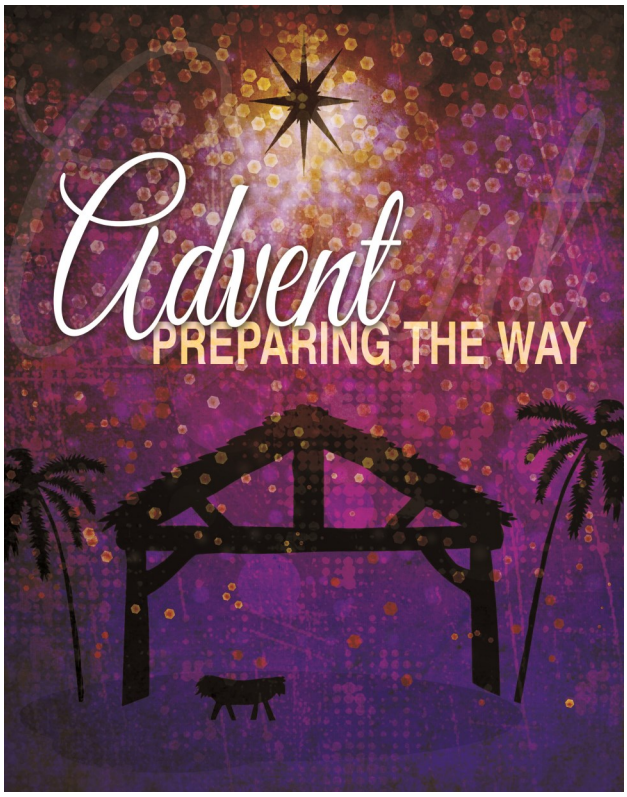
# ASSUMPTION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus




## *First Sunday of Advent*
## Sunday, November 27, 2022

### *Church and Parish Office:*
**300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390**
**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm**
**Email: *abvm@comcast.net***
**Web: *assumptionbvmwestgrove.org***
**Facebook: *ABVM Parish Community, West Grove, PA***
**Twitter: *@ABVM_WestGrove***

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

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

### *Eucharistic Adoration*
**After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm**
**ABVM Adoration Chapel**
**No Adoration on public holidays or snow days.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COME, LORD JESUS!

The liturgical year developed in the early Christian churches as a way to celebrate the mysteries of the life of Christ and, in a spiritual way, to actually participate in them. The grace released by the words and acts of Christ are made available to us today through the sacred liturgy. They help us to take on the mind and attitude of the Savior and grow in our relationship with him. In a spiritual way we accompany the Lord throughout his early life, uniting our lives to his, beginning at the moment of his conception in the womb of Mary. We seek to join the disciples at the side of Jesus, witnessing his miracles and hearing his divine words. We learn from their mistakes and their triumphs. The Year of Our Lord, celebrated as liturgy, carries forward the Jewish custom of observing seasons and holy days. It reminds us of the marvelous ways God has acted to save humanity.

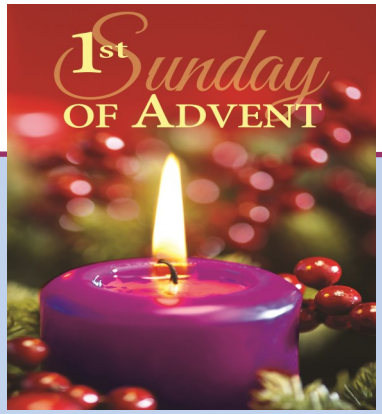
The center of the Liturgical Year is the Sunday celebration. The norms which are given in the Roman Missal which provides instruction on how to worship God indicate that "On the first day of the week, which is known as the Day of the Lord or the Lord's Day, the Church, by an apostolic tradition that draws its origin from the very day of the Resurrection of Christ, celebrates the Paschal Mystery. Hence, Sunday must be considered the primordial feast day." It is a holy day of obligation and takes priority over most other feast days on the calendar. Sunday was always the communal day of worship for Christians, and each Sunday is a joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery of our Savior – his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The *Didache,* or "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," written in the second half of the first century, some thirty or forty years after the Lord's Resurrection, provides instructions for the early Church so that it might not lose the traditions passed on from the apostles. In regard to Sunday, it urges Christians to "Assemble on the Lord's Day, break bread and give thanks, after you have first confessed your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure." The first few centuries of Christianity were violent for many of the followers of Christ, but they were insistent on coming together on Sunday to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. This is reflected in the confession of faith recorded by North African martyrs at the beginning of the fourth century. They wrote: "We cannot live without the *dominicum* [Sunday Lord's Supper]."

While every Sunday was a celebration of Christ's Resurrection, very early in the history of the Church a special commemoration of the Lord's *Pasch*, his Passover, grew up in the Christian churches. They viewed the Jewish commemoration of Passover with new eyes, led in this direction by the writing of the apostle Paul: "For Christ, our Pascal Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor 5:7-8). A new meaning was attributed to the Passover and gives evidence that the apostolic communities celebrated Passover with heightened intensity, in memory of the Passover of the Lord. This became a favored time for the baptism of converts, and as the day of *Pasch* approached fasting and penance was intensified.

In the late third or beginning of the fourth century the Eastern Rite Christians began to observe what they called the Theophany ("manifestation"). It was the first Christian feast celebrating the beginnings of Jesus' life, specifically his Birth and his Manifestation to the Magi. The West soon followed the lead of their eastern brethren and developed their own traditions for Christmas and the Epiphany. We know for certain that a feast for Christmas was celebrated in Rome in 336. As Lent grew as a preparation for Easter, so Advent became a preparation for Christmas. However, it became a preparation for the two comings of Christ into the world; his first, as the Babe of Bethlehem, and his second, still to be realized, as Judge of the living and the dead.

- Father Scott

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**Readings in Missal**
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### First Reading:

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.
(Is 2:4)

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Psalm 122:1-9**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

### Second Reading:

**Romans 13:11-14**

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.
(Rom 13:11-12)

### Gospel:

**Matthew 24:37-44**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Mt 24:42)

## The Order of Worship

## *The First Sunday of Advent*

**Entrance Antiphon**.....(Refrain) **To you, O God, I lift up my soul.**

**Responsorial Psalm**.....**Psalm 122**

***Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

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

**Offertory Hymn** .....**O Come, O Come, Emanuel | #39**

(10 am Mass) **Waiting in Silence | #51**

**Communion Antiphon**..... (refrain) ***O Lord, you have favored your land.***

**Recessional Hymn**.....**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | #42**

(10 am Mass) **Soon and Very Soon | #582**

### Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

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

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

Amen.

## Masses for the Week

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**
**4:30 pm Mass - Joseph Bruecks, req. by Dave and Dee Besselman**
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: E. Barron, J. Fredericksdorf, 2 ministers needed
Readers: K. Hamill-Clark, D. Buoni
Servers: H. Thornton, 2 servers needed
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: S. Bradley, M. Lundy

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**
**8 am Mass - Betty Eller, req. by The Family**
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: K. Hall, D. Lauletta, B. Michalski
Readers: J. Calnan, M. Debes
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

**10 am Mass - Joseph and Wanda Erling, req. by Bob & Marge Erling**
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: L. Lanciano, B. Michalski, D. Shannon
Readers: N. Coyne, G. Charlton
Servers: E. & H. Char, C. Opdenaker
Sacristan: C. Foy Music: Anthem

**12 pm Mass - People of the Parish**
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: L. Goldstein, 2 ministers needed
Readers: J. Colgan, J. Battinieri
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, 1 server needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

**Monday, November 28, 2022, 6:30 am Mass**
**Betty Eller, req. by The Family**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 8:15 am Mass**
**Sonny Frank, req. by Faye Feronni**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 6:30 am Mass**
**Lucille Gillin, req. by Her Daughter**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022, 630 am Mass**
**Joseph and Sandra Braun, req. by Mike and Ella Havrilak**

**Friday, December 2, 2022, 8:15 am Mass**
**Living and Deceased Benefactors of ABVM Parish and School**
EM: K. Hall, L. Lanciano, M. Wharton

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**
**4:30 pm Mass - Joseph Bruecks, req. by Joyce Malchione**
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: J. Chapman, J. Fredericksdorf, D. Lauletta, 1 minister needed Readers: D. Buoni, S. Liberatore
Servers: C. Chapman, E. Stemerman, H. Thornton
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: R. Thomas, M. Lundy

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**
**8 am Mass - Christine Gillin, req. by Her Sister**
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Bruecks, D. Brumbaugh, K. Hall, M. Wharton
Readers: N. Coyne, M. Losito
Servers: J. Calabretta, 2 servers needed
Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

**10 am Mass - Frank and Marion Yanchik, req. by Bob & Marge Erling**
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, M. Michalski, T. Powell, D. Shannon
Readers: J. Calnan, G. Charlton
Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton
Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

**12 pm Mass - Living and Deceased Members of the Schill and Pastock Families, req. by Ruder & Mary Ann Schill**
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: E. Barron, L. Lanciano, R. Schill, Paul Crowley
Readers: M. Schill, J. Colgan
Servers: 3 servers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

## Prayer Requests

Mark Bruecks, Art Roman, Helen Bachovin, Logan B. Marion Scheurich, Lori Gaffney, Howard Minkler, Ruth Louf, Pam Davidson, Deacon Tom Hannan, Peter McGinnis, Judith Hasson, Susan Chopko, Steve Saporito, Antonette Biondi, Sharon Kraynak, Frankie Knowles, Joe Schroder, Kevin Fogarty, Justin Smith, Kate G., Marc Simmons, 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, Gerald Doyle Sr., Mike R., Jo Manley, Thomas & Eileen Clark, Rob Rae, Bill Flickinger, 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 ABVM 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.***

- ♦SGT Jason Lyons
- ♦SGT Andrew Hart
- ♦SSG Ana Brunal
- ♦TSGT M. 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
- ♦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:*

***Harry and Tammy Waldt 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

*Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parish!*

Please Note:
The November 20th collection information will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

**We have budgeted $720,000 for our Offertory income, which is less than what we need to balance the overall parish budget. We plan to make up the deficit from the Annual Parish Appeal. In the past month, approximately seventy-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed and as a result our Offertory income is less than the budgeted Offertory income. Please keep up your good work until all our weekly donors return to Mass.**

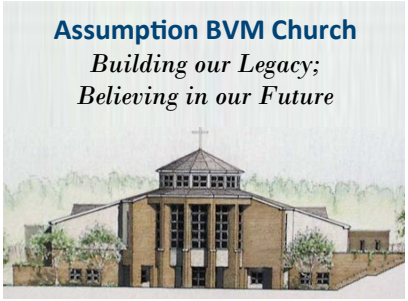
### Parish Appeal Update

**The 2023 Parish Appeal is off to a good start thanks to you. In the second week of the campaign, we have commitments from 66 families who donated $3,928. The goal is $150,000. The first $150,000 will support parish operating expenses. The remaining funds 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.**



*Holy Day of Obligation*

## *Immaculate Conception Feast Day*

**Thursday, December 8th**

6:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

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

## Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Sarah Dooley*
*Jane Frank*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Jesus is Waiting for You

***Do you believe?*** Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul and divinity) in the Holy Eucharist! We are blessed with an awesome opportunity to worship Jesus in His real presence. Spend time with Him. Adoration is held Monday thru Friday, after morning Mass until 7:00 pm. For questions, please call 610-869-2722 or Prayer@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

## *Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Monday, December 12th**

**Masses: 6:30 am and 10 am**

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

## Coffee & Donut Social

**Next Sunday, Dec. 4th**
**after the 10 AM Mass**

*Spend time with your fellow parishioners!*

### Announcements

**Pray the Rosary for Life** (11/27/22-12/3/22)

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|---|---|
| Sun. C. Lyons | Thu. J. & N. Kennard |
| Mon. C. Lyons | Fri. C. Lyons |
| Tue. C. Sedlak | Sat. M. Mueller |
| 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;text 484-451-8104.* **Birthright***: 610-436-0773.*

∗**List of Local Catholic Ministries:** https://www.phillyevang.org/fire/

∗**Annulment Proceeding**: Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Phila (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; w.aglions.com.

∗**Catholic Men's Pornography Addiction Group**: Call confidentially at 215-490-4660.

∗**STRIVE 21 Day** Detox from Pornography. Register at cardinalstudios.org.

∗**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.

## FOOTBALL MANIA

**ABVM Parish Fundraiser**

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

**Congratulations to the Week 10 Winners:**

| Ticket | Prize | Name | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4271 | $25 | Carol Painter | 111 |
| 1308 | $25 | Scott Beavers | 109 |
| 4291 | $25 | John Winiarski | 107 |

Note: Week 11 winners will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

## Advent Giving Tree

### Helping those in Need

Please help make Christmas brighter for those in our community who are in need. Beginning the First Weekend in Advent (Nov. 26/27), please take a tag from our Giving Tree in the Church vestibule. Donations support the Parish Works of Mercy, Twin Pines Nursing Home, Saint Rocco's, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Joseph's People, Birthright, and Family Promise. Please bring your wrapped gifts with tags attached (unless otherwise indicated) on **Sunday, December 11th** by the end of the 10 am Mass. This year we will accept and sort the gifts in the Parish Life Center. For questions, call Dot at 215-460-2616 or Ann at 610-869-8559.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held the weekend of **December 3/4, 2022**. This appeal benefits elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please consider supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and pray for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

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

## First Friday Devotion

*Join us on Friday, December 2nd, as we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for the Benefactors of Assumption BVM Parish and School. Father Scott will lead the Holy Rosary at 7:45 am followed by 8:15 am First Friday Mass.*

ASSUMPTION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary School

## ABVM School Calendar

Nov. 28th: No School
Dec. 2nd: 8:15 am First Friday All School Mass
Dec. 5th-9th: Christmas Shoppe
Dec. 6th: Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
Dec. 8th: Immaculate Conception-10 am All School Mass
Dec. 9th: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 6th Grades)
Dec. 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe -10 am All School Mass
Dec. 15th: 6 pm School Christmas Show (Church)
Dec. 16th: 8:15 am Mass (3rd & 5th Grades)
Dec. 22nd: Class Christmas Parties; 11 am Dismissal
Dec. 26-Jan. 2nd: No School; Christmas Break

## Need Gift Cards for Christmas?

Assumption BVM School is offering a Christmas Scrip Program. All orders and payments are due by noon TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH. Orders will be delivered to school the week of DECEMBER 5TH. Please note this is a school fundraiser, and these orders will not earn tuition rebates.

Select from the following ordering options:

1) Order online at **https://www.raiseright.com/enroll** and enter Enrollment Code: **233B2A3166989**

2) Order through the RaiseRight mobile app and enter Enrollment Code: **233B2A3166989**

For Online and mobile app ordering, you can pay for your order online OR your order can be paid with cash/check to ABVM School. For questions, please contact the ABVM School office at 610-869-9576.

## ABVM Children's Nativity Program

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team invites you to bring your children to a special Christmas event centered on learning about the Birth of Jesus. Prayer, song, and crafts will be enjoyed by young children as they rotate through four faith-and-fun stations, each with a different Christ-centered lesson and activity.

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|---|---|
| When? | **Saturday, December 3rd**– Drop-off: 5:30 pm, Pick-up: 8:00 pm |
| Where? | ABVM Parish Life Center (Lower Level of Church) |
| Who? | **Children ages 4 to 10** (Please, no children under age 4) |
| Why? | We love our parish children, and we know our parish families need time to shop, wrap, and prepare for Christmas! |

Families are encouraged to attend 4:30pm Mass and then walk children downstairs where the kids can enjoy pizza and juice from 5:30-6:00. They will rotate through the stations from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

### Yes! I would love for my kids to attend! What should I do?

1. There is no cost to participate. Please register no later than Nov. 27th so that we know how many children to expect and have time to prepare the materials. You can sign up at the table in the narthex after Mass or call/text Lisa Goldstein at 443-690-1276 or email at KidsMass@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

2. We need adult volunteers with SAFE environment clearances and an enthusiasm for young children and our faith! Let Lisa know if you are able to help.

3. Please consider packing a small supper if your child has food allergies.

# GREENS ORDER FORM

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL

## POINSETTIA & CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE

### POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE NARTHEX BEGINNING DEC 3.

**Greens must be ordered ahead of time. Please complete the order form and place it in the box in the Narthex or give it to a Knight.**

| ITEM | Quantity | Price Each | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Wreaths** | | **$30.00** | |
| **Crosses** | | **$30.00** | |
| **Cemetery Blankets** | | **$30.00** | |
| **Total Amount Due** | | | |

**Please make checks payable to:**

**"KOC Pius X Council 3858". You can pay with your order or you can pay at pick up. Please enter your name and contact info at the bottom of this form.**

Order forms will be collected after noon Masses each week beginning on ***November 27th*.** The last day to order greens will be ***December 11th*.** Greens orders will be available for pick up the following weekend after all Masses.

You can order by email to northrwl@gmail.com by scanning and attaching this completed form, or by listing your items in the email. You will get a return email telling you when to pick up your order and cost. If you wish, you can pay via Paypal to Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net. ***No Email orders will be accepted after Dec. 11th*.**

NAME:_____PHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

*Assumption BVM*

# *Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner*

## Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### HAPPENING SOON

**Dinner & Bingo**
Thursday, December 1st
6 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Bingo (School Gym)

**Coffee & Donut Social**
Sunday, December 4th, 11 am

**Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner**
Sunday, December 4th, 1 pm (Gym)

**Knights Meeting**
Thursday, December 15th
6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting,
(Parish Life Center)

**Christmas Basket Program**
Dec. 16: Pack Baskets
Dec 17: Distribute Baskets
(School Gym)

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
Thursday, December 22nd
11 am-3:30 pm (Parish Life Center)

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

## Thursday, December 1st

**Dinner — 6 PM • Bingo Begins — 6:30 PM**
**ABVM Parish Center (Gym)**

10 Regular Games.....Winner receives $30
3 Special Games.....Winner receives $100
Last Special Game.....Winner receives 60%

$5 for 10 games with 3 cards per game
$5 for each Special with 4 cards per game
Bingo Package listed above: $25

**Dinner ($10) includes: spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert & beverage. BYOB**

Proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the
ABVM RESPECT LIFE GROUP
*For information, contact John Brennan at 610-869-4100 or Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net*

***Make it BUDDY BINGO...Bring a Friend!***

Sounds of the Season
Sacred Music for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas
HANDEL'S
MESSIAH
Festival Choir and Soloists with Organ, Brass, Piano, Timpani
and Handbell Choir under the direction of Michael Xavier Lundy
Special Guest performance by the Wilmington Christian School
JUBILEE SINGERS under the direction of Mr. Jerry Polman
Sunday, December 18, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
FREE WILL OFFERING
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390
610 - 869 - 2722
www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

# Christmas Memorial

Remember your dearly departed loved ones this Christmas by placing a special remembrance for them in our *Sounds of the Season (Handel's MESSIAH)* program on **Sunday, December 18, 2022**. By making a special donation of ***$25.00***, you can have your loved one's name appear as a memorial in our *Sounds of the Season* program, and we will pray especially for them at the event. For more information, you may contact Michael Xavier Lundy, Director of Liturgy and Music, in the parish office.

MEMORIAL EXAMPLE

In Loving Memory of **John Michael O'Brien**
**Dorothy O'Brien and Family**

*Please fill out the information below and return this form with your donation to the parish office, drop in the collection basket or give to the Director of Liturgy and Music no later than* ***December 16th.***

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## Christmas Memorial Information

**In Loving Memory of** _____

**Name of Family (Individual)**_____

*Contact and Payment Information*

FULL NAME _____

**I AM GIVING MY DONATION BY**

CASH _____ CHECK _____ FAITH DIRECT (online) _____

**Online payments can be made on the parish website.*
**www.assumptionbvmwestgrove.org**

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# Support the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program

## Non-Perishable Food Drive

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

Thank you to all the generous people who have made this program a success for so many years. Without your time, donations and support, our campaign would never have been able to service over **364 families** that were cared for in **2021**. It would be wonderful if we could say that there is not a need to run the program this year, but the reality is that we still have many families that need help.

Due to this greater number of families and a lesser amount of donations, we have decided to ask our generous parishioners to assist with this part of the program again this year. We will have a **FOOD COLLECTION TRUCK** in the ABVM Church Parking Lot (300 State Road) from ***November 20th until December 12th.*** ***Truck Hours: Monday-Friday, 3 pm to 6 pm, Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm, and Sundays, 8:30 am to Noon.*** We would appreciate donations of ***canned vegetables, canned meats/tuna fish, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, soup, pasta & sauce, bagged rice and stuffing.***

To help pack or distribute the baskets, go to: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094facae2fa1f49-2022**

**12/15: Unload/Sort Toys 12/16: Pack Baskets 12/17: Basket Distribution**

If you would like to make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the fresh food items, go to Venmo@AGCBP (note 4100) or mail a check to: Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program, P.O. Box 146, New London, PA 19360. Any questions, call or text John Brennan at 610-869-4100.

## Local Announcements

* **FIRST FRIDAY-FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNION OF REPARATION** (December 2/3, 2022, 7pm-2am, Sacred Heart Church, Oxford, PA) Please join the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary in a Communion of Reparation Vigil. First Friday Mass begins at 8 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Consecration Prayers, Confession, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 12:15 am First Saturday Mass, Rosary and 2 am Closing.

* **BISHOP SHANAHAN CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW** (December 3, 2022, 9 am-3 pm, Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA) Shop from 180 handmade crafters and vendors. Admission $5 (over age 12).

* **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** (December 4, 2022, 3 pm, Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA) Join the Cathedral Choirs for the annual Christmas Concert. Visit https://cathedralphilaconcerts.org.

## *Cookie Call is Back*

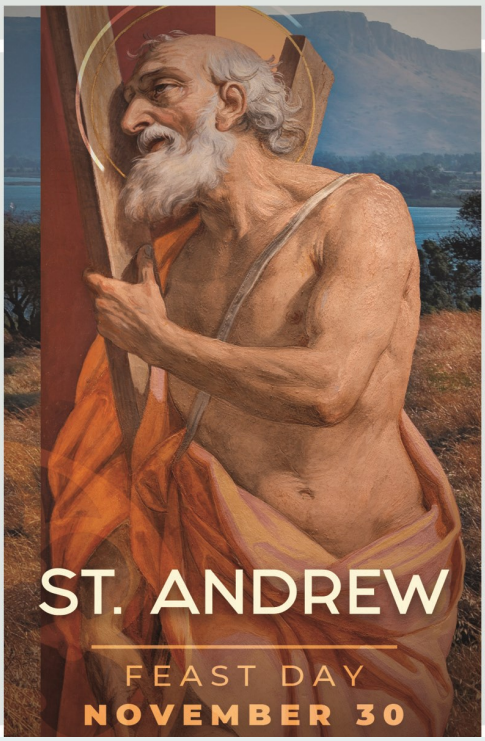
**Here's your chance to spread some Christmas cheer.**

**The Ladies Auxiliary will be baking, collecting and distributing cookies for the members of our Communion Call List.**

***Show off your skills and whip a batch or two of your cookie specialties.***

**Please bring cookies to the Parish Life Center (Church lower level) at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 10th**

***Thank you for sharing your holiday treats!***




## Observances for the week of November 27, 2022

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

## LIVE THE LITURGY - Inspiration for the Week

Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to individuals, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life. According to Christian tradition, Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus. Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

# December 2022 Liturgical Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| ***Pope's Monthly Intention***<br>***For volunteer not-for-profit organizations.***<br>*We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.*<br> | | | | ***1***<br>**Reading**: Is 26:1-6<br>**Psalm of the Day: 118**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 7:21,24-27 | ***2***<br>**Reading**: Is 29:17-24<br>**Psalm of the Day: 27**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 9:27-31 | ***3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest***<br>**Reading**: Is 30:19-21,23-26<br>**Psalm of the Day: 147**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8 |
| ***4 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***<br>**1st Rdg**: Is 11:1-10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 72**<br>**2nd Rdg:** Rom 15:4-9<br>**Gospel:** Mt 3:1-12 | ***5***<br>**Reading**: Is 35:1-10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 85**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 5:17-26 | ***6 St. Nicholas, Bishop***<br>**Reading**: Is 40:1-11<br>**Psalm of the Day: 96**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 18:12-14 | ***7 St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church***<br>**Reading**: Is 40:25-31<br>**Psalm of the Day: 103**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 11:28-30 | ***8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***<br>**1st Rdg**: Gn 3:9-15,20<br>**Psalm of the Day: 98**<br>**2nd Rdg:** Eph 1:3-6,11-12<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38 | ***9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin***<br>**Reading**: Is 48:17-19<br>**Psalm of the Day: 1**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 11:16-19 | ***10 Our Lady of Loreto***<br>**Reading**: Sir 48:1-4,9-11<br>**Psalm of the Day: 80**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 17:9a,10-13 |
| ***11 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***<br>**1st Rdg**: Is 35:1-6a,10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 146**<br>**2nd Rdg:** Jas 5:7-10<br>**Gospel:** Mt 11:2-11 | ***12 OUR LADY OF GUADUALUPE***<br>**Reading**: Zec 2:14-17<br>**Psalm of the Day:** Jdt 13:18bc,19<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38 | ***13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr***<br>**Reading**: Zep 3:1-2,9-13<br>**Psalm of the Day: 34**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 21:28-32 | ***14 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church***<br>**Reading**: Is 45:6c-8,18-21c-25<br>**Psalm of the Day: 85**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 7:18b-23 | ***15***<br>**Reading**: Is 54:1-10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 30**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 7:24-30 | ***16***<br>**Reading**: Is 56:1-3,6-8<br>**Psalm of the Day: 67**<br>**Gospel:** Jn 5:33-36 | ***17***<br>**Reading**: Gn 49:2,8-10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 72**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 1:1-17 |
| ***18 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***<br>**1st Rdg**: Is 7:10-14<br>**Psalm of the Day: 24**<br>**2nd Rdg:** Rom 1:1-7<br>**Gospel:** Mt 1:18-24 | ***19***<br>**Reading**: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a<br>**Psalm of the Day: 71**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:5-25 | ***20***<br>**Reading**: Is 7:10-14<br>**Psalm of the Day: 24**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38 | ***21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church***<br>**Reading**: Sg 2:8-14<br>**Psalm of the Day: 33**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:39-45 | ***22***<br>**Reading**: 1 Sm 1:24-28<br>**Psalm of the Day:** 1 Sm 2:1,4-8<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:46-56 | ***23 St. John of Kanty, Priest***<br>**Reading**: Mal 3:1-4,23-24<br>**Psalm of the Day: 25**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:57-66 | ***24***<br>**Reading**: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16<br>**Psalm of the Day: 89**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 1:67-79 |
| ***25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Day Readings)***<br>**1st Rdg**: Is 52:7-10<br>**Psalm of the Day: 98**<br>**2nd Rdg:** Heb 1:1-6<br>**Gospel:** Jn 1:1-18 | ***26 ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR***<br>**Reading**: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59<br>**Psalm of the Day: 31**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 10:17-22 | ***27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST***<br>**Reading**: 1 Jn 1:1-4<br>**Psalm of the Day: 97**<br>**Gospel:** Jn 20:1a,2-8 | ***28 HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS***<br>**Reading**: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2<br>**Psalm of the Day: 124**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 2:13-18 | ***29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr***<br>**Reading**: 1 Jn 2:3-11<br>**Psalm of the Day: 96**<br>**Gospel:** Lk 2:22-35 | ***30 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH***<br>**Reading**: Sir 3:2-6,12-14<br>**Psalm of the Day: 128**<br>**Gospel:** Mt 2:13-15,19-23 | ***31 St. Sylvester I, Pope***<br>**Reading**: 1 Jn 2:18-21<br>**Psalm of the Day: 96**<br>**Gospel:** Jn 1:1-18 |

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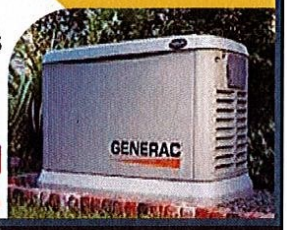


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