

ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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 300 State Road • West Grove, PA 19390
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Weekend Mass Times
 Saturday: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Masses

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

Eucharistic Adoration
 After morning Mass, Monday through Friday, until 7 pm
 ABVM Adoration Chapel

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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.



HAPPY SUNDAY (AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!)

It happens every seven years. The second greatest feast of the liturgical season falls on a Sunday. Sunday, of course, is the primordial celebration of the Church. It is the weekly solemnity and takes precedence over almost every other feast. In fact, the number one feast of Christians is Easter, and it always falls on a Sunday. Every Sunday is, in fact, a little Easter, a celebration of the death and Resurrection of the Lord. But this Sunday the focus of the liturgy is on the event that made Easter possible – the Birth of the Savior. Without Christmas we could not have Easter.

In every Mass we adore Christ truly present. He becomes present to us in the Eucharistic elements, inviting us to receive his Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine. He is there in the holy Sacrament, in both his human and divine nature, but for our sake he veils himself so that we may not run and hide. In the first chapter of the Book of Revelation the apostle John describes his vision of Jesus. Christ's voice was "as loud as a trumpet," his hair was "white as wool or as snow, and his eyes were like a fiery flame. His feet were like polished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing water...A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth and his face shone like the sun at its brightest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid...' (Rev 1:10-17). John was the beloved disciple who had laid his head on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper. Yet, when he saw him in his glory he could not stand, and Christ had to reach out and touch him so that he would survive.

We ought to be thankful that Jesus comes to us in humble appearance, for we creatures of earth could not survive the vision of his glory without special assistance. Today Jesus appears to us in the Holy Eucharist, hiding his glory, as he hid it from Mary and Joseph when he was born. If they had seen him in his glory they could not have laid him in a manger. Jesus revealed to them only his infant body, but he also gifted them with faith, and they knew that he was more than a boy. In the Mass, through the words of the priest, the Holy Spirit changes the substance of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood, without changing the outward appearances. This double miracle we call transubstantiation, where the essence, or substance, is changed without affecting how the bread and wine look, taste, and feel. All this so that we may have faith like that of Mary and Joseph, and more than that, so that we may eat of the Sacrament and be saved! "He who eats this Bread will live forever" (Jn 6:58).

When we adore the Holy Eucharist, we look as did Mary and Joseph look at the baby Jesus, in faith seeing more than his humanity. We see beyond the appearance of bread and wine to the reality of the divine Person of Jesus. However, the body of Jesus which Mary and Joseph saw and adored was not mere appearance, it was essentially Christ, who had fully become man while remaining fully divine. He will forever be God and man, for he rose in the body after death had separated his human soul from his human body. His human soul was united again with his human body, and he will ever exist in a glorified body, shining in the City of God: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb" (Rev. 21:23).

Christ came as a child so that he could be loved and adored by Mary and Joseph, and all of humanity. He came not as a symbol but as a true man. The condescension which he showed in his Nativity he continues to practice in the consecration of the Mass, for the same reason – human salvation. The Eucharist is more than a symbol, it is reality, as real as the child in the manger. "Every time this mystery is celebrated, 'the work of our redemption is carried on' and we 'break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ' (Catechism #1405).

What Christ did in becoming man he does in becoming Eucharist. He humbles himself in order that he may be adored and received by his creatures. With joy he anticipates that, by the new creation he will make us to be, we will see him in all his beauty, of which John caught a glimpse in his revelations. Then we will have no fear, only love and gratitude. At that time we will give to Jesus the same adoration we give him now, but it will be greater and more free, and our worship will be perfect, for "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 Jn 3:2).



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Readings from Mass during the Night

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:1-6

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

(Is 9:5)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13

Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.

(Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all.

(Ti 2:11)

GOSPEL:

Luke 2:1-14

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

(Lk 2:10-11)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP *The Nativity of the Lord*

Entrance Hymn.....(4 pm Vigil Mass) **O Come, All Ye Faithful | #93**

(8 pm Vigil & 10 am Mass) **O Come, All Ye Faithful | #93**

Psalm 96..... *Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

Offertory Hymn(4 pm Vigil Mass) **The First Nowell | #110**

(8 pm Vigil & 10 am Mass) **Angels We Have Heard on High | #84**

Communion Hymn.....(4 pm Vigil Mass) **Silent Night | #79**

(8 pm Vigil & 10 am Mass) **What Feast of Love | #367**

Recessional Hymn.....(4 pm Vigil Mass) **Joy to the World | #82**

(8 pm Vigil & 10 am Mass) **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | #99**

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, December 24, 2022, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Mass - Christmas Remembrance

President: Father Beretta

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Fredericksdorf, M. Wharton

Readers: M. Losito, H. Leinhauser

Servers: A. & W. Gorman, J. Stumpf, H. Thornton

Sacristan: S. Gempp Music: Anthem

8:00 pm Mass - Christmas Remembrance

President: Father Brockson

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, E. Barron, J. Chapman, R. Schill

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

Servers: C. Chapman, A., L. & R. Hamilton

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: Parish Choir, M. Lundy

Sunday, December 25, 2022, CHRISTMAS

10 am Mass - Christmas Remembrance

President: Father Brockson

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: L. Lanciano, B. Michalski, D. Shannon

Readers: J. Colgan, S. Liberatore

Servers: 4 servers needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Monday, December 26, 2022 (National Holiday Observance)

(time change) 9 am - Stephen Daverio, req. by Nancy Daverio

Tuesday, December 27, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

Robert John Queppet, req. by The Family

Wednesday, December 28, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

People of the Parish

Thursday, December 29, 2022, 6:30 am Mass

Joseph Bruecks, req. by Mary Garvey

Friday, December 30, 2022, Feast of the Holy Family

8:15 am Mass - Joseph Gaffney, req. by Rosemary Gaffney

EM: 2 ministers needed Readers: J. Calnan

Servers: 3 servers needed

Music: H. Bunch, M. Lundy

Saturday, December 31, 2022, Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm Mass - Susan Heavens, req. by Mary Garvey

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Fredericksdorf, K. Hall, B. Michalski

Readers: D. Buoni, T. Harrison

Servers: E. & H. Char, 1 server needed

Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

Sunday, January 1, 2023, Mary, Mother of God

8 am Mass - Michael Carroll, req. by Larry and Mary Wharton

Deacon: No Deacon, EM: M. Bruecks, L. Lanciano, M. Wharton, 1 minister needed

Readers: N. Coyne, J. Calnan

Servers: 3 servers needed

Sacristan: K. Kelleher Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

10:00 am Mass - Leonard Drazek, req. by The Erling Family

Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: D. Lauletta, D. Shannon, 1 minister needed

Readers: J. Battinieri, M. Debes

Servers: J. Calabretta, L. & R. Hamilton

Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: M. Lundy

Note: There will be no 12 pm Mass on Jan. 1st.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Yvonne Beudet, Bruce G., Fabiola Matilonis, William D'Ambrosia, Joseph Neuman, Kilgallen Family, Richard Dodson, Beth Bierbower, 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, 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, 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.

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| ♦SGT Jason Lyons | ♦HM1 Matthew Rosenberg |
| ♦SGT Andrew Hart | ♦SGT Meghan Guerrero |
| ♦SSG Ana Brunal | ♦SGT Michael Guerrero |
| ♦TSgt Michael Kauffman | ♦SGT James Francis |
| ♦SR Charles R. Bramble | ♦2 LT Nicholas J. Caruso |
| ♦SGM Nicolas Relacion | ♦SSGT James McWilliams |
| ♦2 LT Emily Fanning | ♦Service Members & Coalition |
| ♦LT Ryan Hoffman | |

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:

Sean and Emily McCaffery 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 continued support!

Collection for December 11, 2022	\$15,593
Includes \$6,100 estimated E-Giving	
-44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$13,846
Actual Average Weekly Collection	\$13,500
Note: Dec. 18th Collection totals will be 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. This week, approximately seventy-eight percent of our regular weekly donors contributed. The financial support for December 11 was \$1,747 more 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 doing well thanks to you. For the first 6 weeks of the campaign, we have commitments from 167 families who donated \$35,967. 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>.

Assumption BVM Church

*Building our Legacy;
Believing in our Future*



COME, Lord Jesus!



Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 pm Mass and 8:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:00 am Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Friday, December 30, 2022

8:15 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 am Mass and 10:00 am Mass

(Note: There will be no 12 pm Mass)

Please Note

Monday, Dec. 26th: In observance of the National Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 9 am (*no 6:30 am Mass*). Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 9:30 am to 7 pm. The Parish Office will be closed.

Monday, Jan. 2nd: In observance of the National Holiday, Mass will be celebrated at 9 am (*no 6:30 am Mass*). Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 9:30 am to 7 pm. The Parish Office will be closed.

Confessions will follow the normal schedule over the holidays.

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.

Josephine Carr

Joseph Coleman



Winter Weather

The ABVM Parish Office will announce the closing of the Church for Mass and Adoration on the Parish App under "Messages" and in the "News" section of the Parish Website in the event of extreme weather. People should check the app or website before coming to Mass when there is a heavy snowfall or ice.

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (12/25/22-12/31/22)

Sun. C. Lyons/T. & D. Harrison Thu. J. & N. Kennard
Mon. T. & S. Hannan Fri. C. Lyons/R. Gaffney
Tue. C. Sedlak/D. Brumbaugh 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. Confidentiality assured.

*** Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 800-273-8255.

***Hope in Christ:** Spiritual Support for
Addiction: visit archphila.org/hope.

***Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups:**
Visit phillyevang.org/nourish

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

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



O Come Let Us Adore Him!

**For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you
who is Messiah and Lord.**

Luke 2:11

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday thru Friday, Adoration Chapel
After Morning Mass until 7 pm

Come and experience the peace and beauty of praying before
the Blessed Sacrament. Additional adorers are needed. If you
are able to sign up for a Holy Hour or be a substitute adorers,
call 610-869-2722 or Prayer@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

Christmas Reflection:

**"If we would please the Divine Infant,
we too must become children, simple
and humble; we must carry to Him
flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification,
of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love."**
-St. Alphonsus Ligouri



Retreat for Parents with Children with Disabilities

Do you have a child with a disability? Join us on Saturday,
February 18, 2023, at Holy Innocents Parish Hall, 1337 E. Hunting
Park Avenue, Philadelphia, for a bilingual retreat which will
include sessions for adults and activities for youth. Bishop Bruce
Lewandowski, C.Ss.R will be our guest retreat director. While
there is no cost to attend, we ask that you register your family by
February 10th at www.opdarchphilly.org or call 215-587-0500.

Remember Your Loved Ones



Our parish has an opportunity to remember your family and
friends in a distinctive way. Parishioners and friends 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. You can stop by the Parish Office or call 610-869-2722.

Assumption BVM School



Calendar

Dec. 26-Jan. 2nd: No School; Christmas Break

Jan. 3rd: Welcome back to school

Jan. 6th: 8:15 am First Friday Mass

Jan. 12th: 7 pm Band Concert

Jan. 13th: 8:15 am Mass (Pre-K & 4th Grade)

Jan. 16th: No School—Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 20th: 8:15 am All School Pro-Life Mass

Jan. 26th: 6:30 pm Reconciliation Meeting for 2nd Grade Parents

Jan. 27th: 8:15 am Mass (Kindergarten & 8th Grade); AGSD Non-Public Bus Run

Jan. 29th: 10 am Catholic Schools Week Mass

Jan. 30th: 9 am Assembly— Canine Partners for Life

Save the Dates:

Feb. 9th: 7 pm Home & School Meeting (Zoom)

April 14th: Movie Night

April 22nd: 100th Anniversary Celebration, Red Clay Room, Kennett Square

May 4th: 7 pm Home & School Meeting (Zoom)

Bishop Shanahan High School

March 11th: 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test

March 23rd: 7th Grade Universal Visitation Day

April 1st: Personal Tour Day

For questions, please call BSHS at 610-518-1300 or visit <https://www.shanahan.org>.

Religious Education



CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no CYFF Classes on Tuesday, December 27th and Wednesday, December 28th to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Our Tuesday and Wednesday classes will resume on January 3rd and 4th.

Home-Based Parent Prep Session

Our next unit preparation session is scheduled for **Thursday, January 5, 2023 in the Church at 6:30 pm**. At this session we will have the privilege of welcoming Miss Alixandra Holden, Mission Education and Communications Coordinator. Ali will be offering an engaging and informative presentation for both parents and children. **All children in home-based formation, levels 1 through 6, are welcome to attend this session with a parent.**



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not meet on December 25th and January 1st. We look forward to resuming again on January 8th for the Epiphany of Our Lord.

***We wish you all a very blessed
Christmas with your families!***





VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

Come and See Weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak. There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. For information, visit Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee.

For questions, please contact Father David Friel at fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

High School Men

January 28-29, 2023

February 25-26, 2023

Post-High School Men

February 10-12, 2023

March 10-12, 2023



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women.

Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forward as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they too may know You better and love You more and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS

*Born
The
King
Of
Angels*

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Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for
your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love,
and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Knights of
Columbus



St. Pius X Council 3858-West Grove, PA



Dinner & Bingo

Thursday, January 5th

6 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Bingo (School Gym)

Coffee & Donut Social

Sunday, January 8th

11 am (Parish Life Center)

Knights Meeting

Thursday, January 19th

6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting
(Parish Life Center)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 19th

11 am-3 pm (Parish Life Center)

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

Founding Principles of the Knights

Charity † Unity † Fraternity

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 13 Winners:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Pts
2167	\$400	Eileen Gorman	129
573	\$25	Robert Clawson	122
4494	\$25	Jaxon Dalton	121

Congratulations to the Week 14 Winner:

Ticket	Prize	Name	Pts
4319	\$25	Nicole Dalton	107



American
Red Cross

Community of Giving

Red Cross Blood Drive

Assumption BVM Parish Life Center
(Church Lower Level)

300 State Road, West Grove, PA

Thursday, January 19, 2023

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and enter sponsor code *assumptionbvm*. You can also download the Blood Donor App. For questions, contact Assumption BVM parishioner, Ann Barr, at 610-869-8559.

Most rejections are due to low iron counts so please increase your intake of iron rich foods and fluids at least three days before donating.



FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

Join us every Thursday, 6 pm to 7 pm, ABVM Adoration Chapel, as we pray the Flame of Love Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and offer a brief meditation.

MAN UP PHILLY MEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date for next year's men's conference to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA. We proudly announce that Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will join us! For information, visit manupphilly.com.



Thursday, January 5th

Dinner — 6 PM • Bingo Begins — 6:30 PM

**ABVM Parish Center (School Gym)
290 State Road, West Grove, PA**

**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: battered chicken, mashed potatoes
& gravy, vegetable medley, dessert & beverage. BYOB**

Proceeds will benefit the mission of

St. Joseph's House

*to foster a "Culture of Life" through the service of charity to the
defenseless of our society, particularly widows and orphans,
children, and families in crisis situations.*

*For information, contact John Brennan at 610-869-4100 or
Knights_of_Columbus@comcast.net*

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



Join us for a **Paint Party FUNdraiser**

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus



Friday, January 13th

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Parish Life Center (Church lower level), \$30 per person

It is fun and simple and **No Experience** is needed!

We provide all the art supplies plus appetizers and desserts. You can bring your own favorite beverage.

Let your inner artist shine as we take you step by step through creating your own personal masterpiece on canvas in about 2 hours.

Seating is limited so please register by Monday, January 9th. Please R.S.V.P. to Terry Brennan at (484)678-4034 or Teresambrennan@comcast.net

Make checks payable to: *Ladies Auxiliary of St. Pius X.*



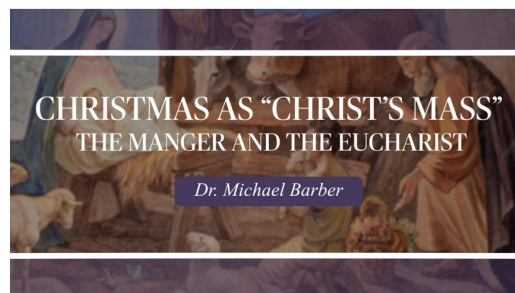
THIS WEEK ON
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

December 25, 2022

Christmas as “Christ’s Mass”: The Manger and the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber

Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as “Christ’s Mass.”



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish name.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **EPIPHANY EVENT** (January 8, 2023, St. Rita Shrine, Philadelphia) Join the Sisters of Life for an afternoon of Prayer and Festivity beginning with 2 pm Mass followed by a 3 pm Social. RSVP at philly@sistersoflife.org.
- * **OUR LADY OF FATIMA MEN'S RETREAT** (January 13-15, 2023, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) This is a traditional retreat for men with conferences, confession, Adoration, prayer and Mass each day. Retreat directors and speakers include Archbishop William Lori, Fr. Dennis Gill, Fr. James McGuinn, Fr. Robert Suskey and Marty Rotella. Visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.
- * **MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** (January 20, 2023) The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant and joy-filled rally of people from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capital Hill. It is the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest...Together, we gather to celebrate LIFE. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. For more information, please contact the Assumption BVM Respect Life Group at RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.
- * **THEOLOGY ON TAP** (January 21, 2023, 7 pm, The Great American Pub, 123 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA) The Office of Ministry for Young Adults is hosting a Theology on Tap with the theme "Is Lifelong Love Possible?" Come join us for a lively panel conversation. RSVP at <https://www.ycpphiladelphia.org/events/panel-discussion-with-omya>
- * **LOVE NEVER FAILS** (January 24, 2023, 7:00-8:30 pm, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) If you have a loved one struggling with addiction, join us for an evening of reflection on this topic. The evening includes a presentation by AFIRE founder and Catholic speaker, Dr. Nina Marie Corona. There will be Q & A, and will conclude with a prayer service. For more information, visit apeopleafire.org/events.
- * **WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS** (February 10-12, 2023, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ) Come pray, reflect and laugh! Examine your personal faith in relation to God and others. The retreat includes daily Eucharist, prayer experiences, reflection, faith sharing, as well time to enjoy each other's company and the wonders of Cape May Point in winter. Cost: \$145. To register, call 609-884-3829, visit www.capemaymarianists.org or email mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org.
- * **WALKING WITH PURPOSE LIVE** (February 16, 2023, 7 pm, St. Joseph Church, Downingtown, PA) Join us for *Walking with Purpose LIVE* with Founder, Lisa Brenninkmeyer as she shares her talk "Strong Yet Tender: Building Resilience in an Age of Trauma". Registration opens 6 weeks prior to the event. Please visit <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/event/wwp-live-with-lisa-brenninkmeyer-2/>

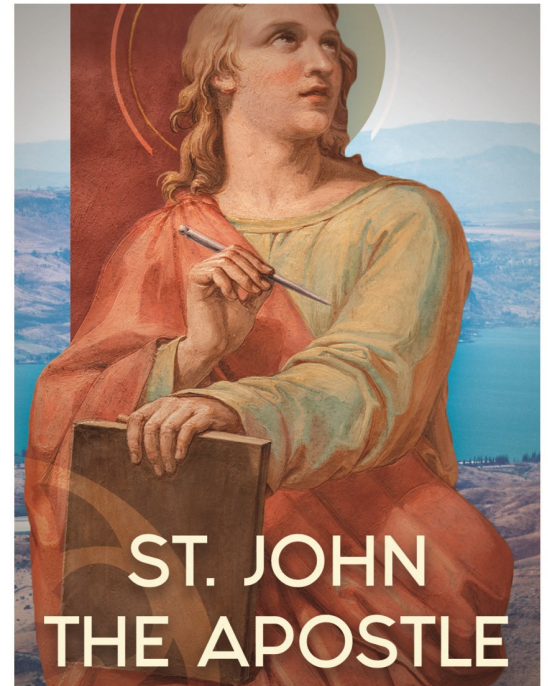
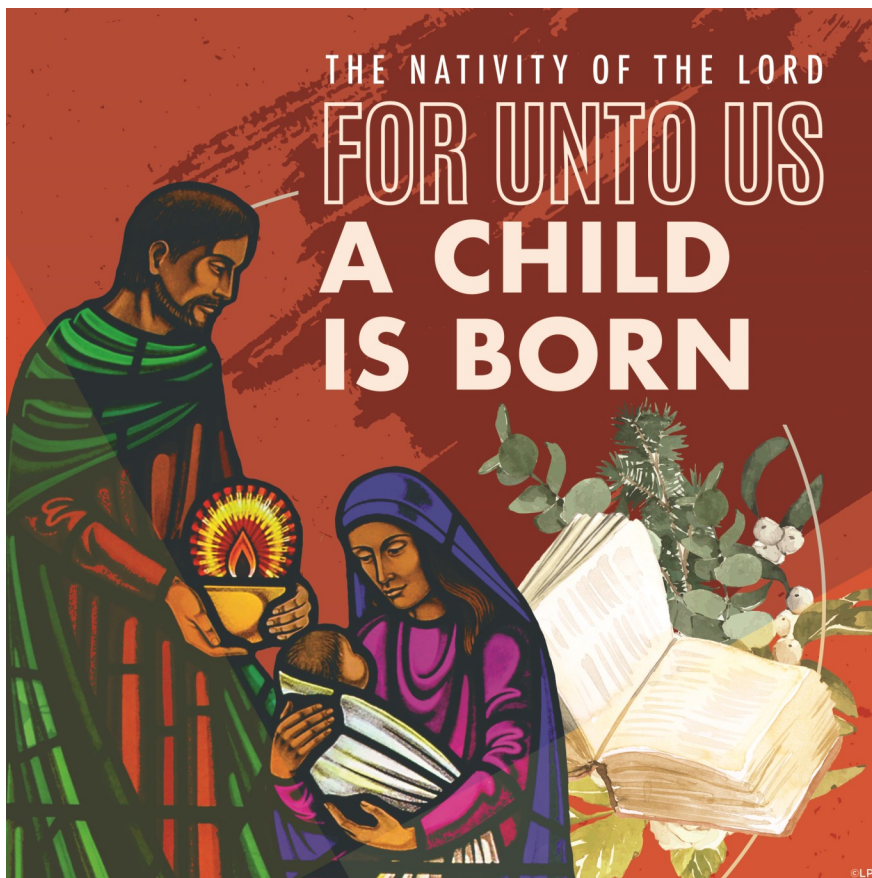
WEEKLY PRAYER

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.

Observances for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Monday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Next Sunday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace



Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fourth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title of Beloved Disciple, and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper, and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary, and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary, he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

January 2023 Liturgical Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1st Rdg: Nm 6:22-27 Psalm of the Day: 67 2nd Rdg: Gal 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 2:16-21	2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church Reading of the Day 1 Jn 2:22-28 Psalm of the Day: 98 Gospel: Jn 1:19-28	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus Reading of the Day 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Psalm of the Day: 98 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA) Reading of the Day 1 Jn 3:7-10 Psalm of the Day: 98 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42	5 St. John Neumann, Bishop (USA) Reading of the Day 1 Jn 3:11-21 Psalm of the Day: 100 Gospel: Jn 1:43-51	6 St. André Bessette, Religious (USA) Reading of the Day 1 Jn 5:5-13 Psalm of the Day: 147 Gospel: Mk 1:7-11	7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Reading of the Day 1 Jn 5:14-21 Psalm of the Day: 149 Gospel: Jn 2:1-11
8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 1st Rdg: Is 60:1-6 Psalm of the Day: 72 2nd Rdg: Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Gospel: Mt 2:1-12	9 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Reading of the Day Is 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm of the Day: 29 Gospel: Mt 3:13-17	10 Reading of the Day Heb 2:5-12 Psalm of the Day: 8 Gospel: Mk 1:21-28	11 Reading of the Day Heb 2:14-18 Psalm of the Day: 105 Gospel: Mk 1:29-39	12 Reading of the Day Heb 3:7-14 Psalm of the Day: 95 Gospel: Mk 1:40-45	13 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Reading of the Day Heb 4:1-5,11 Psalm of the Day: 78 Gospel: Mk 2:1-12	14 Reading of the Day Heb 4:12-16 Psalm of the Day: 19 Gospel: Mk 2:13-17
15 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Rdg: Is 49:3,5-6 Psalm of the Day: 40 2nd Rdg: 1 Cor 1:1-3 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34	16 Reading of the Day Heb 5:1-10 Psalm of the Day: 110 Gospel: Mk 2:18-22	17 St. Anthony, Abbot Reading of the Day Heb 6:10-20 Psalm of the Day: 111 Gospel: Mk 2:23-28	18 Reading of the Day Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Psalm of the Day: 110 Gospel: Mk 3:1-6	19 Reading of the Day Heb 7:25-8:6 Psalm of the Day: 40 Gospel: Mk 3:7-12	20 St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr Reading of the Day Heb 8:6-13 Psalm of the Day: 85 Gospel: Mk 3:13-19	21 St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Reading of the Day Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Psalm of the Day: 47 Gospel: Mk 3:20-21
22 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Rdg: Is 8:23-9:3 Psalm of the Day: 27 2nd Rdg: 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Gospel: Mt 4:12-23	23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin Reading of the Day Heb 9:15,24-28 Psalm of the Day: 98 Gospel: Mk 3:22-30	24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Reading of the Day Heb 10:1-10 Psalm of the Day: 40 Gospel: Mk 3:31-35	25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Reading of the Day Act 22:3-16 Psalm of the Day: 117 Gospel: Mk 16:15-18	26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops Reading of the Day 2 Tm 1:1-8 Psalm of the Day: 96 Gospel: Mk 4:21-25	27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin Reading of the Day Heb 10:32-39 Psalm of the Day: 37 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34	28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church Reading of the Day Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Psalm of the Day: 75 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41
29 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Rdg: Zep 2:3,3:12-13 Psalm of the Day: 146 2nd Rdg: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Gospel: Mt 5:1-12a	30 Reading of the Day Heb 11:32-40 Psalm of the Day: 31 Gospel: Mk 5:1-20	31 St. John Bosco, Priest Reading of the Day Heb 12:1-4 Psalm of the Day: 22 Gospel: Mk 5:21-43				Pope's Intentions for the Month For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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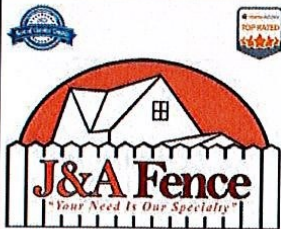
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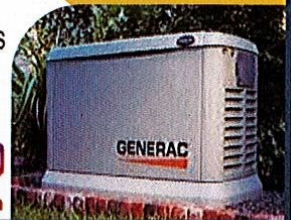
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