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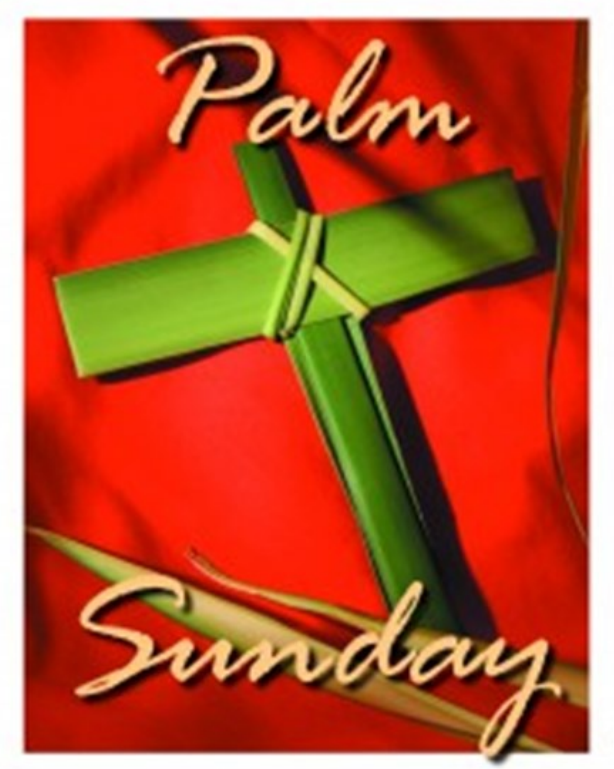
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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
(Note: There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 16th. Confessions will be heard on Good Friday, April 15th at 9:30 am and 7:00 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

On December 4, 1963, Pope Saint Paul VI promulgated the first and most important document of the Second Vatican Council, known in Latin as *Sacrosanctum Concilium* and in English as "The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy". It launched the reform of the ancient Mass to the Mass which we experience in most of our churches today. While we suffer from some effects of the poor manner in which the reforms it called for were implemented, which often deviated from the intention and teaching of the document, it remains a sure, certain, authoritative, and infallible source for learning what the Church believes about the Eucharist.

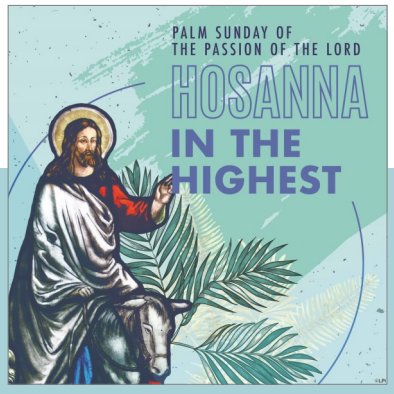
The Constitution highlights the intimate link between the Paschal Mystery and the Eucharist, as we see in the following quote: "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and Resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us" (*SC* 47). The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the Eucharist as "the sum and summary of our faith" and quotes the second century Father of the Church, St. Irenaeus: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking" (CCC 1327). This is why the Church requires all baptized Catholics who have reached the age of reason to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during Lent or Easter, after having confessed all mortal sins, in order to remain in communion with the Church. One must receive Communion to be in communion.

The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, which is not only a one-time historical event but a perpetual reality which is re-presented in every celebration of the Mass. It is a true sacrifice because it makes present the sacrifice of the Cross. It is its memorial celebration and it applies its graces to the faithful. In the Mass Christ is not sacrificed again; rather, his sacrifice on Calvary is made actual. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice. 'The victim is one and the same; the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the Cross; only the manner of offering is different…the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the Cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner" on the altar of the church (Council of Trent, quoted in CCC 1367). You cannot come any nearer to the Paschal Mystery in this life than to participate in the celebration of Mass and adore Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Eucharist is also the Church's sacrifice. When the Mass is celebrated, she is united to the intercession of the Son with the Father for the salvation of the world. In the Church, which is the Body of Christ, the faithful join themselves to the sacrifice of Christ by their participation in the Mass. It becomes their sacrifice since they are one with Christ in a mystical union. There is one Body; he is the head and they are the members, as taught by St. Paul (cf. 1 Cor 12:12-27; Rom 12:4-8, Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18). "The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering" (CCC 1368).

Since this is true, how could anyone ever consider missing Mass on Sunday?

- Father Scott



Readings in Missal Page 101

April 10, 2022

First Reading:
Isaiah 50:4-7

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Is 50:6)

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 22

My, God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

(Ps 22)

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.

(Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:
Luke 22:14-23:56

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last."

(Lk 23:46)

The Order of Worship

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon.....*Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.*

Congregational Refrain.....*Hosanna in the highest*

Entrance Hymn.....All Glory, Laud, and Honor | 138

Responsorial Psalm.....*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

Gospel Acclamation..*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.*

Offertory Hymn .....Parce Domine/Spare Your People, Lord | #133

(10:00 am Mass) **The Jesus Song | #413**

Communion Antiphon.....*Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

Congregational Refrain.....*O Lord, make haste to help me.*

Communion Hymn.....My God, My God | #754

(10:00 am Mass) **Bread for the World | #342**

Recessional Hymn.....O Sacred Head, Surrounded | #150

(10:00 am Mass) **Jesus, Remember Me | #416**

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, April 9, 2022 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
4:30 pm Mass - Mildred Stunkard, req. by Joe and Denise Nash
Deacon: Deacon DeGrasse, EM: L. Lanciano, D. Lauletta, M. Petrarca Readers: A. Taglione, T. Harrison
Servers: 4 servers needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday
8 am Mass - Vincent DiMarco, Jr., req. by Ruder and Mary Ann Schill
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, M. Bruecks, B. Michalski, M. Wharton Readers: M. Debes, N. Coyne
Servers: R., A. & L. Hamilton, T. Wilson
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Betty Shannon, req. by Dennis Shannon
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: N. Paproth, T. Powell, D. Shannon
Readers: S. Liberatore, G. Charlton
Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, J. Stumpf, C. Opdenaker
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass- Gene McDonald, req. by Joyce Malchione and Family
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: T.F. Caruso, P. Crowley, L. Goldstein Readers: J. Colgan, C. Foy
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, E. & M. Stemerman
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:30 am Mass
People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 8:15 am Mass
Lisa Vito, req. by Bob and Marge Erling

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:30 am Mass
Robert Klemaszewski, req. by Uncle Helen

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Servers: 3 servers needed Music: H. Bunch, M. Lundy

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: L. Goldstein, R. Schill, D. Shannon Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, H. Leinhauser
Servers: E. & H. Char, E. & N. Goldstein, A. & W. Gorman
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Good Friday, April 15, 2022
3:00 pm Service of the Passion
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: T.F. Caruso, L. Goldstein, D. Shannon Readers: C. Foy, T. Harrison
Servers: E. Goldstein, A. & W. Gorman
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

7:00 pm Tenebrae Prayer Service
Deacon: Deacon Lewis Servers: A. L. & R. Hamilton
Sacristan: no sacristan Music: Choir, M. Lundy

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022
7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Easter Remembrances
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Fredericksdorf, L. Goldstein, M. Wharton Readers: T. Harrison, M. Scott
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, A. & W. Gorman
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022
8 am Mass - Easter Remembrances
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Bruecks, D. Lauletta, N. Paproth, R. Schill Readers: M. Losito, A. Pfaff
Servers: N. O'Donnell, T. & L. Wilson
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: Parish Choir

10 am Mass - Easter Remembrances
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Chapman, B. Michalski, D. Shannon Readers: D. Buoni, M. Debes
Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton, 1 server needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Easter Remembrances
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: T.F. Caruso, P. Crowley, L. Lanciano, 1 minister needed Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, J. Colgan
Servers: 4 ministers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Prayer Requests

Andrew Losito, Cheryl Sumner, Beth Bierbower, Todd & Karen Dinius, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Gregory Kujala, Joseph Martinez, Dan D., Devon Bartholf, Jay Nardone, Sharon DeNapoli, Dawn Farrugia, Mary V., Hannah Thompson, Carolyn Shields, Gerald Doyle Sr., Mike R., Jo Manley, Thomas & Eileen Clark, Rob Rae, Bill Flickinger, Lily Steger, Don Shaffer, Shirley Lammert, Lynn Jackson, Jamie Wenrich, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Lori Gaffney, Erin W., Dottie Duffy, Joe Schroder, Angela DiProspero Crognale, Jonathan Redford, Nancy Larkin, Terry O'Connell, Vincent Terrusa, Helena Perry, Judith Hasson, Lauren G., Kevin Fogarty, Ron Finn, Katherine Brown, Mary Lou Fieni, Ryan Coyle, Hazel Owens, Dorothy Verna, Karen & Wayne Powell, Dan Miller, Sharon Kraynak, Brent & Stephanie Starkey, Bill Sauerwine, Stephen Felicetti, Frankie Knowles, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, 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.

- ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion
- ♦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
- ♦AB Michael Connelly & FLT277, Lackland AFB
- ♦Service Members & Coalition

Parish Finances

Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parish!

Collection for April 3, 2022	$13,569
Includes $6,100 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	$13,885
Actual Average Weekly Collection	$13,935

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 April 3rd was $361 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 doing well thanks to you. For the first 22 weeks 252 families donated $100,851. 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.

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.

ABVM HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10-April 17

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday Devotions

Way of the Cross & Benediction at 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday

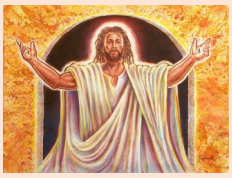
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.
Confessions at 9:30 a.m.
Service of the Passion at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Confessions during the 7:00 pm service

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 9 a.m.
Blessing of Easter Food at 10:30 a.m.
No Confessions
EASTER VIGIL at 7 p.m.



Easter Sunday

Mass at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 p.m

Keeping Vigil With Jesus on Holy Thursday & Good Friday

Keep vigil with our Lord at this most holy time of year. Please sign up in the Chapel to spend an hour with Our Lord from 9:00 pm on Holy Thursday, April 14, until 3:00 pm on Good Friday, April 15, in the Chapel.

Fasting and Abstinence

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Tenebrae

Service of Darkness

An ancient service of readings and meditations on the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The service is presided over by ***Deacon Ronald Lewis.***

Musical Meditation with Choir, Piano, Cello and Flute

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

7:00pm ~ Assumption BVM Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 24th

3:00 PM

Assumption BVM Church
West Grove, PA

Presider: Deacon Ron Lewis

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

- ***Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung***
- ***Exposition, Benediction and Reflection by Deacon Lewis***
- ***Veneration of the Sacred Image***

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday for this most blessed time of prayer and reflection. Saint Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her his heart, the source of mercy, and expressed his wish that the Feast of Mercy be celebrated. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened".** (Diary 699) Jesus promised that **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."** (Diary 699)

Note: The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday, to obtain the Plenary Indulgence.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

April 11th-18th: Holy Week and Easter Break

April 22nd: 8:15 am Mass (3rd & 5th Grades), Chick Fil-A lunch

April 24th: First Holy Communion Retreat; Spaghetti Dinner

April 25th: School Spaghetti Luncheon

April 28th: 7 pm Designer Bag Bingo; doors open at 6 pm

April 29th: 8:15 am Mass (Pre-K & 4th Grade)

2022-2023 School Registration

Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year! Assumption BVM School offers Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8. Call 610-869-9576 or visit www.abvmschoolwg.us for enrollment information or to schedule a tour!

Designer Bag Bingo **Limited Tickets Remaining**

We are excited to offer Designer Bag Bingo on Thursday, April 28th at the ABVM Parish Center Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm, games start at 7:00 pm. For tickets, please visit https://abvmschoolwg.us/designer-bag-bingo or call 610-869-9576 for information.

Designer Bag BINGO

The Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10 am Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, April 10 & 17. Everyone is encouraged to be together for Holy Week Masses.

CYFF Featured Meatless Meal

Week 6 Lent 2022

- 4 tilapia fillets, about 6 oz. each
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 onion, finely minced
- 1½ cups chopped tomatoes
- ½ cup pepper (pimento or red bell), cut into strips
- 1 Tbsp finely minced parsley

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Season tilapia with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place in a shallow glass pan and set aside. Heat olive oil in a medium skillet and sauté with onions, tomatoes, and pepper until soft. Pour over fish. Sprinkle with parsley. Bake for 25 minutes and serve with rice.

First Holy Communion Retreat

Sunday, April 24th-following the Noon Mass

Children should return their completed banners upon arrival for the 12:00 pm Mass. It is open seating at Mass for children and their families. At the conclusion of Mass, children should remain in the church for their First Communion Retreat. Parents are asked to return for dismissal at approximately 2:30 pm.

First Holy Communion Practice

Tuesday, May 3rd, 4:40-6:00 pm

CYFF on-site and home-based students will have First Communion Practice on May 3rd from 4:40 pm-6:00 pm in the Church. Student and one parent should attend.

ABVM School Students will practice during school hours.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 7, 2022– 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

10:00 am Mass (ABVM School Students) Children should arrive in the Parish Life Center (Church lower level) no later than 9:30 am.

1:00 pm Mass (CYFF Students) Children should arrive in the Parish Life Center (Church lower level) no later than 12:30 pm.

Annual Rice Bowl

Return your donations this weekend

Please return your Rice Bowl containers to Church this weekend, April 9/10 or drop them off at the Parish Office weekdays. Help fight hunger and poverty! To learn more or give online, visit crsricebowl.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS for Those Suffering from Addiction

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12:05 PM

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from Jesus in the Eucharist and from one another in power of our faith. Father Dennis Gill will be the celebrant.

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS for Persons with Disabilities

Join us on Sunday, April 24, 2022, 2:30 pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA. Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the celebrant/homilist. For information, please call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

On Good Friday, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our longstanding tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. As directed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated support needed maintenance on the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions. On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, we seek your most generous support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land on April 15, 2022.** If you use Parish E-giving, you may edit your giving information at www.faithdirect.net and click "Edit My Gifts". If you give by using envelopes you can place the gifts to the parish and to the special collection in the basket at the same time.

Church in the Ukraine, Eastern Europe Appeal

The U.S. Bishops announced that all contributions made to the Church in Eastern Europe Appeal this year will go to support the church and its relief efforts in Ukraine. To give to the relief fund, visit our parish website at https://www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org, click on Parish eGiving and select "Churches in Eastern Europe". There is also a link on our parish web page for donations through the Catholic Leadership Institute at https://mailchi.mp/thecfgp/whats-new-at-cfgp-1287901?e=7559515b02

Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, and in all war zones of the world, for those who have fled the dread of violence and have been deprived of their homes, for all men and women who stand up with their lives to ward off evil and protect the weak and persecuted.

Joyful Noise Project

Donor Plaques on Memorial and Tributes Board

Thank you to all our donors for the Joyful Noise Campaign. The individual donor plaques have been mounted on the Memorial & Tributes Board in the ABVM Chapel. We hope you agree the sound system is great. Finishing touches remain.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
CLOTHING DRIVE
www.SVdPPickup.org

Saturday, April 23rd

Assumption BVM Parish, West Grove

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Look for the **GreenDrop** truck in the church parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, **furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted**. For a list of acceptable items, visit www.gogreendrop.com

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (4/10/22-4/16/22)

Sun. C. Lyons	Thu. J. & N. Kennard
Mon. L. Liberatore	Fri. R. Gaffney
Tue. C. Sedlak	Sat. M. Tarkington
Wed. C. Lyons *(Sign-up to pray in the vestibule.)*	

- **HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org; RachelsVineyard.org** *610-354-0555,*
- **Pregnant? Need Help?** Call *1-800-CARE-002.*
- **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.
- **Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group**: Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.
- **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.
- **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.

Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, April 13th

ABVM Main Church ~ 6:30 PM

Prior to the Stations of the Cross

Our Parish is praying a perpetual **Patriotic Rosary Novena** for our country on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we ask God's continued guidance and blessings upon our nation.

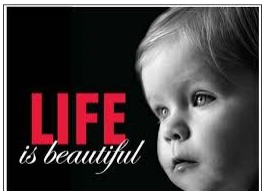
AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN ~ GOD BLESS AMERICA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

As the 40 Days for Life comes to an end on April 10, 2022, we wish to thank the ABVM Parish volunteers that helped support this Respect Life campaign through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and prayer vigils in front of the West Chester's Planned Parenthood. ***Since the March 2nd national campaign began, 389 lives have been saved.*** For questions, please contact Stephanie from the ABVM Respect Life Group at RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org or visit the national website: www.40daysforlife.com.

ABVM Respect Life Meeting

All are welcome to join us for the next ABVM Respect Life meeting on **Tuesday, April 12th** at 7:00 pm in the ABVM Parish Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.



Words to Ponder

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HAPPENING SOON

Thurs., April 21st: Knights Meeting: 6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Mtg, Parish Center (Gym)

Sun., April 24th: Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Center (Gym)

Thurs. April 28th: Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 am –3:30 pm, Parish Life Center

Sun., May 1st: Coffee & Donut Social after the 10 am Mass, Parish Life Center

Thurs., May 5th: 6 pm Dinner & 6:30 pm Bingo, Parish Center (Gym)

For membership information, contact Ron Calloway at rlcalloway99@gmail.com.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

St. Pius X Council #3858

MEETING: The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, April 11th** at 7:00 PM in the ABVM Parish Life Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

New Members: Interested in joining and becoming part of a dynamic group of women who work to serve the Church, community and the family? All are invited on Monday, April 11th at 7 PM in the Parish Life Center to learn more about our organization. For information, email Jen at stpiusxaux@gmail.com.

Boxes of Blessings THANK YOU

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus wish to thank our ABVM parishioners for their generous non-perishable food donations that were given to *The Bridge* located at the Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene. Every Tuesday night, *The Bridge* distributes food to our neighbors in need. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to bring two minivans full of food and supplies to the outreach center.

Cub Scout Pack 54 will be selling
EASTER PLANTS
in the church vestibule after
all Masses on
Easter Sunday, April 17th.

The ABVM Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th.

On Holy Saturday, April 16th at 10:30 am in the Assumption BVM Church narthex, Father Scott will bless Easter foods.

Assumption BVM Spaghetti Dinner

We Need Your Help on Sunday, April 24th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Dining Room

Come on out for an afternoon of serving and socializing with a great bunch of fellow parishioners.

No Experience Necessary !!!

To help, please contact Brianna Brennan at 484-345-1846 or briannaabrennan@yahoo.com. You can also sign up to help on-line at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094facae2fa1f49-assumption

Assumption BVM Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 24

1 to 5:30

Early Bird Special: Arrive for sit down dining before 2:00 pm and receive 5 free raffle tickets

ABVM Parish Center
290 State Road West Grove

♦ Adult dinner	$12.00	Take outs available from
♦ Child (4 to 12)	$ 6.00	11 am til 5:00 pm
♦ **Family	$40.00	Please bring a container

**Family consists of up to 2 adults and any children under 12

For information or to help, contact John Brennan 610-869-4100
JJBrennan@AssumptionBVMWestGrove.org

The dinner includes the "original recipes" for meatballs and sauce, fabulous salad, fresh bread, desserts and beverage.

Dessert Tree

The Spaghetti Dinner committee needs your help with serving our parishioners dessert after their meal at the Annual ABVM Spaghetti dinner. Take a tag and record your name on the log next to the tree in the church vestibule and ***make/bake/buy the dessert.***

Drop it off at the Parish Center Gym on Sat., April 23, 8-10 am, or Sun., April 24 after 10 am.

Spaghetti Dinner Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle tickets and money via the collection basket or by mail ***by Friday, April 22nd!*** You can also bring your tickets with you to the dinner. Tickets are $1.00 each.

1st Prize:	**$1,000**
2nd Prize:	**$ 500**
3rd Prize:	**$ 250**

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>>> PLEASE JOIN US FOR <<<

SELF DEFENSE FOR GIRLS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

3 PM- 4 PM

ABVM PARISH LIFE CENTER

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The Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis.

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Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00 pm

St. Patrick Church, Kennett Square

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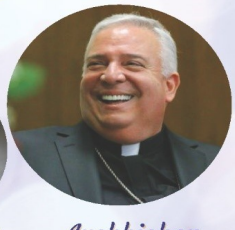


Archbishop Nelson Pérez

www.phillycatholiclife.org/familyfestival

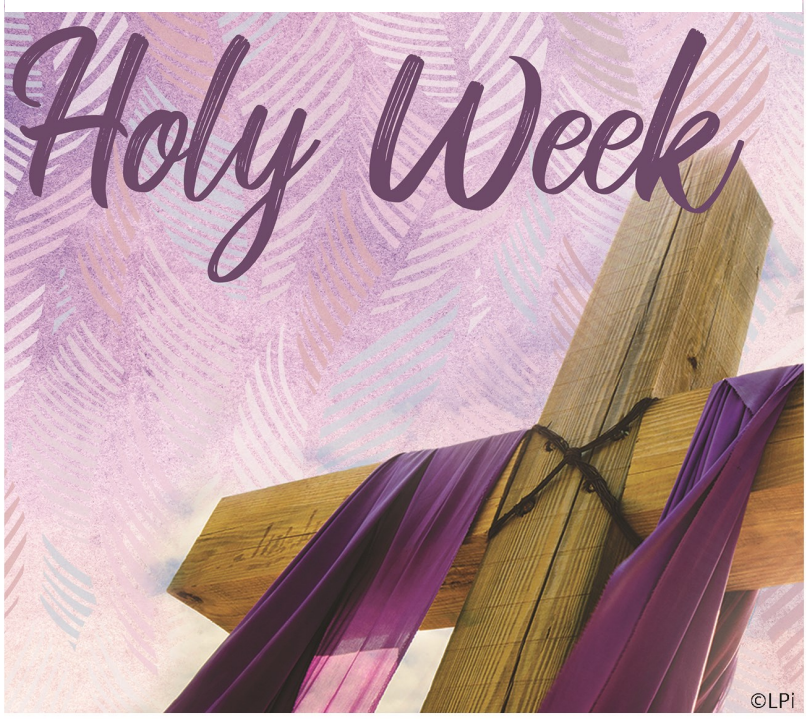
SUNDAY'S READINGS

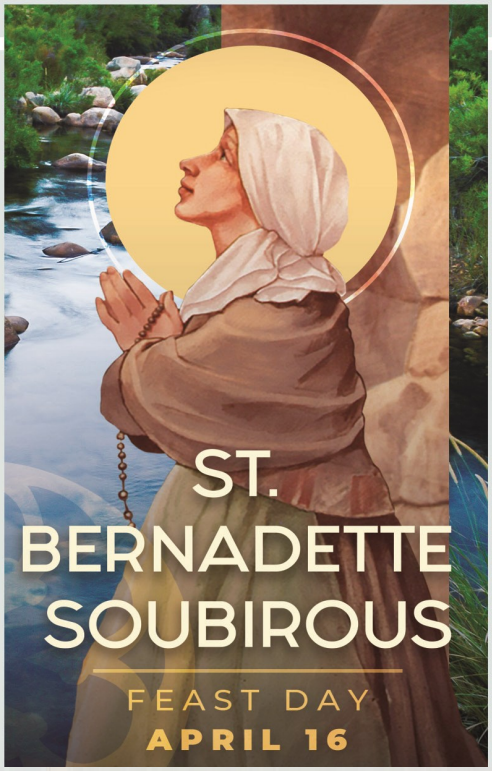
LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the Week

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

Sunday:	Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday:	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Thursday:	Holy Thursday
Friday:	Good Friday; Tax Day
Saturday:	Holy Saturday
Next Sunday:	Easter Sunday





At the age of 14, St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

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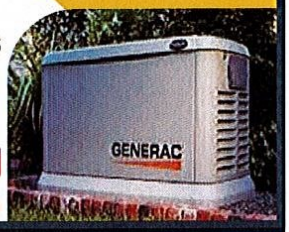

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