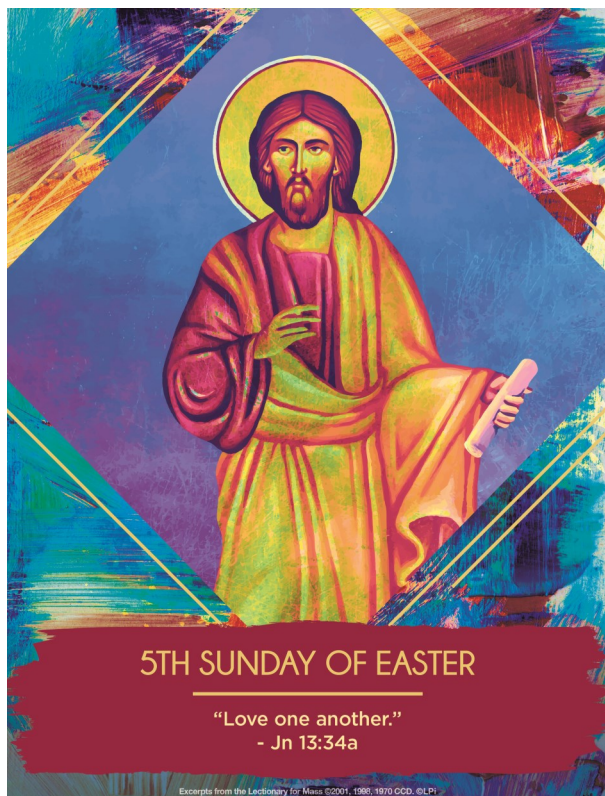


# ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

## *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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Web: [assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](http://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.

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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.



## A NON-RELIGIOUS ARGUMENT AGAINST ABORTION



Is it ever okay to intentionally kill an innocent human being? The answer has to be a resounding “no.” It is a self-evident fact. There are no circumstances in which it would be morally permissible to intentionally kill an innocent person. For example, the indiscriminate bombing and targeting of a civilian population for the purposes of war, which is what the Axis did during the Blitz when the Luftwaffe indiscriminately bombed English cities, and later in the war when they aimed V-1 and V-2 rockets at populations. The Allies were equally guilty of this crime when they carpet bombed German and Japanese cities, intentionally destroying the homes of civilians and using incendiary bombs to burn out city blocks. Getting revenge, ending the war more quickly, or any other reason for doing it could never make those acts morally acceptable.

The same reasoning needs to be applied to the abortion debate. Abortion must not be permitted because no one has the right to kill a developing human life. Whatever the circumstances, no matter how difficult they may be, the circumstances can never make it acceptable to directly (i.e. intentionally, willfully) kill a developing baby. This is a matter of reason which should be apparent to every thinking person regardless of their religious beliefs. To reject this is to subjectively assign different values to different human beings. This is not a firm foundation for a just society, but rather for chaos, where the powerful dominate.

Sometimes innocents are killed in war as a side-effect of military action. Depending on the circumstances, which must be carefully considered, it may be morally acceptable to take military actions in the pursuit of a just war which foresee the possibility of collateral damage and the loss of innocent human life. To use another World War II example, the fact that the generals knew when they planned the invasion of Normandy that more than a few noncombatants would die in the process does not mean that the intention to invade the beaches was immoral. The planners did not intend to win by killing French civilians.

The collateral damage from abortion is on those who caused it and, I argue, on society in general since it is an attack on human dignity. Its legal status has had a very detrimental effect on its moral valuation in our population. Unlike the invasion scenario presented above, all the damage from abortion is the result of an evil act. This is why it can never be permitted. I met someone who was conceived by rape. She expressed her gratitude that her mother brought her to term. The mother was also pleased with her decision in a time of crisis. Just like every life, her daughter’s life was worthwhile from the moment of conception.

What I write here does not rely on revelation but on reason. It is important that pro-lifers are able to make their case based on natural reason so that they can advocate in politics and in the secular milieu. My argument presented here does, however, have a bedrock first principle. It claims what most people naturally believe, that human life is special, and that it is inviolable. Every innocent human being has a right not to be intentionally killed by another human being. The fact that they are black or white, legal or undocumented, conservative or progressive, unborn or born, has no bearing on their natural rights. One’s ability to live and grow should not be dependent on age, the circumstances of one’s conception, or anything else. The United States fought a horrendous civil war because the principle of equal dignity was not upheld in the laws of our country. The rights of personhood must be extended from the moment of conception; to choose a particular age or condition for the recognition of rights is arbitrary and invariably favors the powerful. In my opinion we should not allow the pro-life cause to be framed only as a religious movement. Whether or not one acknowledges God, the result of every abortion is the same – the death of a human life – and it should offend everyone, and be prohibited in the laws of our land.

- Father Scott





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FIRST READING:

**Acts 14:21-27**

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them.

(Acts 14:27)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

(Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

**Revelation 21:1-5a**

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

(Rev 21:4)

GOSPEL:

**John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

I give you a new commandment; love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

(Jn 13:34)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Entrance Hymn.....Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise | #167

(10 am Mass) Alleluia! Love is Alive | #162

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 145

*I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.*

Gospel Acclamation .....Alleluia

Offertory Hymn .....Love One Another | #489

(10 am Mass) Where My Father Lives | #690

Communion Hymn.....Christians, Let Us Love One Another | #483

(10 am Mass) Ubi Caritas | #480

Recessional Hymn.....Alleluia! Alleluia! | #169

(10 am Mass) Hallelujah Is Our Song | #172

**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, May 14, 2022

#### **9 am Mass - Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parishioners**

EM: 3 ministers needed Reader: T. Harrison Servers: 3 servers needed  
Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

#### **4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Walter Schill, req. by The Schill Family**

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, J. Fredericksdorf, R. Schill,  
1 minister needed

Readers: D. Buoni, M.A. Schill Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, May 15, 2022

#### **8 am Mass - Joseph Braun, req. by Mike and Ella Havrilak**

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Bruecks, B. Michalski, M. Petrarca,  
M. Wharton Readers: A. Taglione, M. Losito

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

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: K. Evangelista, M. Lundy

#### **10 am Mass- Michael & Dolores Arato, req. by Michael & Rene Billé**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Chapman, T. Powell, D. Shannon

Readers: H. Leinhauser, G. Charlton Servers: A., L., & R. Hamilton

Sacristan: S. Gemp Music: Anthem

#### **12 pm Mass - Elizabeth Rivers, req. by Joyce Malchione**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: E. Barron, 2 ministers needed

Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, J. Battinieri

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Monday, May 16, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

**Sal Levatino, req. by Bernadette Muto**

### Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

**Kathy Booth, req. by Stella O'Donnell**

### Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

**Ordination Class of 1996**

### Thursday, May 19, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

**People of the Parish**

### Friday, May 20, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

**John and Diane Quinn, req. by The Quinn Family**

### Saturday, May 21, 2022

#### **4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Michael McGlade, req. by Margo Zittin**

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: E. Barron, J. Fredericksdorf, L. Lanciano,  
R. Schill Readers: N. Coyne, S. Liberatore

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

#### **8 am Mass - Betty Eller, req. by Ann and Abby Caruso**

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Bruecks, D. Brumbaugh, B. Michalski,  
M. Petrarca Readers: M. Debes, T. Harrison

Servers: J. & S. Calabretta, 1 server needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

#### **10 am Mass- Janice Wolfe, req. by The Lauletta Family**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: D. Lauletta, T. Powell, D. Shannon

Readers: A. Pfaff, E. Sigda

Servers: H. Char, C. Opdenaker, J. Stumpf

Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: Anthem

#### **12 pm Mass - Marita Reardon, req. by The Giampaola Family**

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: P. Crowley, L. Goldstein, M. Wharton

Readers: C. Foy, J. Colgan

Servers: N. Goldstein, E. & M. Stemerman

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: R. Thomas, M. Lundy

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Bill Sauerwine, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, 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 Kravnak, Brent & Stephanie Starkey, 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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| ♦TSGT Michael Kauffman | ♦SGT Michael Guerrero    |
| ♦SR Charles R. Bramble | ♦SGT James Francis       |
| ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion  | ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso |
| ♦2 LT Emily Fanning    | ♦SSGT James McWilliams   |
| ♦LT Ryan Hoffman       | ♦AB Michael Connelly &   |
| ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg | FLT277, Lackland AFB     |
| ♦SGT Meghan Guerrero   | ♦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 of our Parish!*

Collection for May 8, 2022	\$12,995
Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$13,885
Actual Average Weekly Collection	\$13,793

For the 2022 fiscal year our budgeted Offertory income goal is \$722,000. This is less than we need to balance the overall parish budget. We plan to make up the deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week, approximately seventy-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for May 8th was \$890 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

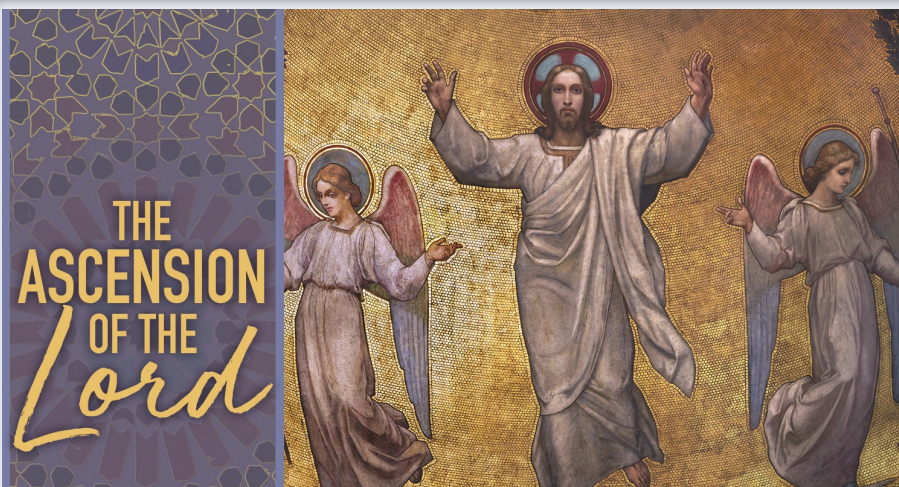
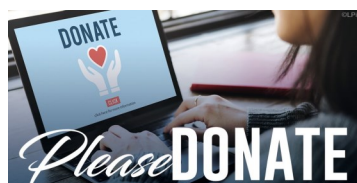
## Parish Appeal Update

The 2022 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. For the first 27 weeks, 259 families donated \$110,665. The 2022 goal is \$175,000. The first \$150,000 will support parish operating expenses. The remaining \$25,000 will be dedicated to the Emergency Fund. The Finance Council and Father Scott thank you for your generosity.

## Ways to Donate to Offertory and Parish Appeal

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>.



## Ascension of Our Lord Schedule

**Thursday, May 26th**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

*"As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven." -Luke 24:51*

## Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

*Louise Saccucci*



## Memorial Day Mass

**Monday, May 30th**

9:00 am Mass

Assumption BVM Church

Note: There will be no 6:30 am Mass. The Parish Office will be closed and there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Memorial Day.



You're invited to

# *an Evening under the Stars*

A CHARITABLE AFFAIR

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

**6 PM - 10 PM**

**Assumption BVM School Grounds, 290 State Road, West Grove, PA**

Tickets include entrance to the event, food (pig roast), & beer (or 1 wine ticket). This will be a night of fun that you won't want to miss! Join us for our NEW fundraiser event formally known as Night at the Races. Our theme this year is LUAU! Come dressed in your island attire and you may win the contest for best dressed! We will have a fun evening raising money through raffles, 50/50's, a silent auction, and a WINE PULL! A cornhole tournament along with other yard games will entertain you. A very talented band, Essie & Eggmen, will be performing!

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

<https://abvmschoolwg.us/an-evening-under-the-stars>





### SCHOOL CALENDAR:

May 18th: 1 pm Living Rosary in Church

May 19th: Petting Zoo and Goat Mindfulness; 6 pm Band Concert

May 20th: 8:15 am Mass with Student Council Installation; Mother & Son Outing

May 21st: Under the Stars Fundraiser, 6-10 pm

May 26th: Professional Development / No School

May 27th: No School

May 30th: Memorial Day / No School

June 2nd: 6 pm Hip Hop Dance Recital

June 3rd: Pre-K Closing; 8th Grade Clap Out; Field Day for K-8th; BBQ Lunch

June 5th: 12 pm Confirmation Commitment Mass

June 6th: Field Trips

June 7th: 11 am Dismissal; 5 pm 8th Grade Graduation

June 8th: 11 am Dismissal; Kindergarten Closing

June 9th: 11 am Dismissal

June 10th: 8:15 am Closing Mass; 10 am Dismissal



### THANK YOU!

*We had a great night of **Designer Bag Bingo** on April 28th with over 160 players and a cash 50/50 pot of \$1,130! Thank you to everyone who supported this event! Special thanks to our committee members! We couldn't have done this without you!*



### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

***Children's Liturgy of the Word will recess during the summer months after our session on May 22nd. We encourage our parish children to play and pray during their summer days of fun until we resume again on September 18th!***

### **Catholic Youth Faith Formation Registration 2022-23**



At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, we enthusiastically offer a leading On-Site and Home-Based Faith Formation Program, structured to meet the various needs of our students. Our primary goal is to nurture and deepen the spirit and love for Our Lord Jesus Christ in our community of young believers.

Registration is now available on our website with details and information. We welcome all children Levels 1-7 to grow closer to Christ and journey in faith and Sacramental preparation with us!

WEBSITE: <https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org/catholic-youth-faith-formation>

For questions or concerns, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Janine Kramer, at [abvmfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:abvmfaithformation@gmail.com) or call 610-869-8575.

### **TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY CYFF**

***The Last day of CYFF classes will be Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18.***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pray the Rosary for Life** (5/15/22-5/21/22)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. J. & H. Kennard  
Mon. L. Liberatore/C. Bruecks Fri. C. Lyons  
Tue. C. Sedlak Sat. C. Lyons  
Wed. D. Harrison (Sign-up to pray in the vestibule.)

\***HopeAfterAbortion.com**; [afterabortion.org](http://afterabortion.org);  
[RachelsVineyard.org](http://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](http://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](http://archphila.org/hope).

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

\***Disabilities & Autism Help-Line:** Need help  
accessing services and support for someone with an  
intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.

\***Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups:**  
Visit [phillyevang.org/nourish](http://phillyevang.org/nourish)

\***Formed.org** Free access to Catholic movies,  
ebooks, programs, & children's resources. Select  
our Parish.

\***Natural Family Planning** (Creighton Model)  
Contact Kaitlyn at 484-889-9519;  
[kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.sceski@gmail.com).

## Manna Food Drive

Manna Food bags will be distributed this  
weekend, May 14/15. Kindly return your filled  
MANNA bag to Church on Saturday or Sunday,  
May 21/22.



Canned food items in greatest need are beef  
stew, tuna fish, canned fruit & vegetables, pasta  
and soup. Thank you for reaching out to people in crisis  
situations. The food items will help stock our local food pantry  
at St. Rocco's in Avondale for the summer months when  
donations are low, but the need for food continues.



### Ministry of Consolation

After a death of a loved one, the Ministry of  
Consolation offers hope, support, and a lis-  
tening ear to those who are grieving. Please  
mark your calendar for our next meeting on **Thursday, May**  
**19th**, 7:00 pm, in the ABVM Chapel. To contact one of the  
members of this ministry for individual grief support, call  
Ginny Bryson at 610-322-5792, Joan Shannon at 610-322-  
5792 or email [Consolation@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org](mailto:Consolation@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org).



*"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves  
those who are crushed in spirit." - Psalm 34:18*

### A Novena for Life *honoring the Feast of the Visitation*

Join us in prayer May 22-30.

**Sign up:**  
[respectlife.org/visitation](http://respectlife.org/visitation)



### Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Tuesday, May 31, 2022

On Tuesday, May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the  
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the  
Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of  
Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join us in praying **A Novena for Life from May 22-30** in honor of  
this special feast day. To sign up for A Novena for Life honoring the  
Feast of the Visitation, visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/visitation>



## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** at Assumption BVM Parish

**Monday - Friday**  
**After Morning Mass to 7 pm**  
**ABVM Adoration Chapel**



**A**dore Me in the Blessed Sacrament  
**D**evote one hour to Me  
**O**ffer this sacrifice of time  
**R**ecieve many blessings and graces  
**A**sk Me for your heart's desire  
**T**ake refuge in Me  
**I** will comfort you  
**O**pen your heart to Me  
**N**o one leaves Adoration without many gifts from Me

Please consider signing up for a Holy Hour or half an hour. For questions or to sign up for a Holy Hour, please contact Mary at 302-388-3752. Note: *There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th.*



## **Living Rosary**

**Parishioners are welcome to participate with the Children of ABVM School as they pray the "LIVING ROSARY" on Wednesday, May 18th at 1:00 pm in the ABVM Main Church.**

**Armed Forces Day: May 21**

## **PRAYER**



*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, on this Armed Forces Day, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess. We ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*



## **Mozart and Beethoven at the Cathedral Basilica**

## **Concert at the Cathedral** **Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia**

The Cathedral Basilica and Artcinia have embarked on a new initiative to bring the performing arts to our parishes and neighborhoods. The kickoff concert for this initiative will be at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The program features the *Pyxis Trio* performing iconic works from Beethoven and Brahms. A portion of the sales will be used to present programs in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mozart-and-beethoven-at-the-cathedral-basilica-tickets-291233305657>



## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God, we pray for the people of Ukraine. For the deceased, may you welcome them into Your heavenly kingdom. For those suffering and afraid, may you protect and comfort them. We pray for world leaders to know your compassion, strength, and wisdom in guiding their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice are realized for the people of Ukraine and all the world. Amen.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



### Our Parish Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Our parish is blessed to have a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which travels from home to home for family prayer and devotion. **Participating families have the statue from Sunday to Sunday.** To sign up, please visit the worship table in the church vestibule. Please provide your name and phone number on the calendar, and a member of the parish will contact you. For questions, please contact Colleen at [colleen.bruecks@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen.bruecks@yahoo.com).

### Words to Ponder:

*"People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended."*

- Our Lady of Fatima, October 13, 1917



On May 21, 2022, at 10 am, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Archbishop Nelson Perez will ordain six men to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



## Prayer for Vocations

*Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new laborers into the harvest of your Kingdom! We turn to you, Lord, in trust!*

*Son of God, sent by the Father to the men and women of every time and of every part of the earth! We call upon you through Mary, your Mother and ours: may the Church not lack in vocations, especially those dedicated in a special way to your Kingdom.*

*Jesus, only Savior of mankind! We pray to you for our brothers and sisters who have answered "yes" to your call to the priesthood, to the consecrated life and to the missions. May their lives be renewed day by day to become a living Gospel.*

*Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new laborers into the harvest of your Kingdom! Assist those whom you call to follow you in our day; contemplating your face, may they respond with joy to the wondrous mission that you entrust to them for the good of your People and of all men and women.*

*You who are God and live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.*

— Pope Saint John Paul II



Spring is a perfect season to help save lives. Schedule an appointment to **donate blood** today.



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## American Red Cross **Blood Drive**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

**11:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Assumption BVM Church (Lower Level)

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Contact [tedra.farrell@redcross.org](mailto:tedra.farrell@redcross.org) if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

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For additional questions, contact ABVM Parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

**HAPPENING SOON**

**Thurs. May 19th:** Red Cross Blood Drive,  
11 am –3:30 pm, Parish Life Center

**Thurs., May 19th:** Knights Meeting: 6 pm  
Social, 6:30 pm Mtg, Parish Life Center

**Sun., May 22nd:** Casino Bus Trip to Atlantic  
City, Call Ray at 610-869-8461

**Thurs., June 2nd:** 6 pm Dinner & 6:30 pm  
Bingo, Parish Center (Gym)

**\*LAST BINGO BEFORE SUMMER BREAK**

**Sun., June 5th:** Coffee & Donut Social after  
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*For membership information, contact  
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## **IHM NUN RUN IS BACK!**

**5K Run/ 3K Walk**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**8:30 am start**

Hope you can join the “run and fun”!

Proceeds support Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA.

For information and registration, visit [www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org), call Sister Melissa Marie, IHM, at 215-882-3819, or email [ihmnunrun@gmail.com](mailto:ihmnunrun@gmail.com).



**Join us for Catholic Charities  
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**Thursday, June 30, 2022**

**6:05 pm - Citizens Bank Park**

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- \* Pavilion (sect. 201-205) at \$30 per ticket
- \* Pavilion (sect. 301-310) at \$20 per ticket

A portion of all tickets sold will go to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/news-events/catholic-charities-night-phillies/>



\* **FATHER AND DAUGHTER AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION** (June 5, 2022, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Register at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

\* **CHARISMATIC RETREAT** (June 24-26, 2022, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) In conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal, you are invited to a very special weekend with retreat directors, Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, Kathleen McCarthy, and Gloria Coyne. For information and to register, please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

\* **QUO VADIS DAYS** (June 27-30, 2022, Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA) Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more. Contact the Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood at (610) 667-5778 or visit [www.HeedTheCall.org/quovadis](http://www.HeedTheCall.org/quovadis).

\* **PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM** (July 5-15, 2022, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA) A ten day residential, intellectual, and spiritual journey for high school juniors and seniors. Visit [Heedthecall.org/PCSP](http://Heedthecall.org/PCSP).

\* **ABBEYFEST** (September 17, 2022, Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA) All children, teens, youth groups, and families are invited to the annual AbbeyFest where there will be time for faith, music, and family. Doors open at 12 pm, program begins at 2 pm. For information and tickets, visit <https://theabbeyfest.com>.

\* **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** (October 22, 2022, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) Enjoy keynote speakers, breakout sessions, Mass with the Archbishop, Confessions, food and vendors. For information, please visit our website <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org>.



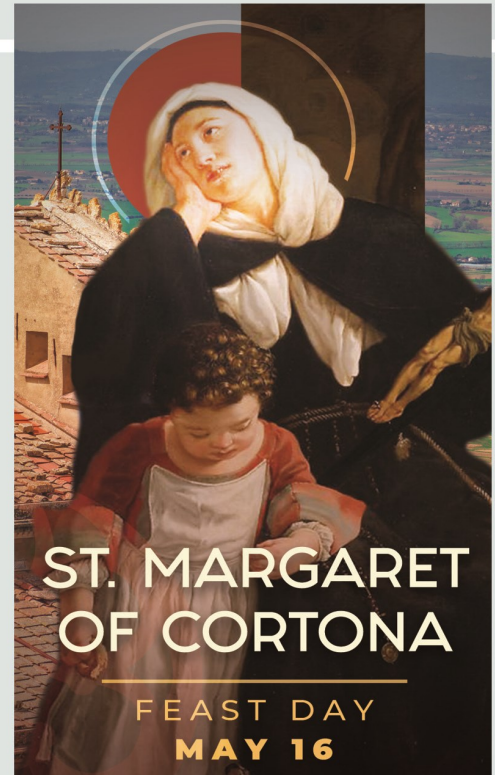
# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the Week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

- Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore  
**Wednesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
**Saturday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day  
**Next Sunday:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious



Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.



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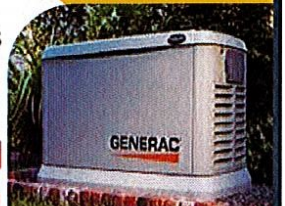
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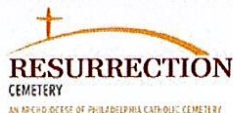
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