

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

1900 Meadowbrook Road + Feasterville, PA 19053 + 215-357-1221



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. 3:00 PM in Malayalam 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday  
English on 1st & 2nd Sunday.  
Monday- Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
Holy Days: 6:30 a.m., 10:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.  
Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIO

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.  
10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

## BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:30 P.M. and during the 11:00 AM Liturgy on the second Sunday of the month. Preparations for your child's Baptism should begin prior to the baby's birth. Call the rectory to register for Baptism.

## MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage by calling for an appointment with the parish priest at least six months before the wedding date. Our deacons can witness marriages too.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if someone is sick, in the hospital, or wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist or the Anointing of the sick.

## Website

[www.abvmfeasterville.org](http://www.abvmfeasterville.org)

## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/AssumptionFeasterville](https://www.facebook.com/AssumptionFeasterville)

## CALL TO HOLINESS

A Bible/Faith Sharing Group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 in Mary's Chapel (Sept. through May).

The Charismatic Prayer and Praise Group meets on Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Rectory Dining Room. All are welcome to praise the Lord with prayer, song and Sacred Scripture.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held Tues. from 9:00 A. to 7 PM in Church with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:45 PM.

## PARISH STAFF

Reverend Michael J. Davis, *Pastor*, [firmike42@comcast.net](mailto:firmike42@comcast.net)

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## WELCOME!

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register at the rectory as soon as possible after moving into the parish. Please call the rectory, 215- 357-1221, for an appointment.

**First Sunday of Lent, February 18 , 2018**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*As a parish community united in Jesus and dedicated to Mary,  
We are called to discipleship through worship and service.*

**First Sunday of Lent — February 18, 2018**

**Father Mike's Musings**

What terrific pictures of you Eagles fans standing in the rain singing "Fly Eagles Fly" with our own Father John Kelly after the 11 AM Mass on January 28th !! While I confess that I am not a professional sports fan, I with five brother priests attentively watched the Super Bowl game, and felt the excitement of this historic game for our own Eagles, and their win was the "icing on the cake"! Super Bowl LII was definitely a well-played game, and as I excitedly saw all the action, I was greatly touched by Nick Foles, Doug Pederson, and Carson Wentz, after the game. During the post-game comments, the three men all acknowledged their belief in Jesus Christ, and gave Him glory. In the locker room, Coach Pederson congratulated his victorious team, while urging them to respect the Patriots. After this admonition, he and his team knelt in the locker room and prayed The Lord's Prayer. I wonder who may have been shocked or even amazed at this display of faith in the public arena? I wonder who may have silently cheered as these men witnessed to Jesus, just as many cheered them on during the game? I know my brother priests were touched as I was, and the discussion during lunch at the rectory last Tuesday reflected similar sentiments.

While some of us, really many of us, have not played football on any level, do these Super Bowl LII champs not teach all of us a valuable lesson: does Jesus not deserve to be acknowledged, praised, and thanked every day? The lingering excitement of the Eagles' winning this Super Bowl, the first win since 1960, is real. Who do YOU have reasons to acknowledge, praise and thank Jesus after the Super Bowl?

Peace and love,  
Father Mike

**Seminary Appeal Update and the Catholic Charities Appeal**

As of February 2, 2018, our parish has contributed \$6,540.00 from 104 donors to the St. Charles Seminary Appeal, while last year, our parish had contributed a total of \$10,809.00 from 142 donors. I ask at this midway point to this year's appeal that you prayerfully consider a gift in any amount if you have not decided how much you want to contribute to this "flag ship" of catholic education for laity, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and candidates for the Priesthood. Thank God St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, to which our own Brandon Schmidt has applied for admission, is still in existence for future priests, like Brandon and more young men after him who will discern the vocation to Priesthood, men who will discern the vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and the many men and women who will earn degrees in the Graduate School of Theology. I thank you who have already made your contribution, and encourage you who have yet to make your contribution to consider a gift for our Seminary.

Now in its 60th year of existence, the Catholic Charities Appeal, which is a definitely good cause, "Giving Hope to All", has begun as of February 3rd and 4th. The Archdiocesan goal of \$12.5 million reflects how many ministries to young and old are dependent on this most important annual collection. Archbishop Chaput has decided that previous recipients of funding will continue to receive funding totaling \$10 million, while newly added ministries will be funded after the \$10 million mark has been reached. Each parish is assigned a goal, and for us, the \$40,213.00 is the same goal as last year. While I know I have asked for your financial support for the victims of national disasters on 3 occasions recently, and I know how generous you are in our annual Sun of Hope Orphanage Appeal and in the Christmas collection for the children there, I simply cannot overestimate the importance of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. While I do not want to take advantage of your generosity, I appeal to you to imitate the examples of our ancestors, the early Christians, who were easily recognized because of their love for one another. The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that every Christian in each community had neither too little nor too much. Please prayerfully consider a gift in any amount for our brothers and sisters who rely on all the ministries funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal, so to support this good cause, "Giving Hope to All".

Peace and Love,  
Father Mike

**It's ELEMENTARY...**

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**PENNY PARTY  
BASKET NIGHT**

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

6:00 PM—11:00 PM

Adults only—BYOB

Catered dinner—\$20 per person

Free preview is available on Thursday, February 22 from 6 PM until 8 PM and on Friday, February 23 from 9 AM to 2 PM. You will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and you will be called if you win.

Tickets for the party are on sale now through the rectory Tuesdays through Fridays 8 AM– 3 PM or by contacting Maria Leszczyszyn at 267-252-5865 anytime. Please hurry as this is a sell-out event and tickets are not available at the door.

**10th Annual "Man Up Philly"  
Catholic Men's Conference**

On **Saturday, March 3, 2018** at the Newmann University's Mirinda Center, the men of Assumption parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 10th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference — Christ Crucifies — the Power and Wisdom of God.

To celebrate our 10th anniversary, our keynote speaker will be Seth Joyner, former Philadelphia Eagle, Pro Bowler and analyst. We welcome back Jim Towey, President of Ave Maria University and personal assistant to Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Dan Saleski, Stanley Cup Champion with the Philadelphia Flyers and Brian Gail, author of the trilogy Fatherless, Motherless and Childless.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Charles Chaput.

Lunch is included. Please join us at the conference.

**Stewardship Report -Total weekly Sunday Collect**

	<u>2/12/17</u>	<u>2/11/2018</u>
Weekly Envelopes	9,547.20	8,643.00
Loose Cash	441.00	445.00
E-Giving	382.03	406.33
Total Collection	\$10,370.23	\$9,494.33
Difference		(\$875.90)

**Men Who Cook" at ABVM**

**Saturday, April 28th, 2018 - 7 PM Parish Hall**



A Big Thank You to the parishioners who have made donations to the Black Tie Optional Men Who Cook event scheduled for April 28, 2018 in our Parish hall.

From parishioners, we have received a diamond and emerald necklace appraised at \$2100.00. We have received 2 tickets to the Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh game on October 13, 2018. Some have donated a bottle of wine. These items are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Perhaps you have something that you would like to donate for use as an auction item.

In order to have this Black Tie evening in our hall, we need to do work in upgrading the hall. Father Mike and the finance council have approved the funding needed to replace items in the hall that are more than 30 years old. We are looking to replace the tables and chairs, the window treatments and the sound system. We hope to paint it as well.

We will start with thoroughly cleaning the hall and kitchen. We will start on Sunday, February 25 from noon to 3 PM.

I will keep you posted of when we will be needing more help and paint.

Thank you and God bless you and yours.

Father John Kelly

**Bereavement Support Group**

Our first meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th at 7 PM in the rectory meeting room. It is open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one.

The program consists of eight weekly sessions, offers information about the grief process and gives people an opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings in a safe environment. Pre-registration is required.

For information or to register, call Barbara Wutzer at 215-355-8897.

**Thank You from "Dawn's Place"**

The residents and staff of "Dawn's Place" thank you for our parish's generous donation of \$305.00 from December's Poor Box collection.

## YOUTH NEWS

### **PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)**

If you have recently moved into the parish, please call the Religious Education Office for information about our program. We also offer a special class for older students who have not had prior religious education and need preparation for sacraments.

The PREP Family Handbook has been posted on the Religious Education office webpage.

\*\*To access all news and information (including weather-related announcements) about PREP, YIA, RCIA, and Sacraments, go to the parish website:

[www.abvmfeasterville.org](http://www.abvmfeasterville.org) and click on the **Religious Education Office** tab at the bottom of the menu on the left side.

### **Parents of PREP and SKD students who will Celebrate Confirmation in the Spring:**

Confirmation folders have been distributed to the students. Please review the contents of the folder and assist your child in pacing him/herself through the assignments. **Please pay special attention to the checklist of basic beliefs and prayers and the questions. The deadline for the completed folders (including signed and sealed Sponsor Eligibility Forms) is March 5, 2018.**

On **Thursday, Feb. 15th** and **Thurs. Feb. 22nd**, some of our parish children will meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Parents of these children are reminded to bring them to church by 6:45 PM on Thursday.

### **Walking in Faith**

Calling all young adults of the Parish. We are a group of young adults (ages 20—40) who are looking to have a deeper faith in Christ. All are welcome. Please join us every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the rectory of Assumption BVM. On Feb. 22nd, we will be discussing "Examining our own lives during Lent. Questions call 215-962-8876. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groupsYAWalkinginfaith/>

### **Lower Southampton AA Flag Football Spring 2018—Ages 5—14.**

All games on Sundays, April to mid June.  
All info found on website: [www.lowersouthaa.com](http://www.lowersouthaa.com)  
Click Flag Football Section.  
Questions email: [Isaafag@aol.com](mailto:Isaafag@aol.com)  
Cost \$100 per player—  
before Feb. 15th \$80 per player.

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

RCIA is the process by which persons enter the Catholic Church. It is for those who have never been baptized, for those who were baptized in another faith tradition, and for those who were baptized Roman Catholic but never completed the sacraments of initiation.

On Saturday, our Catechumens and Candidate celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral. Cindy Cook, Chris Morrow, and Keira Wood have been elected to the Sacraments of Initiation, and Nevin Dougherty is continuing his journey to Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for them throughout the season of Lent.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith is invited to attend our sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the rectory meeting room. If you plan to attend, or if you would like more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact Joyce Boag-Leyrer at 215-357-3445

### **Youth In Action News**

Youth in Action (YIA) met on January 22nd to enjoy the games and challenges of '2 Feet of Love in Action', a social justice program developed through the US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

We will meet again on February 26th to bake cookies for Aid for Friends. Please come join us and bring a friend!

YIA meets on the 4th Monday of every month during the PREP season. We meet from 6:15 to 7:45 PM to socialize, have fun, and do works of mercy. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Holy Ghost Prep News**

Holy Ghost Prep 6th & 7th grade Practice Entrance Exam will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018.

Please register online at:  
**[holyghostprep.org/admission](http://holyghostprep.org/admission)**

### **Praise and Worship**

Will be held on Sat., March. 3rd. It is the first Saturday of every month at 7 PM. Come out and spend time with Christ. All our welcome.

## YOUTH NEWS

### St. Katharine Drexel School News Principal's Corner

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we remember how Jesus stretched out His arms on the cross to show us how much He loves us. The entire school community attended Mass on Ash Wednesday. Our teachers are guiding their students as they determine how to best observe this time of preparation. Some students will make small sacrifices while others will try to do something special. Increased prayer is always encouraged. Students in grades 3 through 8 will participate in Stations of the Cross during the afternoon on Wednesdays throughout Lent. It is a blessing that we can express our faith and live Lent fully in a Catholic school.

In the words of Saint Katharine Drexel, ***"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."***

May God bless you and your families and please be assured of our continued prayers for you each day.

Ms. Laura Clark, Principal

### "Best of Bucks" Nomination

**St. Katharine Drexel School** has been nominated for Bucks Happening Magazine's "Happening List" We are competing with 8 other schools for the "Best of Bucks" title. Please help us win by voting at: [www.skdschool.org/bestofbucks](http://www.skdschool.org/bestofbucks). Voting is open now through Feb. 28th. You may vote once per Email for the length of the voting period. Please tell your family and friends.

### Knights of Columbus News St. Patrick's Day Party - March 17th.

Plan for an evening of good food, music and fun.



### Saint Katharine Drexel School News Toddler Playgroup

From babyhood onward, playing helps to develop physical skills, teaches problem solving, communication, social interaction—and obviously, it's great fun. Community playgroups are fun and open to everyone. At St. Katharine Drexel, we're exploring the idea of creating a toddler playgroup. The purpose of this playgroup would be to provide a relaxed environment for our parish families with infants and toddlers aging from birth to school age to meet other parents and children. At playgroup children make new friends, discover new experiences, gain self-confidence and develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually. It also provides a social opportunity for toddlers that many children who are not in day care may be missing.

Please let us know if a Toddler playgroup would benefit your family by taking our brief survey at: [Skdschool.org/toddler playgroup](http://Skdschool.org/toddler%20playgroup)

### *Congratulations*

We congratulate the following students who achieved Honors during the 2nd Quarter marking period from Father Judge High School.

Shamus Ehresmann Gr. 11 — First Honors

Christopher Brock Gr. 9 — Second Honors

### Holy Ghost PREP Forensics Pasta Dinner

Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 3:00 PM—6:30 PM.  
Firebird Fieldhouse.

Tickets: <http://forensics.holyghostprep.org>

Adults \$18, Children (under 10) \$12.

At the Door Adults \$20, Children \$14

Raffle baskets, Forensic team performances, music.  
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[HGpastadinner@gmail.com](mailto:HGpastadinner@gmail.com)

The Second Collection on Feb. 24 / 25 is for the Church of Africa.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Announced Masses for the week of Feb. 17, 2018**

Sat.	5:00 PM	William Brumfield, 18th Anniv.
Sun.	8:00 AM	Patricia O'Mara
	11:00 AM	Alice Simpkins
Mon.	8:30 AM	Catherine Merlino, 2nd Anniv.
Tues.	8:30 AM	James Dunn
Wed.	8:30 AM	Mass for Parishioners
Thurs.	8:30 AM	Mass for Parishioners
Fri.	8:30 AM	Marie Apice
Sat.	5:00 PM	Edward Blaney
Sun.	8:00 AM	Matthew Sheehan, 3rd Anniv.
	11:00 AM	Patricia O'Mara

**Fast and Abstinence during Lent**

**Fast:** All those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. (One full meatless meal and two small meatless meals)

**Abstain from meat** All those 14 years of age and over are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. .

**Weekly Parish Devotions**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Day &amp; Time</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Place</u></b>
Charismatic Prayer & Praise	Mon. 7:15 PM	Rectory Dining RM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Tues. 3 PM	Church
Flame of Love	Tues. 7:15 PM	Mary Chapel
Legion of Mary	Thurs. 6:45 PM	Mary Chapel
Walking in Faith	Thurs. 7:30 PM	Rectory
	2nd & 4th weeks	

**Flame of Love News**

Let the Saints come marching in. Spirituality is defined as a lived experience of faith. Our parish will host talks on Spirituality and living the Devout Life on four consecutive Wednesday nights during Lent. The dates are 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/14. The sessions will take place after the 7 PM Mass and last about an hour. Our Pastor will be one of the presenters and the teachings will be on a different Saint each week.

**Assumption BVM Parish Sick List**

Please pray for all the sick of our parish and for all who care for them: Danny Vanderpool, Doris Atkinson , Debbie Kohn, Bob Ambs, Joseph Oschell, Bill Kelly, Bill Bonner, Danny Morgan, Barbara O'Leary, Justin Hickey, Joe Lanzi, Jr, Dave Tice, James Stuart, Robert McGonigle, Patricia Addison, Nancy Pagliaro, Juan Soto, Geri Maialetti.

**Assumption BVM Deceased List**

Please pray for all the deceased of the parish , especially Joanne Blank and Edward Jardel.

**The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week**

**Please Read and Help**

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com)
- There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the back of the church.

The survey will only be available from February 10 until March 5th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Mike and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project.

**Knights of Columbus News**

The Knights are having a **PARISH FOOD DRIVE DURING LENT**  
**The dates are Feb. 14th through March 29th.**  
Please be as generous as you can. Thanks.

**Trevose Behavior Modification**

**Weight Loss Program**

**Accepting applications!**

A new group is beginning on March 21st at Assumption BVM Church. Our meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 5 PM—6:30 PM in the rectory meeting room.

**Call for more information: Debbi—215-757-6504 or Maryann- 215-355-4397.**

**Note:** Former members who have been out of the program for at least 5 years are now eligible to rejoin.

**Bulletin Announcements**

If you wish to email your bulletin information to the rectory, it **MUST** arrive no later than the **Monday** before the Sunday of publication by **4 PM**. It **MUST** be sent as an attachment in **Word format**. The email address is: [jeanambs@gmail.com](mailto:jeanambs@gmail.com). If you wish to drop off your announcement it **MUST** be in the rectory office by 9 AM on Tuesday. Thank you.



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