

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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



CALL TO HOLINESS

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

The Charismatic Prayer and Praise Group meets on Monday evenings at 8:15 in the rectory office. All are welcome to praise the Lord with prayer, song and Sacred Scripture.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is celebrated every Tuesday from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. in Church.

Rosary is recited in church prior to 8:30 Mass each day Monday through Saturday.

PARISH STAFF

Reverend William F. McGeown, *Pastor*
Reverend Daniel P. Devine, *Pastor Emeritus*
Reverend John E. Donia, *In Residence*
Deacon Robert J. Stewart, *Permanent Deacon*
Sister Patricia McKee, I.H.M., *Principal*
Sister Diane M. Wolf, S.S.J., *Pastoral Assistant*
Mrs. Joyce Boag, *Director of Religious Education*
Mrs. Suzanne Brooks, *Coordinator of Youth Ministry*
Mrs. Dot Vogel, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Fred Perazzelli, *Business Manager*
Mrs. Jean Wurtenberger, *CARES Office (215-357-2792)*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00p.m.
Sunday: 8:00a.m., 10:00a.m. & 12:00 noon
Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 5:00p.m. Vigil
6:30a.m., 10:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.
Holidays: 9:00a.m.

CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30p.m.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:15p.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.

Parish Mission Statement

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

JANICE BAUER	JACK JAMES
JAMES BRENNAN	SHARON KOOB
LAURA CLARK	FR. WILLIAM MCGEOWN
DOROTHY COOK	MARY BETH SCALZO
STEPHEN HARNISH	SISTER DIANE WOLF, S.S.J.
MATATHEW HASTINGS	DEACON BOB STEWART

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Henry Carroll	Edward Shannon
Kathleen Farrell	Diane Steele
Joseph Gniaz	Robert Watson

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 for an appointment.

CONTACT US

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From the DRE's desk

Lent begins this Wednesday, and I can't recall a time in my life when I "needed" Lent as much as I do right now. There are many things that are troublesome, but what concerns me is how people respond. We all have opinions, and in the freedom proposed by people of vision and wisdom, and assured by the blood, sweat, and tears of many, we can openly express them. Certainly, we experience fear, sadness, and anger, whether about the impending trial of priests, the proposed health care plan, the school mergers, and many other concerns. What troubles me is the vehemence and venom that accompanies the expression of opinions. Rather than commenting on events or situations, what I often see and hear are personal attacks which are frequently disrespectful and, all too often, downright vicious. Parents, we can give our children anti-bullying slogans and talk a good game about respecting others, but what model are we giving them as they watch us deal with our own frustrations and conflicts? Do we just want to "vent" or do we try to focus on positive solutions? Do we "Keep the faith" in troubling times?

And so, maybe like me, YOU need Lent this year. The readings proclaimed on Ash Wednesday are a clarion call to change our minds, and, more importantly, to change our hearts. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Ash Wednesday says: "Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. . .". This Lent, Let's focus on our own behavior, on our own sinfulness and need for reconciliation. Have we been the "light of the world" in difficult times? Have we had the faith, hope, and love manifested by the people in this week's Gospel who literally tore the roof off a house to give their paralyzed friend access to Jesus' healing words of forgiveness? Have we prayed for the strength to deal with problems? Do we have hope that God is present and active and that he never abandons us?

Maybe NOW is the time to remember the Lord's promises to the people of Israel and Jesus' assurances to us. Maybe NOW is the time to reflect on our need for forgiveness and remember the words of the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses **as we forgive those who trespass against us.**"

No "maybe" about it—now IS the time for reconciliation—in our minds, in our hearts, and in the Sacrament of Forgiveness. And, as we proceed through Lent, let us be mindful that, after the agony and death experienced by our Lord, Jesus Christ, in order to reconcile us to the Father, there was resurrection and new life!

Have a blessed Lent!
Joyce Boag, Director of Religious Education

FASTS AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER
ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the united States prescribe, as minimum obligation, that all **persons who are 14 years of age & older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.** Further, all **persons 18 years of age & older, up to and including their 59th birthday,** are bound to **fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday,** while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate in Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in Operation Rice Bowl as well as Parish Lenten devotions and Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.



ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 22ND
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Ashes will be distributed during the 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM Masses and during the 10 AM Prayer Service for the school children.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION
Come be renewed In Jesus' love

Sunday, March 4th—7:00 PM
Monday, March 5th—7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 6th—7:00 PM
Preacher: Deacon John P. Lozano

Sunday:
The God WhoSo Loved the World
Monday:
A Second ChanceBecoming Free
Tuesday:
A New Birth ...To a Living Hope

Childcare available age one to grade one.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE—
MARCH 3, 2012

On Sat., March 3rd at Archbishop Ryan H.S. the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the annual Men's Spirituality Conference, "Strengthen One Another." Speakers include Rwandan Genocide survivor **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, Musician **Tony Melendez**, Evangelist **Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers**, Catholic Answers Apologist **Tim Staples**, and author and Priest **Rev. J. Brian Bransfield**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Charles Chaput**. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com or call Bob Watson at 215-355-6345.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Will be held at St. Bede the Venerable Parish in the Drexel Center located in the Parish Center (separate building), on **Saturday, Feb. 25th 9:30 AM**. If you wish to volunteer/help with any sports or activities involving children you must take a Protecting God's Children Training session. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the session to sign in and pick up materials used in the training. For more information: www.virtus.org or call St. Bede Rectory, 215-357-5720

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, February 12, 2012	\$12,155.50
Comparison Weekend last year	\$15,236.75
Difference	-\$3,081.25

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

This Wednesday we begin our observance of Lent, 2012. Over the centuries, Lent has become a special time for fasting, abstinence, communal and private prayer, self-discipline, serving others, study, reflection and penance. With the whole Church we re-examine our priorities, leaving sin and self behind and intensifying our love and service of God and our neighbors.

If we choose to use these forty days of Lent for honest examination and careful pruning of our lives, we will be ready to celebrate the glorious feast of Easter.

Am I willing to really live Lent this year?

HOLY GHOST PREP—FORENSICS PASTA DINNER
Sunday, March 4, 2012 3:00 PM—6:30 PM.

Firebird Field House, Bensalem. Catering provided by La Stalla. Tickets: Call Nora 215-357-4006. Pre Order Adults \$15, Children (under 12) \$10. Door \$18.00 Make checks payable to: HGP Forensics

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal is now running. The diocesan goal for this year's Appeal is \$10 million. Our parish goal is \$48,630.00. I realize this is an ambitious goal, but ambition to help the poor, ambition to serve Jesus Christ—this is the kind of ambition that reflects a life of real discipleship. We can accomplish our goal despite these difficult times. The poor can't wait for a friendlier economy. They need our help **Now**.

If you received a pledge card and envelope in the mail, please return your gift directly to the Archdiocese. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, extra pledge cards are available in the back of church. Please fill out and return it either to the rectory or mail directly to the Archdiocese. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Will have an 8 week Bereavement Support Group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death. It is a safe place to allow healing to begin by expressing your feelings with those who have had similar losses.

When: Monday, March 12th —April 29th, 7 PM—8:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

For information or registration (required) please call Barbara Wutzer 215-355-8897 or Barbara Mulloy, 215-357-3129.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Parents of children celebrating sacraments in the spring who missed the Workshops on January 12th and 14th should plan to attend the appropriate make up session. Reconciliation—Feb. 27th, Eucharist—March 12th. Both are scheduled for 6:30 PM. Please come into church and sit behind the PREP students. If you did not receive the letter with the details, please call the Religious Education Office at 215-357-3445.

There are **NO PREP** classes on Monday, February 20th or Sunday, February 26th.

Thought for Parents: Just as you are careful about what your children eat, make sure that they are nourished by the Bread of Life.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you would like more information about becoming Catholic or completing sacraments through RCIA, please call Joyce Boag in the Religious Education Office at 215-357-3445.

ASSUMPTION PARISH DECEASED LIST

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, especially, David Hennessy, Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Barszczewski

ASSUMPTION PENNY PARTY—FEB. 24, 2012

Basket donations for the Penny Party are still needed. If you would like to donate a basket valuing \$25 or more, please contact Nancy Chiodo at 215-752-1059 or Sandy Clark at 267-253-6924. In appreciation, we will provide you with a \$10 envelope of Penny Party tickets. All proceeds benefit Assumption BVM School.

IN THE NEWS AT ASSUMPTION BVM SCHOOL

Last week, our first grade enjoyed “Old Fashioned Day” in which the students and teacher dressed up in clothing from the early 20th century and stepped back in time for a day of school from about one hundred years ago! Boys came in dressed in knickers and suspenders and girls in long dresses and little hats and sunbonnets. They played marbles and jumped rope and had a morning snack consisting of “old fashioned” snack foods of beef jerky, cheese and fruit. Mrs. Gannon read them stories of children from the “Old Fashioned times.” It was a very educational as well as enjoyable day for the children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
ST PATRICK’S DAY PARTY

The St. Patrick’s Day Party will be held Saturday, **March 17, 2012**, from 7:00 PM—11:00 PM. Our DJ is “Tommy J.” (Tommy Joseph). Tickets are now on sale at “\$25.00 per person and will be sold after Masses on **February 25th, 26th and March 3rd & 4th**. You can also get your tickets at the Rectory. Mark your calendars and plan to come for an evening of **good food, music and fun!**

FABULOUS 55 PLUS CLUB NEWS

Trip: April 9th, 2012—Lunch at Atlantic City Culinary School, then on to the Casino and show. Deadline to sign up for this trip is March 6th. Cost \$55.00. Call Gerry Maialetti 215-355-7461 or Jean Carlini 215-579-4545 to sign up. On April 9th, we will leave our parking lot at 10 AM and return at 7:30 PM.

Reminder: Our Anniversary Luncheon will take place on **Friday, February 24th** at the Buck Hotel. If you would like to attend and have not yet signed up, Call Gerry Maialetti, 215-355-7461.

LITURGY

The new schedule has been delivered to your email address. A limited number of printed copies are available in the vesting area/Sunday nursery room for those without internet access.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR WEEK OF 2-19-12

Sat. 8:30 AM William Ortlip
5:00 PM Harry McDermott
Sun. 8:00 AM Mass for Parishioners
10:00 AM Peg Kane
12 Noon Peg Kane
Mon. 8:30 AM Joseph Minnichbach
Tues. 8:30 AM Margaret M. Kennedy
Ash Wed. 6:30 AM William Ortlip
8:30 AM Margaret McLoughlin
7:00 PM William Brumfield, 13th Anniv.
Thurs. 8:30 AM John Cooper
Fri. 8:30 AM Marion Kennedy
Sat. 8:30 AM William Ortlip
5:00 PM Bernie Sheridan, 11th Anniv.
Sun. 8:00 AM Mass for Parishioners
10:00 AM Peg Kane
12 Noon Peg Kane

BINGO
WOMEN’S CLUB NEWS

BINGO Friday, March 9th at 7 PM in the school hall. Doors open 6 PM. Refreshments sold. Adults only. For information call Joan Corcoran, 215-953-7711.

ASSUMPTION PARISH SICK LIST

Please pray for all the sick of our parish, especially: Paul McMillan, John Fletcher, Mable Eli, Ann Sheridan, Ginny Cherry, Danielle Sniger, Dennis Tabita, Mary Reynolds, Anthony D. Carlini, Patricia Conger, Carmen Leonardo, W.S. de Beauclair, John Ziembra, John Samo, Patrick Carey.

LADIES– PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

A **Women’s Retreat** will be held here at Assumption. Sister Bridget will be returning to give this retreat. Stay alert for more details in the near future.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

It has been said that Catholic Social Teaching is the “best kept secret of our Church”. In an effort to spread the word on the Catholic Church’s position in areas of Social Justice short quotes from Church documents will be published in the weeks ahead.

“The dignity of the individual and the demands of justice require, particularly today, that economic choices do not cause disparities in wealth to increase in an excessive and morally unacceptable manner.”

Caritas in Veritas, Pope Benedict XVI #32 (Compliments of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia).