

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,
in 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.

CONFESSION

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. 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 at anytime for emergencies and if someone is sick, in the hospital, or wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist or the Anointing of the Sick. Please ask Fr. Mike for the Anointing of the Sick before surgery.

Website

www.abvmfeasterville.org

Facebook

www.facebook.com/AssumptionFeasterville

News From the Pews

www.newsfromthepews.org

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 Meeting-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 AM to 7 PM in Church with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:45 PM.

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Michael J. Davis, *Pastor*,
frmike42@comcast.net

Reverend Renny Abraham, *Resident*

Reverend John J. Kelly, *Resident*

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 15, 2018 **From Deacon Eric's Desk—July 15, 2018**

Just before sending the Twelve into the countryside to preach repentance, Jesus tells them, "Take no food, no sack, and no money." He wants them to rely totally on God's providence and the community's hospitality for their food and shelter. Also, "wear no second tunic" (apparently he expects them to return home well before winter when a second tunic would be needed). And finally, "Take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. And sandals—be sure to wear sandals."

These last two items on Jesus's list of travel accessories jumped out at me this week. Why does he permit walking sticks and sandals? There must be a reason. I'm sure it wasn't he was Irish and fond of shillelaghs, or a stockholder in some Galilean sandal factory. "Time to break out the Bible commentaries," me-thought.

Unfortunately, I found no definite answers. But I did come across two possible explanations. Regarding the walking stick (or *staff* as it's sometimes translated), one commentator notes that, yes, Jesus permitted them but wasn't in favor of them doubling as weapons for clunking bad guys *Gandolf*-like over the head. That might be true. It kinda sounds like Jesus, doesn't it?

But I'll put the contents of my money-belt down on the *second* theory (which takes into account the Jewish religious practices of the time). Apparently there was a Rabbinic law that a man had to set aside his *staff* and his *shoes* whenever he entered the court of the Temple—the idea being he had to put all ordinary things aside when he entered a sacred space. (I was reminded of what God said to Moses in the Burning Bush—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.") Perhaps Jesus had that rabbinic law in mind when he sent the Twelve into the mission field. He knew they'd be entering peoples' homes, and he wanted them to treat those humble dwellings as every bit as sacred as the precincts of the Temple.

It would be great if we could fully understand everything in the Scriptures. I'm sure all will be made clear to us when the kingdom comes (including the reasoning behind Jesus's travel advice). But for now, let it suffice that Jesus wants his missionary apostles (that is, us) to pack light, trust completely, and be generous toward all—no matter how great or how small.

Simplicity. Trust. Generosity. These are the marks of the true Christian disciple. Let's make the effort to exemplify those virtues in our lives as we continue our missionary journey from this life to the next.

Church Vestibule Floor

As the final "piece" of the Vestibule renovation, the slate floor is now being redone. The work will be done in sections, so that the church will be accessible for Masses during this time.

GUIDE BOOK

If you are responsible for submitting updated information for our next edition this fall, please submit it now, it was due Friday, July 13th. If you have not responded, please contact:

Sr. Diane (dwolfssj@aol.com) this week.

Sunday Nursery

Will be on vacation for the month of August. Our little play/childcare will resume Labor day weekend.

If you would like to join a wonderful group of volunteers (5th grade to grandparents!) just email or call Sr. Diane. Turns are about every 4 to 6 weeks during the 11:00 AM Mass. (dwolfssj@aol.com)

Little Sisters of the Poor **Pot of Gold Raffle**

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join in their ministry of caring for the needy elderly by participating in their St. Jeanne Jugan—Pot of Gold Raffle. The Sisters care for 97 residents, most of whom are on Medical Assistance, and they need your help! You can win one of three great prizes \$25,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000! Only 2000 tickets will be sold. To purchase a ticket, please send your name, address, phone number and check for \$100 to:

Sr. Veronica, Holy Family Home, Dept. PB,
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www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Mother Catherine, Superior

Stewardship Report—Total Weekly Sunday Collections

| | <u>7/9/2017</u> | <u>7/8/2018</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes | 10,417.00 | 10,292.00 |
| Loose Cash | 402.00 | 449.00 |
| E-Giving | 771.88 | 767.83 |
| Total Collection | 11,591.88 | 11,508.83 |
| Difference | (83.05) | |

Our Parish Giving

Still writing checks? Try online giving through Parish Giving, the leading U.S. EFT service for Catholic parishes. Similar to your other electronic payments, it's free, easy and secure. Learn more or get started by going online at ABVM at: <https://abvmfeasterville.org> and clicking on Parish Giving on the left.

Expectant and New Parents

Registration for your child's Baptism should be part of the plans for your baby's arrival. Just call the rectory, 215-357-1221, to begin the process. Life will only get busier once your little one arrives.

If you have already been blessed with a new little one and you haven't registered for the Baptism program, just call. You will be sent a letter with information about the process. For whatever reason, if your child is older and has never been baptized, guess what, just call.

The next Baptism Meet and Greet gathering is **Saturday, September 15th from 9:30—11:30 in the rectory meeting room.**

Once you receive the letter, call to schedule the parent interview which should take place before the 'Meet and Greet' with other couples and members of the Baptism team.

Celebration of the sacrament is every 1st and 3rd Sunday throughout the year.

Catholic Women's Conference 2018

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is "Daughters of the King" and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. **Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9 AM—4 PM**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language. A mid-September sellout is expected. Register today at: catholicwomensconference.org.

Testimony Requested!

The Historical Commission for the sainthood cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA (1946-2006), seeks information on him from the general public. We are asking anyone who knew Fr. Atkinson to contact us and relate what you know about him. No story or encounter is too small. Whether you met him at Msgr. Bonner or Archbishop Prendergast H.S. or any parish where he celebrated Mass or the Sacraments, we wish to have your written recollections. In particular, we are interested in obtaining any personal letters or documents, mementos and unpublished source materials that may be used to foster a greater understanding of Father Atkinson's life. Photographs or videos of Father Atkinson would also be useful.

Please give your contact information to us, the Historical Commission for the Cause of Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA by email at: Atkinson.cause@gmail.com or by calling 610-519-6937.

Thank you, Fr. Joseph Ryan, OSA (chair)

Assumption BVM Deceased List

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, especially William Wallace and Sarah Joy Mitchell.

Neshaminy Activity Center Penny Party

The Neshaminy Activity Center is sponsoring a Penny Party on July 20, 2018. Cost \$10 includes lunch, Chinese Buffet and one penny bag. Additional bags \$1.00 each. Doors open 10:30 AM, Lunch 11:30 AM, Gift chances 12:30 PM. Admission \$5.00. Additional information call 215-355-6967.

YOUTH NEWS

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

At the present time the Religious Education link on our parish web site is temporarily "under construction." The letters and forms posted on it are outdated. Please do not refer to the Religious Education web site for information on our PREP, RCIA, and other parish educational programs.

You can contact the Religious Education Office at 215-357-3445 if you have questions or concerns. During the summer our office in the school building is opened from 9:30 AM—12 Noon, Monday through Thursday.

In addition, we can be reached via email at our **NEW email address**: abvmreo18@gmail.com

Re-Registration forms for current PREP families have been sent home with our students. If you have not received the forms or if you have a child who will enter 1st grade in public school this September, please call the Religious Education Office at 215-357-3445 as soon as possible for a registration packet. Please return completed forms as soon as possible so that you will get the August mailing.

If you have recently moved into the parish, or if your child attends a private school and needs preparation for sacraments, please call our Office for information about our program. We also offer a special class for older students who have not had prior religious education and need sacramental preparation.

Archbishop Ryan High School

Summer Camps

Don't be left out!

Soccer July 23-27;

Wrestling August 20-24;

9th Grade Transitional week July 30—Aug. 3rd;

Scholarship test Prep Course-Aug. 20-24

To learn more and to register:

www.Archbishopryan.com/camps

North Catholic High School News

The Norphans, graduates of North Catholic High School are running their 7th annual reunion at Keenan's in North Wildwood, N.J. on Saturday, July 28th. For more information go to norphans.org or call Mike McBride at 215-588-9411 for tickets.

Congratulations

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

The following students from our parish received end of the year honors from **Archbishop Wood High School**.

Distinguished Honors

Bailey L. Reid '21, Bailey also ranked number 5 in the class.

First Honors

Siobhan Faith Clark '18, Sara K. Gleave '19,
Christopher J. Leonard '19, Isabella R. Lamb '21

Second Honors

Colleen Rose Dougherty '18, Sarah R. Hutt '18, Jamie Marian Lorenz '18, Brandon Schmidt '18, Taylor N. Schwartz '18, Kaitlyn Dougherty '19, Brian Michael Kinkade '19, James Heron '20, Kelsey P. Newman '20, Alicia H. Oberlander '20.

Congratulations to all. We are proud of you.

Youth in Action

YIA will resume meetings on September 24, 2018. We meet on the 4th Monday evening of every month during the PREP season from 6:15 to 7:45 PM. For more information, contact Ms. Koob at sharonkoob@gmail.com or Mrs. Amy Knorr at amyknorr@comcast.net. Youth in Action is for all 7th and 8th graders from any school. Please join us and bring a friend.

West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School

The class of 1969 will be having their 50th Reunion Celebration on September 15, 2019 at Drexelbrook's Mansion House, 4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 from 12 PM until 4 PM. Please contact Jeane Hugues Milligan & her committee for further details— wcmgh1969_50th@yahoo.com

All Class ABVM School Reunion

Save the date: September 29, 2018.
Continue to check the bulletin for more details.

Assumption BVM CYO Presents
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Saturday, November 3, 2018
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Doors open 6 PM **Bingo starts 7 PM**
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215-896-4585 or cjmfamily03@gmail.com

Feel free to bring your own food & beverages. All proceeds benefit Assumption BVM CYO Program.

The Pilgrim Virgin Mary Statue

Have you spoken to your Mother lately? Mary, your mother, loves to hear from her children at all times of the day! But how greatly she would love to visit you and stay with you in your home for just a week. Just one week and your heavenly Mother and Queen will bestow great gifts on you and all your loves ones. For more information call Jesse Fruman 267-210-2718.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process by which persons enter the Catholic Church. This program is designed 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 (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

We would like to hear from those who might be considering RCIA for the sessions that will start up again in September. In some cases, we are able to work with you during the summer.

Please call the office of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) at 215-357-3445 if you would like more information.

Aid For Friends

The food insecurity of our isolated homebound is great in the summer months. Please consider making a few trays each week to help feed the hungry.

Scrip Update

Scrip is sold at the rectory on Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. Scrip will continue to be sold before the weekend Masses.

Assumption BVM Parish Sick List

Please pray for all the sick of our parish and for all who care for them: Sr. Lorraine Holzman, IHM, Joel Rivera, Debbie and Walt Long, Juan Soto, Joyce Boag-Leyrer, Joan Corcoran, Bob Ambs, Doris Atkinson, Joseph Oschell, Bill Kelly, Dave Tice, Bill Bonner, Trish Kern, Joe Lanzi, Jr, Kathy Gavi, Richard Lyle, Arthur Patrick, Nancy Pagliaro, John Harper, Carolyn Graham, Ava Forth, Charles Dinda, Nicole Facciolo, Charles Hoeger, Steve Cook, James Marjanski, Jane Schram, Constance Duckworth.

Family Promise News

Just as getting to the Promised Land took the Israelites longer than expected, ABVM's journey to becoming a host congregation for Family Promise of Lower Bucks (www.fplb.org) has been delayed again. A new Executive Director will not be in place before our school building will be needed for PREP classes. Therefore, we will not be participating in 2018.

Of course, the problem of homelessness will not disappear before next summer. When FPLB becomes operational, they will also need volunteers at their Day Center and to support other congregations. Required clearances include:

- Criminal History Record Check: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>.
- ◆ Child Abuse Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>. (When asked to enter a code, leave it blank)

Finally, thanks to all who have continued to be supportive and involved, especially to the volunteers who recently helped paint and renovate the former library. Although Family Promise guests won't be using it this summer, our parish family will continually benefit from having this large space available for meetings and classes.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our Family Promise email list, contact Rose Jacobs at r1jacobs@verizon.net; 215-364-8131.

Fellowship of Catholic University Students

FOCUS is a Catholic missionary organization that seeks to introduce college students to the person of Jesus Christ and to fulfill His great commission (Matthew 28: 18-20). For more information, visit focus.org or call 215-485-6423. On July 14/15 Brittany Worthington will be present after mass for questions.

Announced Masses for the week of July 15, 2018

| | | |
|--------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Sat. | 5:00 PM | Bob King, 1st Anniv. |
| Sat. | 5:00 PM | Frank Smith, 20th Anniv. |
| Sun. | 8:00 AM | Nancy Nelms |
| Sun. | 11:00 AM | Clara Stein |
| Mon. | 8:30 AM | Victor Axten, 35th Anniv. |
| Tues. | 8:30 AM | Anthony Kaniewski |
| Wed. | 8:30 AM | For Parishioners |
| Thurs. | 8:30 AM | |
| Fri. | 8:30 AM | Patty Riccardi |
| Sat. | 5:00 PM | Cecelia Bugglin |
| Sun. | 8:00 AM | Angie Maiello, 1st Anniv. |
| Sun. | 11:00 AM | Anthony V. Carlini, 4th Anniv. |
| Sun. | 11:00 AM | Theresa Parker, 1st Anniv. |

Public Praying of the Holy Rosary

Our parish is sponsoring a public rosary after the 11 AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month. The praying of the rosary helps build the Domestic Church. The Domestic Church refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. A family that prays together stays together.

The Rosary will be led by members of the Flame of Love, Legion of Mary or the Knights of Columbus. There will be booklets and rosaries. This is a great opportunity to learn to pray the rosary and make a commitment to strengthen our faith. Thank you.

Weekly Parish Devotions

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Day & Time</u> | <u>Meeting Place</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Charismatic Prayer & Praise | Mon. 7:15 PM | Rectory Meeting Room |
| Chaplet of Divine Mercy | Tues. 3 PM | Church |
| Eucharistic Adoration | Tues. 9 AM-7 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 | |
| Public praying of the Rosary | Last Sunday of the month @Noon | Church |

Bus Trip to N.Y. to see Pretty Woman Musical

Sat. Oct. 20, 2018. Tickets are \$125.00 (mid mezzanine). Includes ticket and transportation. Taking one bus. It will fill up fast so please let me know as soon as possible. 56 seats available. Questions call Donna Kimmel 215-322-6880 or send me a message. d.kimmel@comcast.net

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. If you wish to drop off your announcement it **MUST** be in the rectory office by 9 AM on Tuesday. Thank you.

Walking in Faith

Calling all young adults of the Parish. We are a group of young adults (ages 20 to 40) who are looking to have a deeper faith in Christ. All are welcome! Bring a friend. If you have any questions and for more information please call 215.962.8876. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/YAWalkinginfaith/>

On July 26, the discussion topic is "Living as a Child of Christ."

Observe the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae

A coalition of pro-life and Catholic organizations is conducting activities to observe the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae (HV)*, which occurs on July 25, 2018. This document reaffirmed the truth and beauty of the Church's teaching regarding married love and the vast harms of contraception. Please support these efforts by becoming a signatory to their HV 50 Declaration, which is in the Church Bulletin/exits of the Church.

Please also attend a *Humanae Vitae at 50* presentation on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7 PM in the Upper McShain Hall at the Malvern Retreat House. This event features a screening of the newly released 90 minute movie, *Sexual Revolution*.

There is no registration fee but a free-will offering will be taken. For additional information, visit www.HV50Philly.com or call 215-886-8760.

Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Assumption BVM Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup— a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body.) **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), **a Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online at: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount. And your Preferred Appointment!

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