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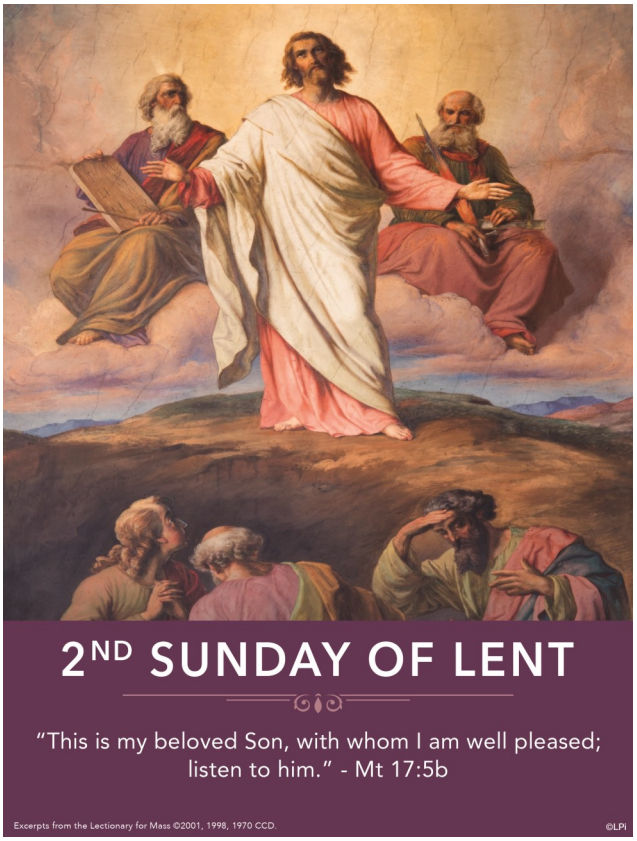
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
To Know Jesus, to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus



Sunday, March 5, 2023

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

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

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

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Deacon Ronald Lewis

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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.

THE FIRST PILLAR OF LENT: PRAYER

St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote that “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

The classical definition of prayer was given by St. John Damascene, seventh century doctor of the Church: “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.”

The foundation of prayer is humility. We recognize our need to pray, and that we were created for prayer. This prayer must be sincere, as the psalmist writes: “You insist on sincerity of heart; in my inmost being teach me wisdom” (Psalm 51:8). God hears the prayer of both the sinner and the saint. While “the prayer of the righteous man has great powers in its effect” (James 5:16), God also hears the prayer of the sinner who repents: “a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17).

St. Augustine said that “Man is a beggar before God.” Yet we should not be afraid to pray to God, for he desires it. We hear in Eucharistic Prayer II at Mass, in words directed to the Father: “You have made us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.” We are in the unique presence of the Lord when we are close to the Eucharist, but we are also in his presence wherever we are, when we pray in sincerity of heart.

John 4 tells us that in the city of Sychar Jesus addressed a woman and said, “Give me a drink.” He was thirsty after a long journey, but his greater thirst was for the woman’s salvation, and that of her village. Shocked at the request, she responded, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” For Jews would not touch anything handled by a Samaritan. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

Guided by St. Augustine’s interpretation of this passage, the Catechism teaches that “The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him” (#2560).

God longs for us to pray. Prayer is conversation with God, in the depth of our heart, which is our hidden center, the place of decision and truth, and which can be fathomed only by the Holy Spirit. It is deeper than our reason or our psychic drives. “It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant” (#2563).

This description of prayer may be challenging, but it is rooted in the Catholic Tradition. No one should feel intimidated. There is a welcome place for the beginner and for the seasoned. Everyone has a vocation to pray, for everyone is called to live in communion with God. We are already joined to Christ by our Baptism. Prayer will lead us into deeper union with him.

“In him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). When we pray to and with the Father, in the name of Jesus, by the movement of the Holy Spirit, we fulfill our reason for being.

- Father Scott

Readings in Missal
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First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4a

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

(Gn 12:2)

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

(Ps 33)

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun.

(Mt 17:1-2)

The Order of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon.....**The Lord is full of compassion for those who seek him.**

(10:00 am Mass) **Of you my heart has spoken: See his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.**

Psalm 33.....**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

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

Offertory Hymn .....**Transfiguration | #123**

(10:00 am Mass) **Earthen Vessels | #419**

Communion Antiphon.....**This is my beloved Son, listen to him.**

(10:00 am Mass) **Christ Be our Light | #601**

Recessional Hymn.....**Save Your People | #131**

(10:00 am Mass) **Take the Word of God with You | #382**

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, March 4, 2023
4:30 pm Mass - Anthony Hickman, req. by Larry & Mary Carroll
Deacon: Deacon DeGrasse, EM: E. Barron, L. Lanciano, 1 minister needed Readers: M. Debes, T. Harrison
Servers: O. Bowker, H. Thornton
Sacristan: C. Foy Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, March 5, 2023
8 am Mass - William McCaffrey, req. by The Sunshine Club
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: J. Chapman, D. Lauletta, M. Petrarca, M. Wharton Readers: N. Coyne, M. Losito
Servers: C. Chapman, O. Krueck, 1 server needed
Sacristan: R. Cloud Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Stephanie Pastock, req. by The Schill Family
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: K. Hall, B. Michalski, R. Schill
Readers: M.A. Schill, H. Leinhauser
Servers: R. Hamilton, C. Opdenaker, J. Stumpf
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - People of the Parish
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: A. Barr, D. Shannon, E. Barron
Readers: J. Colgan, S. Liberatore
Servers: E. Stemerman, 2 servers needed
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: G. Kull, M. Lundy

Monday, March 6, 2023, 6:30 am Mass
John, Florence and Jim McWilliams, req. by the Family

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 8:15 am Mass
George E. Zeller, req. by Dennis Shannon

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
6:30 am Mass - Bennett T. Janasik, req. by Jeff & Betsy Hanna

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, Servers: 3 servers needed
Music: cantor needed, M. Lundy

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 6:30 am Mass
Michael Roland, req. by The Jay Family

Friday, March 10, 2023, 8:15 am Mass
8:15 am Mass - Pattie Perry, req. by Sacred Heart Prayer Group
EM: E. Barron, D. Lauletta, B. Michalski

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11, 2023
4:30 pm Mass - Anne Elias, req. by Dan & Jean Gottel
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: A. Barr, E. Barron, K. Hall, L. Lanciano
Readers: S. Liberatore, K. Hamill-Clark
Servers: H. Thornton, 2 servers needed
Sacristan: C. Foy Music: N. Boysen, M. Lundy

Sunday, March 12, 2023
8 am Mass - Fred Atkinson, req. by His Wife, Sue
Deacon: No Deacon, EM: D. Brumbaugh, D. Lauletta, B. Michalski, M. Petrarca Readers: J. Calnan, V. Yakscoe
Servers: J. Calabretta, O. Krueck, 1 server needed
Sacristan: R. Cloud Music: cantor needed, M. Lundy

10 am Mass - Mary Faulkner, req. by Larry & Mary Wharton
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: D. Beiriger, T. Powell, M. Wharton
Readers: D. Buoni, G. Charlton
Servers: A., L. & R. Hamilton
Sacristan: F. Buoni Music: Anthem

12 pm Mass - People of the Parish
Deacon: Deacon Lewis, EM: J. Fredericksdorf, L. Goldstein, D. Shannon Readers: J. Battinieri, J. Colgan
Servers: E. & N. Goldstein, E. Stemerman
Sacristan: J. Lyons Music: C. Clancy, M. Lundy

Prayer Requests

Lorrie Taylor, Bob Catoia, Beth Bierbower, Joe Bunting, Ashley Peddle, Shirley Wybranski, Jo Manley, Tom & Eileen Clark, Maureen Decker, Yvonne Beaudet, Bruce G., Fabiola Matilonis, William D'Ambrosia, Joseph Neuman, Kilgallen Family, 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, Antonette Biondi, Sharon Kraynak, Frankie Knowles, Joe Schroder, Kevin Fogarty, Justin Smith, Kate G., 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, Cheryl Sumner, Todd Dinius, Paul, Joseph & Philip Caruso, Gregory Kujala, Joseph Martinez, Jay Nardone, Sharon DeNapoli, Hannah Thompson, Gerald Doyle Sr., 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 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
- ♦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 dave.besselman@yahoo.com.

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

Velma Stallone

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 February 26, 2023	$16,568
Includes $6,100 estimated E-Giving	
44% participation	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	$13,846
Actual Average Weekly Collection	$14,555

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 February 26 was $2,722 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 17 weeks of the campaign, we have commitments from 212 families who donated $78,405. 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.

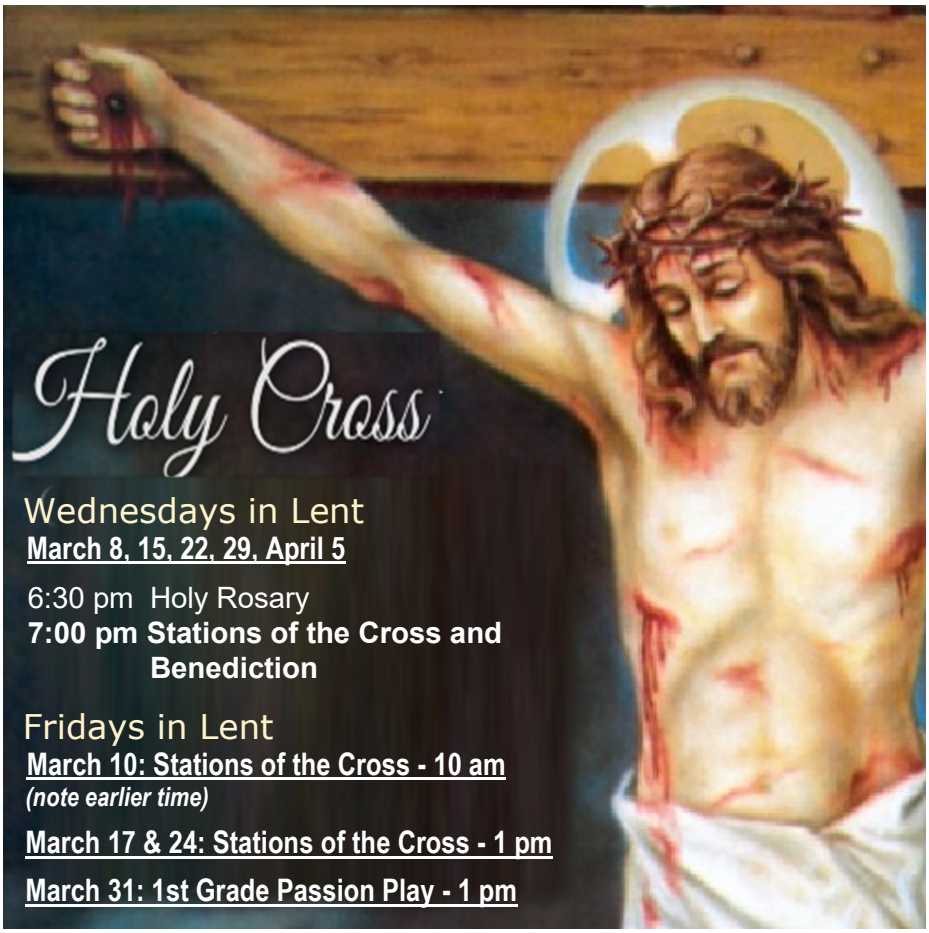
Ways to Donate to Offertory and Parish Appeal

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



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.

Eileen Adams
Elizabeth Brophy
Concettina Haley
Gerard Percoco
Margaret Wiegner

Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 am

Sunday, March 12th

Turn Clock Forward One Hour

Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, March 20th

Masses at 6:30 am and 10 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri., After Morning Mass till 7 pm

You Can Help Convert America and Save the World

Asked "What will convert America and save the world?", Saint Mother Teresa answered without hesitation that ***we need everyone to come together in Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament***. Jesus wants America to be converted, but it is up to us to come before Him to help bring this about. To sign up for a Holy Hour, call 610-869-2722 or email Prayer@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

Reconciliation Weekend:
Friday, March 10 & Saturday, March 11

No matter how long it's been, Jesus is always waiting to unburden you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here, you will make your peace with God, with yourself, and with others. On March 10 and 11, priests will be available to hear your confession at many times and locations in the greater Philadelphia area to make it as easy as possible to go. Even if it's been many years, don't let that stop you; the priest is ready to guide you through the process.

Locations in Chester County:

St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, Avondale
March 10: 1-5 pm, 6-8 pm, March 11: 9-11 am

St. Joseph, Downingtown
March 10: 6-8 pm, March 11: 3:30-4:30 pm

Sts. Simon & Jude, West Chester
March 10: 5-7 pm, March 11: 8-10 am

St. Isaac Jogues, Wayne, March 11: 9 am-12 pm

For additional locations and confession times, visit **www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/reconciliation**

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT PATRICK AND THE LENTEN OBLIGATION TO ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, in accord with the Code of Canon Law (canon 87), ***grants a dispensation to all Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick on Friday, March 17, 2023***. The United States Bishops prescribe as a minimal obligation that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. This is a corporate gesture of penance observed by all the members of the Church in the United States. In certain circumstances, such as the coincidence of Saint Patrick's Day and a Friday of Lent, the Diocesan Bishop may grant such a dispensation from the observance of the corporate gesture of penance on a penitential day. However, as with every Friday of the Church Year outside of Lent, if a Catholic makes the choice not to abstain from meat, then some other penance of choice is to be observed in honor of the passion and death of our Lord on the cross. On Saint Patrick's Day, the memory of this missionary apostle to Ireland recalls his preaching of the Faith and encouragement to live authentic Christian lives. Lent does not disappear with the festive celebration of Saint Patrick. ***Rather, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Roman Catholics may fittingly observe March 17, 2023 with another choice of penance rather than abstaining from meat.***

ABVM School Calendar

March 10th: 8:15 am Mass (K & 8th Grades); 10 am Stations of the Cross; Dismissal at 11 am

March 14th: Energy Assembly hosted by PECO (Pre-K4 –5th Grade)

March 16th: Home & School Lunch

March 17th: 8:15 am Mass (Pre-K4 & 4th Grade); Giving Day $50k Prize—Pizza Lunch; Assembly "Let the Lord be your Light" (6th-8th Grades); 1 pm Stations of the Cross

March 19th: Daddy Daughter Dance

March 21st: Pizza Party for Giving Day Prize Winners; Rock Your Socks Day!

March 24th: No School - Professional Development Day

March 28th: Rice Bowls are due

March 31st: 8:15 am Mass (2nd & 8th Gr.)

HoopsMania is here!

Assumption BVM School is participating in HoopsMania fundraiser—an exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball! Winners will be notified by mail, or you can view the winning game cards at www.charitymania.com. Sweepstakes begins on March 16, 2023. To purchase your score card ($10), please email the businessoffice@abvmschoolwg.us or call 610-869-9576. Return your ticket stubs and payment (checks payable to ABVM School) by Friday, March 10th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Fundraiser Committee Needs You!

We are looking for some friendly and outgoing people to join our *Under the Stars* committee! We need help with soliciting sponsorships, silent auction items, and donations for raffles. This includes making phone calls, mailings, sending emails, and going to local businesses. Do you OWN a business? Do you work at a business that likes to give back? Help us by donating goods and services to the *Under the Stars* Fundraising Event. Email underthestarsabvm@gmail.com if interested in helping.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/under-the-stars-abvm-100th-anniversary-gala-celebration-tickets-473429900577

Come dressed in cocktail attire for a night of dinner & dancing. Our evening of charitable giving will include: raffles, 50/50, Silent Auction items, and more! This event is open to everyone 21 years and older. Tickets include entrance to the event, cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment, and open bar (beer/wine). For questions, call the ABVM School Office at 610-869-9576.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

life is precious -defend it

Feb. 22 - April 2, 2023

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. A total of 22,855 lives have been saved since 2007.

The ABVM Respect Life Group has committed to give witness in front of West Chester's Planned Parenthood on **Thursday, March 23rd from 7 am to 7 pm**. Would you like to be part of a small group that spends 1 hour in prayer at Planned Parenthood on March 23rd? For information or questions, contact Stephanie at 484-467-6675, visit www.40daysforlife.com or send an email to RespectLife@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org.

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

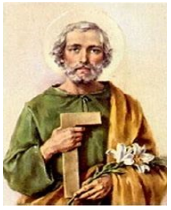
Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2023! Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. Our next experience is offered on April 21-23, 2023 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. For more information, please visit https://www.wwme-philly.org.

Joseph's People

For the Unemployed & Underemployed

Are you considering a job change? Join us for a special Joseph's People virtual series that runs through March 14, 2023. The sessions will cover:



March 7: ***Networking in a Post-Covid World***

March 14: ***Ace the Interview***

To register, click on the link below.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpceCgpj0sGdLVPWIcat3gHuVsEhwqyHC-

For help with registering, please call 610-873-7117.

Coffee and Donut Social

This Sunday, March 5th

After the 10 am Mass
Parish Life Center

Spend time with your fellow parishioners!

Announcements

Pray the Rosary for Life (3/5/23-3/11/23)

Sun. C. Lyons	Thu. J. & N. Kennard
Mon. T. Harrison	Fri. R. Gaffney
Tue. C. Sedlak	Sat. D. Brumbaugh
Wed. S. Tobin/C. Bruecks *(Sign up to pray in the vestibule.)*	

- **HopeAfterAbortion.com; afterabortion.org; RachelsVineyard.org** *610-354-0555,*
- **Pregnant? Need Help?** *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 215-490-4660.
- **STRIVE 21 Day** Detox from Pornography. Register at cardinalstudios.org.
- **Suicide Prevention Hotline**: 800-273-8255.
- **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.
- **Hope in Christ**: Spiritual Support for Addiction: visit archphila.org/hope.
- **Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups**: Visit phillyevang.org/nourish
- **Disabilities & Autism Help-Line**: Need help accessing services and support for someone with an intellectual disability or autism? Call 484-472-5041.

Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, March 8th

ABVM Church ~ 6:30 PM

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

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN ~ GOD BLESS AMERICA

Our parish group knits, crochets and quilts lapghans, baby blankets, hats, sweaters, and shawls for many individuals. If anyone wants a lapghan or shawl for someone who needs a warm hug, email Knit@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org. We meet twice a month in the Parish Life Center - 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 pm and 3rd Tuesday @ 1:00 pm. ***New for 2023, we will be gifting all babies baptized in our parish with a blanket.*** Please join us. We work at our own pace, so nobody has to feel pressure to make something quickly.

Regional CYO Spring Sports

Registration is open to:
Assumption BVM, Sacred Heart, St. Patrick, St. Gabriel and Saint Rocco's

Registration is open through March 19th

We will be offering:

TRACK for grades 4th - 8th and PeeWee grades K - 3rd

BASEBALL: Varsity grades 7th - 8th and Junior Varsity grades 5th - 6th

The registration site is:
https://assumptionbvmregionalcyo.teamsnapsites.com/registration/

To **coach or volunteer,** contact Neil O'Donnell at CYO@assumptionbvmwestgrove.org

We welcome youth in K through 8th grade who are members of ABVM, St. Patrick, St. Gabriel, St. Rocco and Sacred Heart parishes.

Season begins early March and continues through May. Practices are at Avon Grove High School 3 evenings p/week.

This is a great learning opportunity for children of all skill levels to compete and learn in a fun, supportive environment with a very experienced coaching staff.

CRS Rice Bowl

Please Take One

Available in the Church Narthex

Return your donations at the end of Lent

During the 2023 Lenten season, we are invited to journey with Catholic Relief Services to Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya to learn about the root causes of hunger and how families—with the support of faith communities like ours—are making sure they have nutritious food to thrive. In addition, Rice Bowl continues to touch the lives of persons struggling right in our own Archdiocese through area food cupboards and soup kitchens supported by Nutritional Development Services. CRS Rice Bowl provides excellent resources, including Lenten devotions, prayers, lesson plans, recipes and videos which are available at crsricebowl.org. For questions, call 215-907-9436 or aayella@archphila.org.

Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS)

March 11/12, 2023

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA gives each of us the opportunity to serve those who serve. With the funds raised from this national collection, the AMS will be able to ensure that all Catholic men, women, and families have the access to the sacraments, Catholic education, and the spiritual guidance of a Catholic chaplain, wherever they go. As a reminder, at ABVM our ushers only pass the basket around once during Mass. If you use Parish E-giving, you may edit your giving information at www.faithdirect.net and click "Edit My Gifts". If you give by using envelopes, you can place the gifts to the parish and to the special collection in the basket at the same time. Your generosity is appreciated!

St. Pius X Council 3858

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Coffee & Donut Social
Sunday, March 5th
11 am (Parish Life Center)

Knights Meeting
Thursday, March 16th
6 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting (PLC)

Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, March 16th
11 am-3:30 pm (Parish Life Center)

Fish Fry Lenten Meals
March 17 & March 31
4:30 pm-7 pm (School Gym)

Atlantic City Bus Trip
March 26th, Call Ray at 610-869-8461

Ladies Auxiliary & Knights host
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 1st

Coffee & Donut Social
Sunday, April 2nd
11 am (Parish Life Center)

Dinner & Bingo
Thursday, April 13th
6 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Bingo (School Gym)

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

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March 26th : Depart 8 am, Return 6 pm
Pick-up and drop-off at Fred S. Engle Middle School

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March 17th — March 31st

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PARISH MISSION

Monday, March 6 - Thursday, March 9

Eucharistic Principles of the Spiritual Life with Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP

7:30 am Daily Mass
8:30 am-9:30 am Morning Conference*
Confessions after Morning Conference
7 pm-8 pm Evening Conference*
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
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www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org

Mass for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Community

March 26, 2023 @ 3 pm

Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul
Celebrant: Archbishop Perez

Please join us for the annual Archdiocesan celebration honoring the gifts of persons with disabilities, the Deaf community, family, friends and caregivers. The Mass will begin at 3:00 pm with a reception to follow. This year we have the Philadelphia Catholic Mass Gospel Choir providing the liturgical music. All are welcome to attend. To RSVP, email opdarchphila.org; 215-587-3530.

The Holy See

The official website of the Holy See is available in six languages. This website is updated regularly with news about Pope Francis, the Vatican, and issues facing the Church and the World.

https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

SPIRITUALITY OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT (March 13, 2023, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) Join us as we reflect on the experiences of Venerable Matt Talbot, an Irish Catholic who relied on his faith to save him from alcoholism. The evening will begin an inspiring talk presented by AFIRE founder, Nina Marie Corona. The evening will conclude with a live bagpipe performance by the renowned Dr. Watson of Watson Celtic Pipes and Drums! It's a perfect way to start the week of St. Patrick's Day! Visit https://www.apeopleafire.org/events or malvernretreat.com.

***RESTORE: A Women's Healing Retreat** (March 16-19, 2023, St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson, PA) Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the memories, the moments, the circumstances that caused disintegration within us. With Him, we will untwist distortions, renounce lies, expose the habitual ways we get stuck in anxiety and fear, and, most importantly, open us up to Jesus' love. Retreat Leaders: Fr. Stephen DeLacy & De Yarrison. For information or to register, please visit https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat/ or email de@youaremadenew.com.

* **WOMEN FINDING PEACE, HEALING, AND HOPE IN TODAY'S WORLD** (March 17-19, 2023, Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA) We are not defined by the many challenges of today nor are we helpless in the midst of these challenges. As followers of Christ, we have a peace this world cannot give and a faith that inspires us. To register, visit https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/women-of-hope/

* **SONRISE FESTIVAL** (April 1, 2023, 4 am-8 am, National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA) As we enter into Holy Week, come join us outdoors in procession and adoration, spending time with the Son as the sun rises. Then finish the morning with us in fellowship while enjoying some Polish breakfast! To register, visit https://forms.gle/LPcKTgP3VJN3UZr27

***AN EVENING OF PROMISE** (May 11, 2023, The Creamery, Kennett Square, PA) Please join Family Promise of Southern Chester County at our 8th Annual Fundraiser to help alleviate the problem of family homelessness in our community because *Every Child Deserves a Home*. Enjoy wine tasting, appetizers, desserts, silent auction and more. For information, visit https://www.familypromisescc.org.

LADIES AUXILIARY

St. Pius X Council #3858

MEETING: The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, March 13th** at 7:00 PM in the ABVM Parish Life Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Interested in joining and becoming part of a dynamic group of women who work to serve the Church, Community and Family? All are welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings to learn more about our organization. Meetings are always on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center. For questions, please email Jen Hoffman at stpiusxaux@gmail.com.

Boxes of Blessings

This year the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is collecting items to be donated to The Garage Youth Center, which is an after-school youth development program serving middle and high school youth in Kennett Square and Avondale, and to Mission Santa Maria in Avondale. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the ABVM Church vestibule from March 4th thru March 12th. Items needed:

For young ladies: feminine hygiene products, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush

For young men: shaving cream, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrush

For questions, email Jen at stpiusxaux@gmail.com.

Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter *assumptionbvm* to schedule an appointment. **One pint of blood saves 3 lives!** Make plans to donate! *Come give in March and get a $10 Visa Prepaid Card by email.*

Weekly Prayer

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. John of God, Religious
Thursday:	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Savings Time begins

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is burnt to make the ashes that are used for Ash Wednesday?

Answer: The palms used during Palm Sunday Mass

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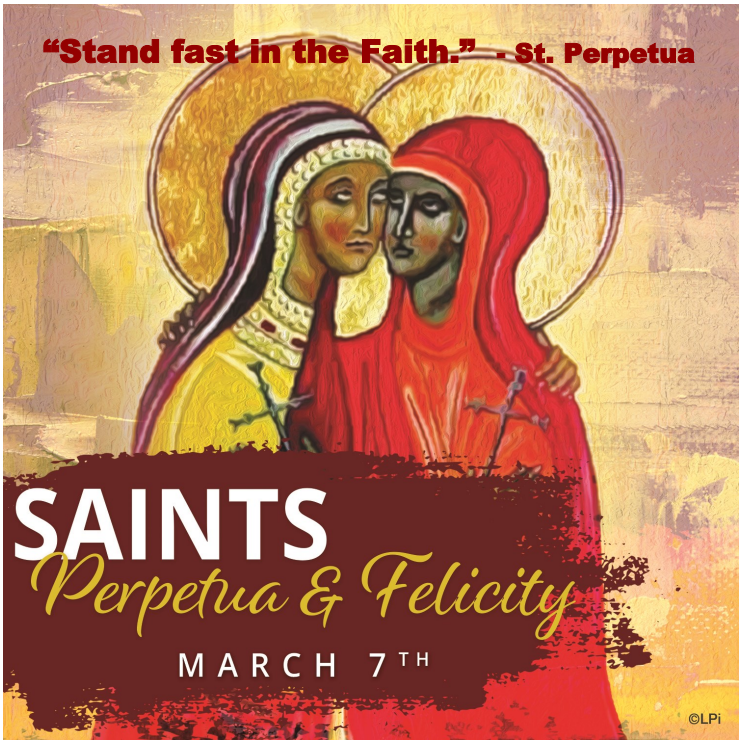

Saint of the Week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy through the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel. Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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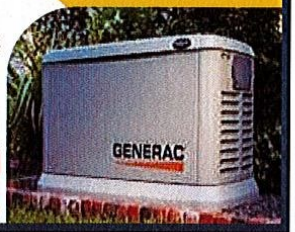

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