn, Katherine Brown, Mary Lou Fieni, Ryan Coyle, Hazel Owens, Dorothy Verna, Karen & Wayne Powell, Larry Spencer, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Dan Miller, Sharon Kraynak, Brent & Stephanie Starkey, Sharon DeNapoli, Dawn Farrugia, Bill Sauerwine, Stephen Felicetti, Frankie Knowles, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, Victor & Dee Beirger, Joseph & Philip Caruso, D'Ambrosia Family, Peter Haggerty, Marianne Boyd, McFillin Family, Logan Moyer, 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.

- ♦2 LT Emily Fanning
- ♦LT Ryan Hoffman
- ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg
- ♦SGT Meghan Guerrera
- ♦SGT Michael Guerrera
- ♦SGT James Francis
- ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso
- ♦SSGT James McWilliams
- ♦SGT Andrew Wolfe
- ♦AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB
- ♦SPC Thomas Wolfe
- ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion
- ♦Service Members & Coalition

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 November 14, 2021	$12,983
Includes $6,100 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	$13,885
Actual Average Weekly Collection	$13,112

The November 21st finance column will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

We have budgeted $722,000 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 percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for November 14 was $902 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

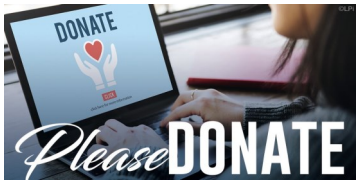
Parish Appeal Update

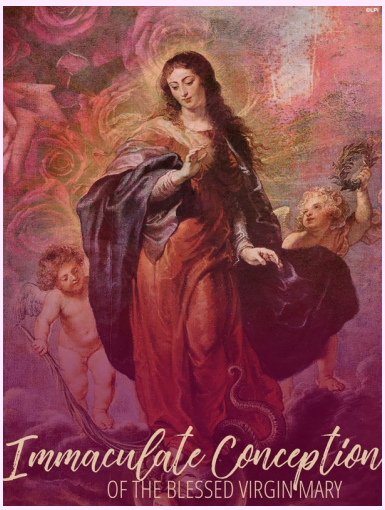
The 2022 Parish Appeal is off to a good start thanks to you. For the first two weeks 115 families donated $17,799. The 2022 goal is $175,000. The first $150,000 will support parish operating expenses. The remaining $25,000 will be dedicated to Emergency Fund. The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity.

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 Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception Feast Day

Wednesday, December 8th

6:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Note: On December 8th, the traditional Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 pm in the Main Church prior to Mass. (no Patriotic Rosary)

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.

Carmella Beattie
Sister Mary Lorraine Holzman, IHM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus is Waiting for You

Do you believe? Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul and divinity) in the Holy Eucharist! We are blessed with an awesome opportunity to worship Jesus in His real presence. Spend time with Him. Adoration is held Monday thru Friday, after Morning Mass until 7:00 pm.

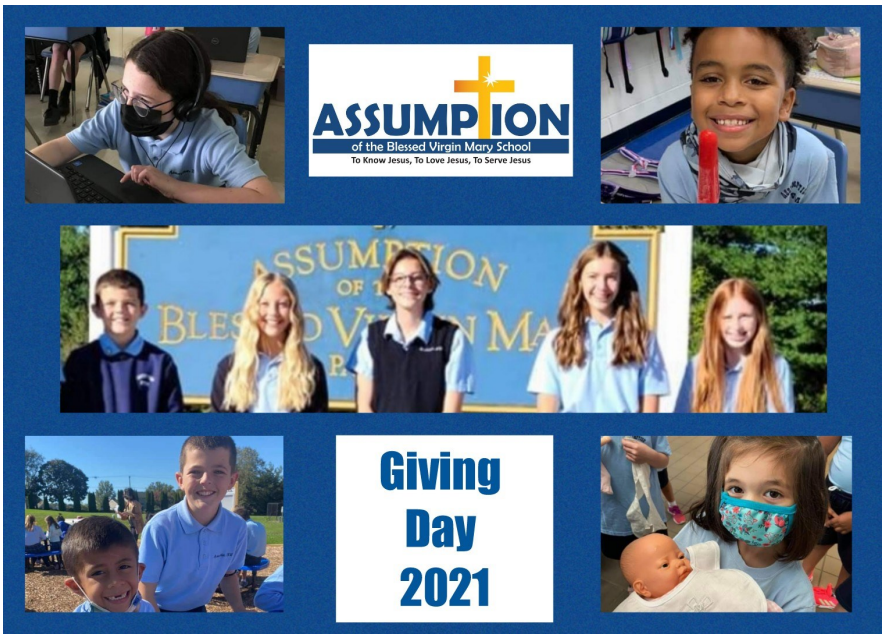
Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 11th

Mass at 9:00 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us!

ABVM News



#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving, held on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving **(11/30/21)**, that provides an opportunity to support the entire Assumption BVM School community! Assumption BVM School has partnered with #igivecatholic for donations again this year! Online donations are open 11/15/21-11/30/21 at **https://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/assumption-bvm-school-westgrove**

Please note that online donations through #igivecatholic incur a processing fee. To avoid fees, you are welcome to bring donations to the School or Church office, or mail to ABVM School, 290 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390 Attn: Giving Day. Checks are encouraged for large donations.

Thank You

Craft Fair & Christmas Bazaar

We are most grateful to our generous ABVM family. Your donations allowed us to purchase wonderful raffle items. Attic Treasures were very successful this year. Thank you to all who donated items and to the volunteers who helped set up, work a shift or clean up. We are especially grateful to the 2021 Committee for its hard work to provide a wonderful day for our school and community. ***We appreciate all those who came out to shop and support us!***

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SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Nov. 30th: Generation Life Visit with Grades 7 & 8; GIVING DAY

Dec. 1st: Picture Retake Day; Confirmation 4:15 pm

Dec. 3rd: First Friday Mass (5th Grade)

Dec. 6th: St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 9th: 6 pm Christmas Show (parents and siblings only)

Dec. 10th: 8:15 am Mass; H & S Movie Night

Dec. 13th: Santa Shoppe

Dec. 17th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades)

Dec. 22nd: Early Dismissal 11 am

Dec. 23rd-31st: No School/Christmas Break, Return on Jan. 3rd

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amazon smile

Are you an Amazon shopper?

When making your Holiday purchases through Amazon, please designate Assumption BVM School through the **Amazon Smile** program. All proceeds go directly to ABVM School. To date, we have received $1,629 in Amazon Smile donations! Please visit **https://abvmschoolwg.us/amazon-smile** and click on the Amazon Smile link to start shopping. Thank you!

Social Outreach

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (11/28-12/4/21)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. N. Kennard
Mon. C. Sedlak Fri. R. Gaffney
Tue. R. Gaffney Sat. C. Lyons
Wed. D. Shannon/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.*
- **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 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.
- **Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group**: Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.
- **Suicide Prevention Hotline**: 800-273-8255.
- **Hope in Christ**: Spiritual Support for Addiction: visit archphila.org/hope.
- **STRIVE 21 Day Detox from Pornography**. Register at cardinalstudios.org.
- **Disabilities & Autism Help-Line**: Need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.

FOOTBALL MANIA
ABVM Parish Fundraiser

Participants can go to 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 10 Winner:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Pts
3176	$25	S. Saporito	116

Baby Bottle Boomerang

If you have not returned your Baby Bottle donations (filled with change and/or checks), we are still accepting donations until the end of November. Your change can change lives and help women facing unintended pregnancies find the hope needed to welcome their babies into the world.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 9th

ABVM Church Lower Level, 300 State Road

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Visit: http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation and locate sponsor code **assumptionbvm** to schedule an appointment. Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

Donor Eligibility Guidelines or appointments: call 1 800 RED CROSS

For questions, call ABVM parishioner, Ann, at 610-869-8559.

Christmas Cantata

The Silence and the Sound

By Heather Sorenson

A Service of Readings and Music for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Festival Choir and Orchestra

under the direction of **Michael Xavier Lundy**

Courtney Porter
Soloist

Justin Gonzalez
Soloist

Julie-Ann Whitely Green
Soloist

Joe C. Hocking
Soloist

Sara Seglem-Hocking
Soloist

Jerry Polman
Soloist

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Confirmation

Confirmation Practice:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021
6:30 pm—Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors (A parent may substitute if the sponsor is not available.)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
4:15 pm—Confirmation Mass (Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors need to arrive no later than 3:30 pm.)

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Please pray for our Parish children as they prepare for the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held the weekend of **December 4/5, 2021**. This appeal benefits approximately 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please consider supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and pray for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

At ABVM our ushers only pass the basket around once during Mass. If you use Parish E-giving, you may edit your giving information online by logging in at www.faithdirect.net and clicking on the icon "Edit My Gifts" on the home screen. If you give by using envelopes you are asked to place your gifts to the parish and to the special collection in the basket at the same time, using the pre-printed envelopes you received in the mail. You may also use a blank envelope and write on it the name of a collection you wish to support.

Coffee & Donut Social

Next Sunday, December 5th

After the 10 AM Mass

Spend time with your fellow parishioners!

On Site CYFF Classes:

There will be no on-site CYFF Classes on Tuesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 1st.

This year, we invite our CYFF children to come and participate in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be offered at 9:00 am on December 11th at Church.

Helping those in Need

Please help make Christmas brighter for those in our community who are in need. Beginning the First Weekend in Advent (Nov. 27/28), please take a tag from our Giving Tree in the Church vestibule. Donations support the Parish Works of Mercy, Twin Pines Nursing Home, Saint Rocco's, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Joseph's People, Birthright, and Family Promise. Please bring your wrapped gifts with tags attached on **Sunday, December 12th** by the end of the 10 am Mass. This year we will accept and sort the gifts in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to help sort and deliver gifts after the Noon Mass. For questions, call Dot at 215-460-2616 or Ann at 610-869-8559.

Assumption BVM

Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Assumption BVM Parish Center, 290 State Road
$8 free will donation is appreciated

Join us for some holiday cheer! Enjoy great food, delicious desserts and wonderful entertainment as we celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas! For information or questions, call Jim Haley at 610-255-5366. Tickets are available at the door. Sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary*.

Knights of Columbus

Dinner and Bingo

ABVM Parish Center
Thursday, December 2nd
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 shepherd's pie, vegetable, roll & butter, fruit cup, dessert, and drink for $7. BYOB

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

6th Annual

Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 11th
After the 4:30 PM Mass

Enjoy Refreshments

Traditional Christmas Carols

A Special Visit From Santa Claus

Support the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program

Non-Perishable Food Drive

The Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program has been a constant for those less fortunate people in our community. Poverty haunts hundreds of our neighbors every day, even during the holidays when life feels so festive and secure. Hunger knows no season.

Thank you to all the generous people who have made this program a success for so many years. Without your time, donations and support, our campaign would never have been able to service over **397 families** that were cared for in **2020**. It would be wonderful if we could say that there is not a need to run the program this year, but the reality is that we still have many families that need help.

Due to this greater number of families and a lesser amount of donations, we have decided to ask our generous parishioners to assist with this part of the program again this year. We will have a **FOOD COLLECTION TRUCK** in the ABVM Church Parking Lot (300 State Road) from ***November 20th until December 13th.*** ***Truck Hours:*** ***Monday-Friday, 3 pm to 6 pm, Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm, and Sundays, 7:45 am to 1:15 pm.*** We would appreciate donations of ***canned vegetables, canned meats/tuna fish, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, soup, pasta & sauce, bagged rice and stuffing.***

To help pack or distribute the baskets, go to: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094FACAE2FA1F49-avon2** If you would like to make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the fresh food items, go to Venmo@AGCBP (note 4100) or mail a check to: Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program, P.O. Box 146, New London, PA 19360. Any questions, call or text John Brennan at 610-869-4100.

Children needed for Children's Choir

Sign your child up to sing in our annual Christmas Musical Celebration with the ***ABVM Festival Choir and Orchestra that will be held on December 19th at 4 pm.*** Rehearsals on Sundays from 9:30 am - 10:00 am in the Church by the organ.

Rehearsals: 12/05, 12/12 and FINAL REHEARSAL WITH THE ORCHESTRA on 12/18 from 10:00am - 11:00am in the Church. Sign up is located on the ABVM parish website. Please contact our Director of Liturgy and Music, Mr. Michael Lundy, to sign up at abvmwestgrovemusic@gmail.com.

News and Events

* **YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT & BONFIRE** (December 3, 3021, 6:30 pm to 9 pm, Malvern Memorial Cabin, 600 Monument Ave., Malvern, PA) Peak Encounter Ministries invites young adults (college, 20s, 30s) for a fun retreat with outdoor Adoration, plus a bonfire.. Register at https://peakencounterministries.brushfire.com

* **ADVENT RETREAT** (December 3-5,2021, St. Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA) Please visit https://msbt.org/event/singing-the-lucan-canticles/

* **MARCH FOR LIFE 2022** (January 21, 2022, Washington, D.C.) A rally will begin at the National Mall at 12 pm followed by 1 pm March for Life up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. For information, visit www.marchforlife.org. Assumption BVM West Grove will be chartering a bus. Details will follow.

* **FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY EVENT** (February 2, 2022, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Media, PA) 6 pm Rosary, 7 pm speaker, and 8 pm Mass with Msgr. Ralph Chieffo.

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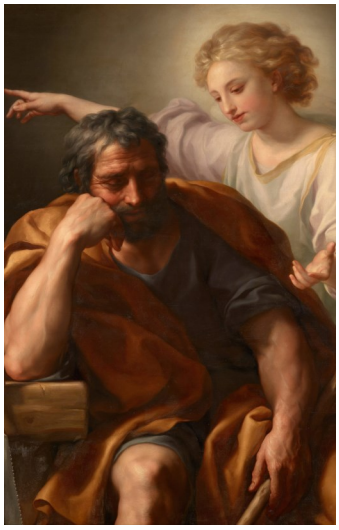
WEEKLY PRAYER



Consecration to Saint Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way to salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

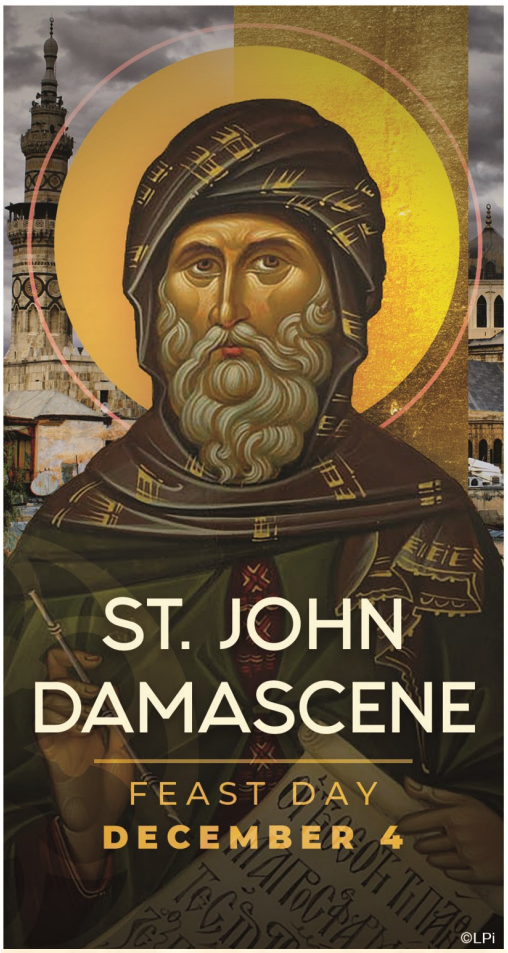
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.©LPi



St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

December 2021 Liturgical Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pope Francis' Monthly Intention *Catechists.* Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.			***1*** **Reading**: Isaiah 25:6-10a **Psalm of the Day: 23** **Gospel:** Matthew 15:29-37	***2*** **Reading**: Isaiah 26:1-6 **Psalm of the Day: 118** **Gospel:** Matthew 7:21,24-27	***3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest*** **Reading**: Isaiah 29:17-24 **Psalm of the Day: 27** **Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-31	***4 St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*** **Reading**: Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 **Psalm of the Day: 147** **Gospel:** Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
5 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **1st Rdg**: Baruch 5:1-9 **Psalm of the Day: 126** **2nd Rdg:** Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 **Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6	***6 St. Nicholas, Bishop*** **Reading**: Isaiah 35:1-10 **Psalm of the Day: 85** **Gospel:** Luke 5:17-26	***7 St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*** **Reading**: Isaiah 40:1-11 **Psalm of the Day: 96** **Gospel:** Matthew 18:12-14	***8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*** **1st Rdg**: Gen 3:9-15,20 **Psalm of the Day: 98** **2nd Rdg:** Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38	***9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*** **Reading**: Isaiah 41:13-20 **Psalm of the Day: 145** **Gospel:** Matthew 11:11-15	***10 Our Lady of Loreto*** **Reading**: Isaiah 48:17-19 **Psalm of the Day: 1** **Gospel:** Matthew 11:16-19	***11 St. Damasus I, Pope*** **Reading**: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 **Psalm of the Day: 80** **Gospel:** Matthew 17:9a,10-13
12 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **1st Rdg**: Zephaniah 3:14-18a **Psalm of the Day:** Isaiah 12:2-6 **2nd Rdg:** Phil 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18	***13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*** **Reading**: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a **Psalm of the Day: 25** **Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27	***14 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church*** **Reading**: Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 **Psalm of the Day: 34** **Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32	***15*** **Reading**: Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 **Psalm of the Day: 85** **Gospel:** Luke 7:18b-23	***16*** **Reading**: Isaiah 54:1-10 **Psalm of the Day: 30** **Gospel:** Luke 7:24-30	***17*** **Reading**: Genesis 49:2,8-10 **Psalm of the Day: 72** **Gospel:** Matthew 1:1-17	***18*** **Reading**: Jeremiah 23:5-8 **Psalm of the Day: 72** **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25
19 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **1st Rdg**: Micah 5:1-4a **Psalm of the Day: 80** **2nd Rdg:** Hebrews 10:5-10 **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45	***20*** **Reading**: Isaiah 7:10-14 **Psalm of the Day: 24** **Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38	***21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church*** **Reading**: Song of Songs 2:8-14 **Psalm of the Day: 33** **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45	***22*** **Reading**: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 **Psalm of the Day:** 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8d **Gospel:** Luke 1:46-56	***23 St. John of Kanty, Priest*** **Reading**: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 **Psalm of the Day: 25** **Gospel:** Luke 1:57-66	***24*** **Reading**: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 **Psalm of the Day: 89** **Gospel:** Luke 1:67-79	***25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day—Readings)*** **1st Rdg**: Isaiah 52:7-10 **Psalm of the Day: 98** **2nd Rdg:** Hebrews 1:1-6 **Gospel:** John 1:1-18
26 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH **1st Rdg**: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 **Psalm of the Day: 128** **2nd Rdg:** Colossians 3:12-21 **Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52	***27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST*** **Reading**: 1 John 1:1-4 **Psalm of the Day: 97** **Gospel:** John 20:1a,2-8	***28 HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS*** **Reading**: 1 John 1:5-2:2 **Psalm of the Day: 124** **Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-18	***29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*** **Reading**: 1 John 2:3-11 **Psalm of the Day: 96** **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-35	***30*** **Reading**: 1 John 2:12-17 **Psalm of the Day: 96** **Gospel:** Luke 2:36-40	***31 St. Sylvester I, Pope*** **Reading**: 1 John 2:18-21 **Psalm of the Day: 96** **Gospel:** John 1:1-18	

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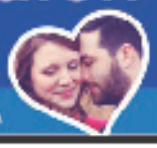

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