**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church**  
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**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 7:30 PM 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 Tues. from 9:00 a.m. to 4 PM in Mary’s Chapel.

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**Schedule of Masses**
- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
- **Monday-Friday:** 8:30 a.m.
- **Holy Days:** 6:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- **Holidays:** 9:00 a.m.

**Confession**
- **Saturdays:** 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
  - and by appointment.

**Baptism of Children**
Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:15 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.

**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

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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 for an appointment.

DRE Office: 215-357-3445
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016
Last Week I had an amazing experience of the Gift of the Holy Spirit sometimes referred to as “Wonder and Awe.” I visited the Pre-K 3 class at St. Katharine Drexel Regional School and gave 14 little learners a tour of St. Bede Church. During the 90’s I was a teacher and director in a daycare/preschool setting, so this was a merger of familiar territory from the past and present. One of the most joyful aspects of working with young children is sharing their sense of “Wonder and Awe.” Everything is exciting and amazing to them, and that was expressed as another gift of the Spirit—Reverence, as we walked around in that sacred space. It’s sad how we can lose those qualities as we age. In a world where facts and scientific proof are highly valued, the beauty and allure of mystery and imagination fall by the wayside.

The liturgy of Palm Sunday begins with the Gospel description of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, then immerses us in the account of his Passion and Death, which, along with his Resurrection, constitute the “Paschal Mystery.” The theological sense of the word “mystery” is a bit different from the connotation most of us have of a question that needs an answer (as in a “whodunit”) or something which can’t be easily understood or explained. In a supernatural sense, “mystery” refers to a truth which is transcendent—it exceeds what we can know with our finite minds. It must be revealed to us. For example, who can really define Trinity? The best we can do is use analogies.

Holy Week beckons us to enter into this supernatural, transcendent realm of mystery. In today’s second reading, Jesus—true God and true man, empties himself of the benefits of divinity in order to become a “suffering servant.” So too, in order to enter mystery, we must empty ourselves of our doubts, anxieties, worldly concerns, and over thinking cynicism. We are challenged to walk the way of the Cross with Jesus, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, into the Garden of Gethsemane. We witness Jesus’ appearances before Pilate and Herod, then his torture at the hands of the Roman soldiers, his painful walk to Calvary, and his agonizing death on the cross, followed by a period of stillness and silence, as he enters the region of the dead to escort them through the gates of heaven, opened by his sacrificial death.

Finally, at the Easter Vigil, in the light of the Paschal Candle, we hear the highlights of the history of our salvation, welcome new members into the Church, and celebrate the Risen Jesus.

Join us this year for the liturgies of the Triduum. Empty yourself of the things of this world, and just for a few hours, feel the Wonder and Awe of what God has given us and done for us. As you hear the familiar stories, place yourself in the picture, maybe taking different perspectives. Use your imagination to become a person in the crowd or a Pharisee, or a Roman centurion, or one of the Apostles.

If you’d like to enter more actively into our liturgical celebrations, call the Religious Education Office at 215-357-3445 on Monday morning to have your foot washed on Holy Thursday or to help carry the cross on Good Friday. Be with us at the Easter Vigil as our Elect, Liz Watkins and Laniya Morton receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Or join us for the 10:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday to welcome Courtney and Michael Borden, as they are received and confirmed in the Catholic Church and celebrate their First Communion.

Celebrate the gift of Wonder and Awe that you received in Baptism and Confirmation during Holy Week, throughout the Easter season, and beyond . . .

Peace!
Joyce Boag-Leyrer
FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—MARCH

Be bearers of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.” Galatians 5:22

PATIENCE in Action: Think of someone in your life who “tries your PATIENCE!” Ask the Lord for more Patience, and see how this fruit of the Holy Spirit helps you to be more kind to this person and to others.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we reflect on Luke 22:14-23; 56. The Apostles could not stay awake for even an hour when Jesus suffered in the Garden. In our impatience, how do we sometimes ignore Jesus?

Assumption RCIA Reunion

Have you journeyed the RCIA path at Assumption BVM Parish to full initiation in the Catholic faith? If so, you and your family are invited to join with others who over the years have added so much joy to the ABVM family. We will begin with 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 3rd. Following mass we will continue the celebration of God’s blessings in the parish hall. Come reunite with those who grew with you in the faith. For more information and an official invitation, call the rectory (215-357-1221), DRE office (215-357-3445) or email S. Diane (dwolfssj@aol.com).

Expectant and New Parents

Are you preparing for or have you recently been blessed with a new bundle of joy? Then its time to call the rectory and begin plans to welcome your wee one into God’s family through the sacrament of Baptism. Call and register this week. You will receive a letter about scheduling a Baptism interview and joining in a ‘Meet and Greet’ gathering with other couples to help everyone on the road to Baptism. Why not call today?

SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP will be sold at the rectory from 9 AM to 10:30 AM Monday through Thursday only this week. SCRIP will NOT BE SOLD Good Friday through Easter Sunday, Sales will resume Monday, March 28th.

Knights of Columbus News

Thank You to everyone who attended and supported our St. Patrick’s Day party. We hope everyone had a good time. Thank you to Steve and Christine Clark for all their hard work organizing the party.

Save the Date and have fun remembering Father Bill at the Trenton Thunder stadium when they take on the Reading Phillies on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7 PM. Tickets are $11. each. Event sponsored by the K. of C. Regina Mundis Council.

Tickets: Contact Jack Kelly @215-264-4487 or they may also be purchased at the rectory.

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Lifeline Screenings

Will be held at Assumption B.V. M hall on May 11, 2016.
More information next week.
Principal’s Corner

It is hard to believe that it is Palm Sunday. The school year is passing swiftly. I strongly encourage you to attend our school’s 8th grade production of “The Passion Play.” There are two evening performances due to the usual large turnout. You can attend tonight or tomorrow night. Both shows begin at 7:30 PM in the school gym. There is an admission fee of $4 for adults and $3 for children under the age of 12.

Our students have worked hard during their many practices under the careful direction of Msgr. Marine and Mrs. Brooks, and the many assistants that assist with the show. This performance will set the tone for Holy Week as you journey with our students who will perform the Passion of our Lord. I hope you will join us. May you have a solemn and prayerful Holy Week.

Ms. Laura Clark
Principal

Discount Oil Changes to benefit the parish SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Again this year the Midas Tire and Service Center on Street Road in Feasterville has provided us with coupons for free oil changes. 100% of the proceeds benefit the Assumption BVM Scholarship Fund. Certificates are $15 each or two for $25. The certificates expire in July 2016 and each is good for a FREE conventional oil change with oil and filter change—up to 5 quarts of conventional oil and a courtesy check including a visual brake check, and battery, air filter, fluid, belts & hoses check. If you are interested in purchasing these certificates, please call Maria Leszczyszyn at 215-953-1285. Thank you for your support.

Bucks County Pro-Life Good Friday Vigil at Warminster Planned Parenthood

On Good Friday, March 25, 2016

• 9:00 AM we meet at Nativity of Our Lord, Street Rd. Warminster, PA.
• 9:30 AM, the procession begins, about 1 mile to Planned Parenthood at 610 Louis Drive. During the walk, volunteers carry the cross and the rosary is recited.
• 10 AM vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. The Passion of Christ is read followed by the Stations of the Cross.
• Vigil ends with a closing prayer.

All are welcome.

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School News

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

There are NO PREP sessions on Sunday, March 27 or Monday, March 28. Have a blessed and joyful Easter!

To access news and information (including weather-related announcements) about PREP, YIA, RCIA, and Sacraments, go to the parish website: www.abvmfeasterville.org and click on the Religious Education Office tab at the bottom of the menu on the left side. The page will be updated weekly, so this is the most current information available.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL

Presents:

THE PASSION PLAY

An 8th Grade Production

Two Performances!!

Sunday, March 20th and Monday, March 21st
7:30 PM at the St. Bede Parish Center
Tickets are $4 for adults/$3 for children under 12. Purchase at the school, parish office and at the door.

Assumption BVM Parish Sick List

Please pray for all the sick of our parish and for all who care for them: Michael Merando, Be Barci, Stephen Flood, Debbie Kohn, Ernie Clark, Maureen Walsh, Charles Schultz, Art Patrick, Anthony Russo, Beth Jones, Peg Donnelly, Joanne Blank, Charles Cullmann, Matthew Muldowney, Jean Wolstenholme, Anthony Carlini, Rod O’Mara, Kathy Schmid, Mable Eli, Stephanie Grace Sosnowski.

Assumption BVM Deceased List

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish, especially: Lucy Venuto and Anne Holzworth. Mary Bastik.
News from Youth In Action

Remember: We will not have a meeting in March 2016 because it would occur during Holy Week. We therefore encourage all members to participate in this year’s Living Stations. Contact Michelle Lesher at L.Michelle@Yahoo.com

On April 25th we will again assemble meals for Aid for Friends. See you there!

Youth in Action blends works of mercy with fun. We meet every 4th Monday evening of the month from 6:15 to 7:45 PM. Open to all 7th & 8th graders.

Sun of Hope Orphanage Village

Our orphanage project has been taking place for several weeks now and it is not too late to still get involved if you haven’t already done so. For those of you that have already sent in your donations, thank you!

Helping is easy …..
1. Look over the pictures on display and choose a child you would like to help.
2. Take and complete a donor card for that child. You decide the amount you would like to donate: $25 covers the entire three month sponsorship or $50 covers the entire six month sponsorship period.
3. Drop your card and donation in the basket as you enter the church by Sunday, April 3rd.
4. You will receive a picture once your donation is received and logged — just a little reminder that you are making a difference in the life of that little girl or boy.

If you have any questions about this project, please email newsfromthepews@outlook.com

Thank you.

St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls

Spring Open House, Sunday, April 3rd from 1 to 3 PM. Please use the Ditman Street entrance. You may RSVP at huberts.org/openhouse.

Seventh Grade Practice Test will be offered on Sat April 16th at 8 AM. To register for the exam please go to huberts.org/scholarshiptest. You may also call 215-624-6840 ext 258 with any questions regarding either event.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May. A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at: www.msjacad.org for more information.

HOLY GHOST PREP
Forensics Pasta Dinner
Sunday, April 3rd—3:00—6:30 PM
Firebird Fieldhouse
2429 Bristol Pike, Bensalem
Forensic Performances, Raffles & Live Music
Catering provided by La Stalla in Newtown PA

TICKETS
http://forensics.holyghostprep.org
Or
HGpastadinner@gmail.com
Adults $18, Children (under 10) $12. At the door:
Adults $20, Children (under 10) $14.00
Make checks payable to HGP Forensics

St. Hubert H.S. E-Cycle/Data Destruction Event
Saturday, April 9th from 9 AM—1 PM.

Guard against identity theft! Shred that hard drive. Cost is $10 per hard drive/item. Recycle those desktop computers, laptops, cell phones, and LCD flat screen monitors.

A $20 fee is required to recycle glass tube TVs and computer monitors. All other electronics will be accepted at NO CHARGE. Curbside Drop-off—Ditman Street between Cottman and Bleigh. For more info contact tlewis@huberts.org

Archbishop Ryan’s First Annual Taste of Philly
April 16, 2016 7:00 to 12:00 PM

Featuring a sampling of food and drinks from Phillly’s finest restaurants, bars and caterers. Entertainment by the Exceptions and DJ Bobby Sacco ’00. Tickets are $40 in advance—$50 at the door. Register online at: http://bit.ly/2016TasteofPhilly or contact Terri Evans 215-637-1800 ext 221.

Must be 21 to attend.
Answered Prayer Acknowledgement

If you have an answered prayer that you want acknowledged in this bulletin, please type it and bring/send it to the rectory on Mondays, attention: bulletin. Please let us know if you want to remain anonymous and give us your name and phone number in case we have questions. Thank you.

Announced Masses for the week of 3-20-16

Sat. 5:00 PM Maryclaire Huckel
Sun. 8:00 AM Rita Schmidt, 6th Anniv.
11:00 AM Dr. Frank T. Mancuso, Jr.
10th Anniv.
Mon. 8:30 AM Dorothy Carr, 21st Anniv.
Tues. 8:30 AM Daniel Milillo
Wed. 8:30 AM Mass for Parishioners
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Helen Leonczyk

Holy Thurs. 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Night Prayer following Mass in the RMR
Repository will be open in the RMR until 11 PM

Good Fri. 10 AM—Morning Prayer in Church
Noon Teen CYO Living Stations
3:00 PM Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Sat. 10 AM Morning Prayer in Church with
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
No Confessions on Holy Saturday

Easter Sun. Masses: 8:00 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon

Confessions

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 PM.
Wednesday, March 23 after the 7:00 PM Mass.
No Confessions on Holy Saturday.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please note!!!

All information for the SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD BULLETIN (the Sunday after Easter) MUST be in the rectory office by TUESDAY MARCH 22ND—8AM

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fabulous 55 Plus Club Trip

We have a trip on May 3rd to Doolan’s in Spring Lake. The trip includes a sit down luncheon with a choice of entrée and a show “Legends in Music”. Cost of the trip is $90.00. You can sign up for the trip by calling Gerry Mialleiti at 215-355-7461.

Weight Loss Group

now accepting applications for Trevose Behavior Modification weight loss group. Meets Wednesdays, 5:00 to 6:30 PM at Assumption. Must have 20-80 lbs. to loose. For information contact Maryann at 215-355-4397 or Debbi at 215-757-6504.

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.

As we enter Holy Week, please keep our Elect, Liz Watkins and Laniya Morton, in your prayers. They will be initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for Courtney and Michael Borden, who will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday.

For information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact Joyce Boag-Leyrer at 215-357-3445.

We are planning an RCIA reunion Mass, followed by a reception on April 3, 2016 at 11:00 AM. We’re trying to contact everyone by mail. If you have moved, please send updated contact information to ABVMREO@gmail.com or call the rectory, 215-357-1221 or the Religious Education Office 215-357-3445.
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