

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Church and Parish Office:

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Weekend Mass Times
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Masses

Daily Mass Schedule 6:30 am - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:15 am - Tuesday, Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm

ABVM Adoration Chapel

No Adoration on public holidays or snow days.

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Sacraments and Devotions

Baptism: Sundays at 1:15 pm in Church (bimonthly)

Matrimony: Engaged couples are asked to meet with the parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding and enroll in a marriage-prep program.

Reconciliation: (Church) Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:15 pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Flame of Love Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursdays, 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

<u>Bulletin</u>: 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 EXACTING WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE

Some people complain that the teaching of the Catholic Church is strict. A good response to this complaint might be to point out that it is God who is strict, not the Church! If you do not believe it, just read the Bible. The plain evidence is there for all to see, and hopefully to be moved to repentance. Both Testaments present the punishment of sinners as severe. They also reveal God's desire for the conversion of sinners and his offer of mercy and forgiveness to all who seek him.

We see this dynamic in the marvelous vision of the end of the world provided in the last book of the Bible, the Apocalypse, also known as Revelation. It reveals that after many tribulations and battles, he who is the Alpha and Omega – the Christ – will bring everything to completion with the descent of the New Jerusalem from heaven, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (21:3). God will then make his dwelling with humanity. "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" (21:4). The victors will drink from the springs of life-giving water and will be true sons and daughters of God (21:6-7). Here we have a vision of God's perfect mercy.

Revelation also gives us a vision of God's perfect justice, which is fearful. "But as for cowards, the unfaithful, the depraved, murderers, the unchaste, sorcerers, idol-worshipers, and deceivers of every sort, their lot is in the burning pool of fire and sulfur, which is the second death" (21:8). The New Jerusalem will need no light, for its light is the glory of God, and night will no longer exist. Its gates will always be open, for there will be no threats to the city. But Revelation indicates that they are not open to the unwashed. "The treasure and the wealth of the nations will be brought there, but nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (21:26-27). "Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates" (22:14).

Humans must choose one of two possible options for their resurrected bodies and eternal souls – the New Jerusalem or what Jesus described as the place "where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 8:48). It is just and merciful, indeed, for God to be "strict" in his instructions on how we should live, to give us the best chance and greatest motivation to choose the better option. There are only two ways – the way of light and the way of darkness. "For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in Christ" (John 3:20-21).

Since Christ came into the world to save it, not to condemn it, those who put their faith in him and live in him will not perish in the second death but will have eternal life (cf. John 3:16). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). By his Word, and by the teaching of the Church, he makes the two ways known. God imparts knowledge, and at the same time provides the grace to respond to his truth and walk in the light. It is by his strength that we become victors and join with the heavenly hosts. With such high stakes, it seems very good to me that the guidelines are strict and the rules firm. They are all within our grasp to follow because of the help God gives us by the Holy Spirit. "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). In God, there is mercy and justice, and the two are not opposed.



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FIRST READING:

Wisdom 18:6-9

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned.

(Wis 18:8)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
(Ps 33)

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God.

(Heb 11:10)

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:32-48

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

(Lk 12:40)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance HymnWe Walk by Faith #505
(10:00 am Mass) Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven #553
Responsorial PsalmPsalm 33 Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own
Gospel Acclamation
Offertory HymnThe Servant Song #389
Communion HymnPanis Angelicus #366 (10:00 am Mass) Taste and See #332
Recessional HymnSalve, Regina #697

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 6, 2022

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Daniel Haggerty, req. by His Wife and Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: A. Barr, J. Fredericksdorf, R. Schill

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

Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton

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

Sunday, August 7, 2022

8 am Mass - Frances Salacuse, req. by The Salacuse Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: M. Bruecks, D. Brumbaugh, M. Petrarca

Readers: M. Losito, A. Taglione Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: C. Foy Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Terry Garvey, req. by The Lauletta Family

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: J. Chapman, D. Lauletta, B. Michalski,

M. Scott

Readers: H. Leinhauser, G. Charlton

Servers: C. Chapman, C. Opdenaker, 1 server needed

Sacristan: sacristan needed Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Jonathan Kramer, req. by Jeff and Caroline Lyons

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: L. Goldstein, D. Shannon, 2 minister needed

Readers: S. Liberatore, J. Battinieri

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

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: K. Evangelista, M. Lundy

Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:30 am Mass People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 8:15 am Mass
Theresa Caligiuri, req. by Linda and Art Dowdy

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 6:30 am Mass
Arthur and Rosalind Sterling, reg. by Joseph Bunting

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:30 am Mass (living) Augustine Stabosz, reg. by The Cline Family

<u>Friday, August 12, 2022, 8:15 am Mass</u> Betty Shannon, req. by Dennis Shannon

Saturday, August 13, 2022

4:30 pm Vigil Mass - Samuel and Glenn Shafer, req. by Dorothy Cureton

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: E. Barron, J. Fredericksdorf, R. Schill,

1 minister needed

Readers: E. Sigda, 1 reader needed

Servers: 3 servers needed

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

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8 am Mass - Ted Lenick, req. by The Dowdy Family

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: J. Chapman, B. Michalski, M. Wharton,

1 minister needed

Readers: M. Debes, M. Losito

Servers: J. Calabretta, C. Chapman, 1 server needed

Sacristan: C. Foy Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Harold and Rose Brumbaugh, req. by The Family

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, L. Lanciano, D. Lauletta, D. Shannon

Readers: M. Scott, H. Leinhauser Servers: E. & H. Char, R. Hamilton Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - Frank Kotkoske, req. by The Haggerty Family

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Petrarca, 3 ministers needed

Readers: J. Battinieri, J. Colgan Servers: 3 servers needed

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Mary Jean McCloskey, Sharon Kraynak, Arlene Doney, Frankie Knowles, Frank Vivino, Joe Schroder, Kevin Fogarty, Justin Smith, Kate G., Marc Simmons, Dawn Farrugia, Scott Autenreib, Ryan Coyle, Dorothy Verna, Keri Holmboe, Earl Keller, Susan & George Smith, Irene Horten, Eugene Smith, Savannah Martin, Bill Sauerwine, Jose Gonzalez, Cheryl Sedlak, Andrew Losito, Cheryl Sumner, Beth Bierbower, Todd Dinius, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Gregory Kujala, Joseph Martinez, Jay Nardone, Sharon DeNapoli, 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, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Lori Gaffney, Erin W., Dottie Duffy, Angela DiProspero Crognale, Jonathan Redford, Nancy Larkin, 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.

- ♦TSGT Michael Kauffman
- ♦SR Charles R. Bramble
- ♦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

Military Plaque to honor those who are currently serving in the U.S. Military is on display in the Church Vestibule. If you would like to have your loved one's picture displayed, contact Dave Besselman at 484-667-0267 or dbesselman1@gmail.com.



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

Matthew and Candice Kistler Family

All new parishioners are invited to register by calling the ABVM Parish Office, weekdays, at 610-869-2722, or visit our parish website for a registration form.

Parish Finances

Thank you for your generosity!

Collection for July 31, 2022 \$12,475
Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving

44% participation

Budgeted Weekly Collection \$13,846 Actual Average Weekly Collection \$12,278

We have budgeted \$720,000 for our Offertory income, which is less than what we need to balance the overall parish budget. We will make up this deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. This week about seventy-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The Offertory financial support for July 31 was \$1,371 less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.

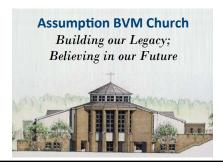
Parish Appeal Update

The 2022 Parish Appeal is doing well thanks to you. For the first 39 weeks, 281 families donated \$133,718. 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.





The Solemnity of

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary FEAST DAY Monday, August 15, 2022

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Join us for a special evening Mass as we honor the Patroness of our Parish!

6:30 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Mass followed by refreshments

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 rest in peace.

Elizabeth McDonald Leonard Rencevicz Jim Romano



Patriotic Rosary





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.

APPEAL TO HEAVEN ~ GOD BLESS AMERICA

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (8/7/22-8/13/22)

Sun. C. Lyons Thu. J. & H. Kennard

Mon. L. Liberatore Tue. C. Sedlak Wed. L. Liberatore (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;text 484-451-8104. Birthright: 610-436-0773.
- *List of Local Catholic Ministries: https://www.phillyevang.org/fire/
- *Annulment Proceeding: Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (215) 587-3750.
- *Al-Anon: Email Mondayodat@gmail.com or visit https://al-anon.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.

Word of Life Bulletin Briefs

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"



Eucharistic Adoration at ABVM

Monday-Friday, After Morning Mass until 7 pm

"Behold I am with you always"

Our Blessed Lord has promised to never leave us.
Come Adore Him!

Words to Ponder ...

"Look, look on Jesus, poor and crucified, look on this Holy One, who for your love had died, and remember as you contemplate the sacred mysteries, this Jesus whom you gaze upon loves you most tenderly."

-Saint Clare of Assisi, Feast Day: August 11th



St. Clare of Assisi was a disciple of St. Francis.
She founded the Poor Clares whose first convent
at Assisi she directed as abbess for forty-two years.
She led an austere life and was rich in the practice
of charity and loving care. She died in 1253.

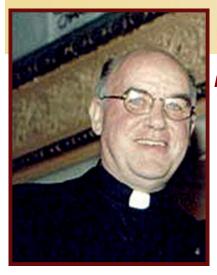
St. Clare was designated as the Patron Saint of Television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend Mass

and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.



Do you believe in Miracles?

Visit the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Revival website (www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/media) to view videos, websites and articles on Eucharistic Miracles around the world.



OUTREACH PRIEST

Rev. John E. Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Please welcome Father John Phelps who will speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas including the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central America and South America.

Please be generous in your response to Father's Appeal.

Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy

Catholic Ministry.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Mt 25:35





Regional CYO Fall Sports

Registration is open until Sept.1st

VOLLEYBALL: Grades 5 thru 8Additional Volleyball coaches are needed.

CROSS COUNTRY:

We are in need of coaches for Cross Country before we open registration.

Registration is open to all children from the following parishes: Assumption BVM, Sacred Heart, Saint Patrick, Saint Gabriel, Saint Rocco

If interested in **coaching or volunteering,** please contact Neil O'Donnell at CYO@assumptionbymwestgrove.org

Register at:

https://assumptionbvmregionalcyo.teamsnapsites.com/registration/

2022 Football Registration is open to ABVM!

Registration is now open for grades 5 thru 8 at St. Maximilian Kolbe

For information and registration, visit https://www.stmax.org/cyo



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HANDBELL CHOIR MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

GIVE-A-BELL

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners we are well on our way to purchasing the bells needed to begin our ministry this Fall. More information about our fundraiser can be found on the INFORMATION TABLE in the narthex or on the parish website.







School Calendar

<u>Aug. 23rd</u>: Meet the Teacher Night & Ice Cream Social, 6-7 pm

<u>Aug. 29th</u>: Welcome Back to School for Grades 1 through 8

<u>Aug. 30th</u>: First Day of school for Kindergarten, Pre-K3, Pre-K4

Sept. 2nd: No School

Sept. 5th: No School/Labor Day

Sept. 9th: 8:15 am Mass (Kindergarten & 8th

Grade)

Sept. 22nd: Spiritwear Day

Sept. 23rd: 8:15 am All School Student Council

Mass

Sept. 27th: 8:15 am All School Mass

Sept. 30th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades)

ABVM Spirit Wear

Have you ordered your Spiritwear for the new School Year? Our first Spiritwear Day is Thursday, September 22nd. Parishioners are also able to order spirit clothing and accessories by visiting https://twinkleink.com/collections/abvm. Place your order online and it will be shipped directly to your home. Orders over \$50 receive free shipping. Please note that 10% of your order will be donated back to our school.













Youth Faith Formation

Registration 2022-23: At Assumption BVM Parish, we enthusiastically offer a leading On-Site and Home-Based Faith Formation Program, structured to meet the various needs of our students. 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! For questions, contact the Religious Education Director, Janine Kramer, at 610-869-8575 or abvmfaithformation@gmail.com. Please register at https://assumptionbvmwestgrove.org/catholic-youth-faith-formation

<u>Unbaptized Youth</u>: Baptism is the gateway to the Sacraments and to Christian life. If your child is between the ages of 7 and 17 and has not been baptized in the Catholic faith, we welcome them to begin their journey with us to receive the Sacraments. Parents are encouraged to contact our Office of Religious Education at 610-869-8575 or email abvmfaithformation@gmail.com.

<u>Catechists</u>: Additional Catechists are needed for on-site and home-based lessons. *Training, lesson plans and materials* are provided for you. To inquire about becoming involved in the faith formation of our youth, contact Janine Kramer at 610-869-8575.

Safe Environment Clearances

The safety of our children is a priority at Assumption BVM Church. Offering your time and talent is invaluable, and we are so grateful for your help. A list of clearances can be found on our parish website at www.assumptionbwestgrove.org; select *About Us*, then select *Safe Environment Clearances*. Once clearances and training are completed, certificates and forms need to be sent to the ABVM Parish Office. For questions, call 610-869-2722 or email DonnaABVM@comcast.net.

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

Would you like to host the statue of Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for one week?

A beautiful statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" is traveling throughout our Parish for home devotion and family prayer. Participating families will have the statue for one week at a time. The sign-up calendar is located in the Church vestibule. For information, please contact Colleen at 484-680-5073; colleen.bruecks@yahoo.com.

Knit, Crochet, Pray Group

Join the Knit, Crochet, Pray Group for our next meeting on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 16th</u>, 1-3 pm, in the Parish Life Center. If you know of someone going through a tough time, and would like a warm hug, contact us at Knit@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join our group.

Football Mania

Football Mania begins Sept. 8th. Send your score card stubs and money to the ABVM Parish Office (300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390). Make checks payable to Assumption BVM Church. Winners will be notified by mail or you can view the winning game cards at www.charitymania.com. Additional score cards can be picked up in the Church vestibule. Return your ticket stubs and payment by August 29th.



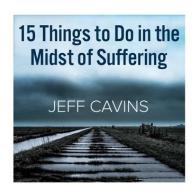
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PICK OF THE WEEK

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15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING BY JEFF CAVINS

The Church celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.



To set up your free account, visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



American Red Cross BLOODDRIVE

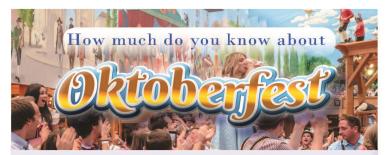
Thursday, August 18, 2022

Assumption BVM Church Lower Level 300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390

11:00 am to 3:30 pm

To register, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter SPONSOR CODE: assumptionbvm. You can also call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule. For questions, contact ABVM Parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559 or email tedra.farrell@redcross.org.

Critical need—Give Blood! Donors of all blood types are needed now to help avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Schedule your appointment today!



What would later become known as "Oktoberfest" began in 1810 as the wedding celebration of Prince Regent Ludwig of Bavaria (King Ludwig I) and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The party was such a hit, the people demanded a repeat year after year.

Oktoberfest typically lasts for 16 days and actually begins, and takes place mostly, in September, going into October for only a few days.

Watch for more interesting facts about Oktoberfest and plan to join us for a fun and memorable evening.

Saturday, October 15th ● 6 - 10 PM Assumption BVM Parish Center 290 State Road ● West Grove





St. Pius X Council 3858

HAPPENING SOON

Sun., August 7th: Casino Bus Trip to Atlantic City, Call Ray at 610-869-8461 for future trips

Thurs., Aug. 18th: Knights Meeting, 6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting, Parish Life Center

Thurs., Aug. 18th: Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 am to 3:30 pm, Parish Life Center

Thurs., Sept. 8th: 6 pm Dinner & 6:30 pm Bingo, Parish Center (Gym)

For membership information, contact Brian Bruecks at brian.bruecks@kcc.com.

2022 Catholic Women's Conference





Saturday, October 22 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Czestochowa Shrine Doylestown

Keynotes:

Michelle Benzinger Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT catholicwomensconference.org

CHESTER COUNTY MEN'S RETREAT August 12-14



You are invited to join other men from Chester County for a weekend retreat (Friday @ 5:00 pm to Sunday at Noon) at the beautiful Malvern Retreat House. This is a traditional retreat for men with conferences, Holy Mass, adoration and prayer. The retreat will be led by Father James McGuinn, Marty Rotella and Dan Tarrant. Participate in small group Stations of the Cross outside. There are opportunities to meet with other retreatants, and you can reserve time to speak privately with the retreat director. Your weekend includes a private room and meals. Please contact Malvern Retreat House at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



ABBEYFEST

Saturday, September 17th

Daylesford Abbey, Paoli

Doors open at 12 pm, Program begins at 2 pm

Daylesford Abbey in Paoli will again host the music, faith and family festival, which features top contemporary Christian artists including nine-time Grammy Award nominee Matt Maher, Micah Tyler performing his hit song "Walking Free", Connor Flanagan, Jordan St. Cyr, the God's Men and the Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir. In addition to Catholic and Christian music, food trucks, merchandise tents, inspirational speakers and kid-friendly activities will be offered all day beginning when the doors open at Noon. Mass at 4 pm will be celebrated by Archbishop Perez and followed by more musical artists. Concluding the musical lineup is Matt Maher, who will provide accompaniment to evening Eucharistic Adoration ending at 10 pm. Please visit www.theabbeyfest.com for tickets and schedule.



Remember Your Loved Ones

Remember your family and friends in a distinctive way. You can request that a **Sanctuary Candle be lit on the Adoration Chapel Altar** in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend, for a special occasion or for a special intention. Each request is for a single week (Monday-Friday). A donation of \$10 is requested, and you will receive a beautiful candle card remembrance to give to your loved ones. Stop by the Parish Office weekdays or call 610-869-2722.



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through *Retrouvaille*. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. Upcoming programs will be held <u>August 19-21</u> and <u>October 14-16</u> at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944.

Labor Day Family Retreat

September 2-4, 2022 Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA

- * Family Activities
- * Reflection Time
- * Music
- * Arts & Crafts
- * Family Sporting Events
- Youth Group Meetings
- Outdoor Mass
- Reconciliation Services
- * Family Eucharistic Adoration
- * Beautiful Facilities
- * Great Food

Register at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- ***YOUNG CHURCH, ARISE!** (August 20, 2022, 6 pm, St. Matthew Church, Conshohocken, PA) This event for teens includes an evening of Adoration with live music, reflection, confessions, prayer teams and more. For information and registration, visit phillyym.org/event/arise-evening-of-adoration-for-youth/
- *FIAT DAYS RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS (August 26-28, 2022, Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA) Cost: \$50. Register using the link https://bit.ly/2022fiat
- * YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: "Called to be Saints: Three Portraits of Holiness" (September 2-4, 2022, Friday 6 pm-Sunday 1 pm, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited for a retreat with Fr. Frassati Davis, O.P. and the Sisters of Life as we focus on the call to holiness from the lives of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassiti, St. Therese of Lisieux, and Blessed Miguel Pro. The retreat will include Mass, Adoration, praise and worship, Confession, discussion, meals and lodging, bonfire, fellowship and s'mores on the beautiful grounds of Malvern. Visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.
- *ST. PEREGRINE DAY (September 10, 2022, Resurrection of our Lord Church, Philadelphia) A free, all day event with the purpose of bringing encouragement and spiritual renewal to those with cancer and their loved ones. Come touch the first class relic of St. Peregrine, and participate in a special Mass and Healing Service with anointing of the sick. Visit www.resurrectphila.org/CANCER or call 215-745-2000.
- *ALAN AMES (September 13, 2022, 7 pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Morton, PA) Alan Ames is a Catholic evangelist and speaker with a powerful healing gift that has ministered to multitudes suffering from physical, mental, emotional and spiritual ailments around the world. The evening begins with Mass, followed by Alan's testimony, Adoration, and Healing Service. For registration, visit www.olphmorton.org.
- * WAKE UP STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE (September 14-15, 2022, Star Barn Village, Elizabethtown, PA) This conference features nationally known speakers who will deliver inspiring messages that will encourage you to stand firm in your faith. You will also have the opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross, visit the Marian Grotto, participate in daily Mass and more. Visit StewardshipConference.org.
- *PADRE PIO FESTIVAL (September 17-18, 2022, St. Bede the Venerable, Holland, PA) <u>Saturday:</u> Community family festival with food, games, entertainment, amusements, 5:30 pm Vigil Mass followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio, and an evening concert at 7:30 pm. <u>Sunday:</u> Solemn High Mass at 12:30 pm followed by street procession and healing service with Padre Pio relics; food, games, entertainment and amusements. Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com or 215-357-5720.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the Week

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

Observances for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and

Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Monday: St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs **Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximillian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr





Little is known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253-259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the Church of Rome. Roman officials demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them. Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and poor together. When the officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these were the true riches of the church. For this he was imprisoned and tortured, and put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord. Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The Church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the Church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters. His Feast Day is August 10th.

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