

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

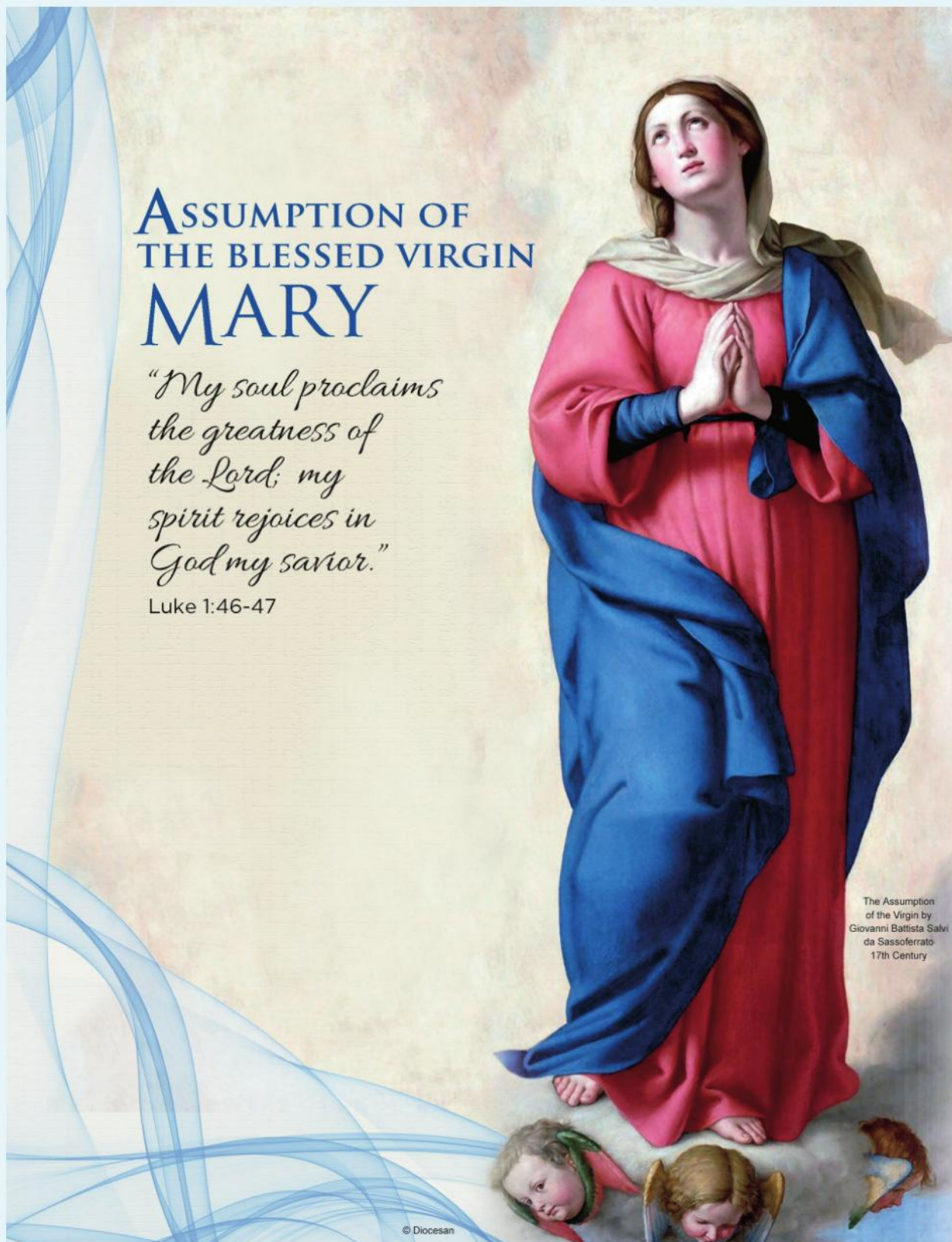
'Where Faith and Family Are One'

Main and Poplar Sts. Ambler, PA 19002

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47



August 10, 2025

GENERAL

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
 The Rectory office is closed on all holidays.

New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful Parish family, please register after any of the masses or:
 register online at stjoeambler@gmail.com
 visit our website at stjoeambler.org or contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.



Prayer Requests for:

Jimmy Cowman	Anthony D'Acunto
Clare Di Donato	Emily Gudas
Kathleen/Francis Hart	Joan Sontag
Jessica Hummel	Rita Malozzi
Maryann Osowski	Jeanne Stabilito

Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified.
 It is so good to know that prayers are answered!

Please keep Joseph Regan in your prayers as he discerns about the priesthood and God's calling in His life.

Saturday Confession: 2:45-3:45

All confessions at St. Joseph Church will now be held in the sacristy. This move gives people more privacy and the option to sit or go face to face or anonymously. It is also accessible for walkers and wheelchairs.



Mass Intentions

August 9-10

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Connie/Russell Buttacavoli

Requested by

Ciavarelli family

Sunday

7:30 AM Charles Witaconis

Alex/Maria D'Acunto

1:00 PM N/A

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Communion Service

Tuesday

6:30 AM Theresa Ragusa

Andrew C. /Valerie Ann Ragusa

Thursday

6:30AM Agada Chung

daughter

Candle Memorials



Mary
Donna Mc Mullan



Tabernacle



St. Joseph
William J. Strittmatter



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Mass schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Monday, Wednesday and Friday AM Communion Service

Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 AM Mass

Spanish 1:00 PM First and Third Sunday

Holydays of Obligation 12:05 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Mass schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Spanish 1:00 PM Second Sunday

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM Communion Service

Holydays of Obligation 8:15 AM

Sunday Readings

Reading 1 Wisdom 18:6-9

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage.

Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes.

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

R. (12b) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Reading 2 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and sisters:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile— for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

"BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS
WHOM THE MASTER FINDS
VIGILANT ON HIS
ARRIVAL."



Gospel Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said,

"Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"

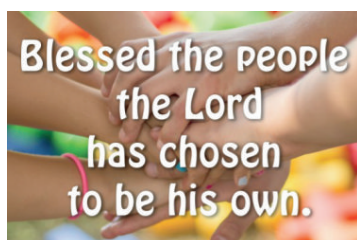
And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?"

Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,

to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly.

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."



THE SACRAMENTS



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is mandatory for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Requirement- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Requested eligibility Certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish .

Sacrament of the Sick In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory or call the emergency number if after office hours.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Arrange for Marriage Preparation Class by contacting www.philamarriageprep.com or call 610-873-2017. Non-parishioner weddings are up to the Pastor's discretion. If a couple is not a member of this parish, they should request

Week 19 of Ordinary Time

The Second Coming of Christ is a core belief of Christianity. Jesus' future coming is certain, but its timing is not. Since the earliest Christians expected Jesus' return to happen during their lifetime, they lived in great expectation of that event and were prepared for it. But, as we know, Jesus has not returned, and we Christians have been expecting the Second Coming for two thousand years. Today could be that day, or we may have to wait another two thousand years. The bottom line is that we need to live everyday as if this could be the day Jesus returns. As his followers, we need to wait in hope for the coming of Christ and live in a state of constant preparedness for that glorious coming. This week, do something to prepare for Jesus' Second Coming.

Father Jim

Living Stewardship Now

Once a day write on your calendar something you are truly grateful for. Review at the end of the month. Repeat.

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ADULT

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15

Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Catholic faith on November 1, 1950. "The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (*Dogma of the Assumption*, 44).

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

Death Has No Power Over Her

Have you ever wondered about how Mary's family and friends would have reacted to her passing? Have you ever thought about how the early Christians would have noticed right away that there was no tomb for the Mother of their Lord and Savior? The final resting place of one who had given birth to the Son of God would have been highly venerated, and would be a frequented pilgrimage site to this day. Yet it does not exist. There is no tomb, no headstone, no sign marking the place where her body is buried in the Holy Land.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Mother's passing from this earthly life to the heavenly one, yet without passing through death. God surely would have wanted to call her to Himself in a most gentle and loving way. Just like she held Him in her arms as a sleeping babe, He now held her close as he carried her into eternity.

This feast reminds us once again that death is the result of sin. If the fall of man would not have happened, we would most likely all still be basking in the Garden of Eden. What sorrow it brings to have to wait for all the beauty, joy and peace that awaits us on the other side! What a tragedy that because of our sin we first must die!

May we ask for Mary's intercession in a special way on her special day today. May we invoke her name to help us flee from sin and run into the arms of our loving Savior. Amen.

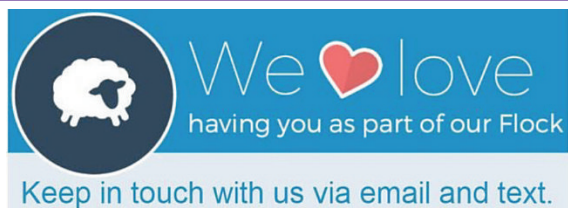
Tami Urcia



Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

takes place after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on the second Saturday of the month.

After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament so it will be recorded in the book.



FLOCKNOTE returns...

A few years back (around covid time) we started Flocknotes which is a way to reach out to everyone with church information who provided their email addresses and mobile numbers. We used it a few times, however; not too many signed up for it. It is an effective way for instant communication.

We are now going to use this social media form again. For those who previously signed up, you will still receive the information. If you are unsure, email St. Joseph's for confirmation.

For anyone who hasn't signed up you can send an email with the information or you can detach the short form provided here and just put it in the collection basket.. Thank you for all you do for St. Joseph's Church.

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NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

****This is the same information requested when signing up for the digital bulletin.**



St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, August 12th 2025
2:00pm-7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua - Friendship Hall 259 Forest Avenue, Ambler, PA

Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **STOP OR**
Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

1-800-Red-Cross|RedCrossBlood.org

FAMILY & YOUTH

Calling all Confirmation Candidates...

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St. Joseph's on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Does your child/ren match this description?

- ◆ Your family is registered at St. Joseph's Parish
- ◆ Your child attends a local Catholic school or is being home-schooled in a Catholic curriculum.
- ◆ Your child will be in seventh or eighth grade next fall.
- ◆ Your child has been baptized and has received First Holy Communion.
- ◆ Your child has received religious instruction continuously for at least the past two years and can document this.
- ◆ Your child has received some Confirmation instruction as part of his/her day school curriculum.

If so, please contact Director of Religious Education Suzanne Kuhn at 215-646-0494 or stjosephamblerdre@gmail.com for your child to be included in the November celebration of Confirmation.

Registration

is about to begin for PREP 2025-2026. Live in-person religious instruction will be offered for grades K to 8 on Sundays from September 14, 2025 through May 3, 2026 from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM in **St. Anthony's Education Center, 260 Forest Ave., Ambler 19002**. Registration materials will be available at the doors of St. Joseph Church starting Sunday, June 15, 2025 and can be dropped off at St. Joseph's Rectory during normal business hours.



Travelers this Summer...stay close to the Lord...

If you are traveling and in need of a Catholic Church and Mass times, contact Masstimes.org for information.



FINANCE

July 27th and August 3rd

Sunday: \$ 3787.00

August 3rd: \$4627.00

Thank you for your contribution to St. Joseph Church. We appreciate all that you do.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

SAN ESTEBAN DE HUNGRÍA (969-1038) 16 de agosto

Vyke nació en un país dividido por la violencia entre las tribus que lo habitaban. Su padre, el Conde Geza, fue quien logró estabilizar la situación y su hijo, luego de haberse educado se hizo bautizar asumiendo el nombre de Esteban. Aunque fue el sucesor de su padre, su meta era consolidar la unión de las tribus en Hungría y para ello, la fe cristiana fue elemental. Siendo rey pidió al papa que enviara monjes benedictinos de Alemania e Italia para predicar el evangelio, mientras que él promovió la fe cristiana con su testimonio de vida, su cuidado por los pobres, la renuncia al poder por el poder y mediante la construcción de templos y mosaicos que, mediante el arte, presentaban las verdades de la fe cristiana. Su amor por los pobres evitó que hubiera abusos contra ellos, o bien, que los miembros de su corte aspiraran a cargos de poder. Por su testimonio cristiano y cuidado por los pobres, el Papa Silvestre II lo coronó rey de Hungría y es venerado, hasta la fecha, como su patrono.

—Miguel Arias

LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

15 de agosto

El Papa Pío XII definió a la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María como dogma de la fe católica el 1º de noviembre de 1950. “la Virgen Inmaculada... terminado el curso de su vida en la tierra, fue asunta en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial” (*Dogma de la Asunción*, 44).

NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL CAMINO

11 de agosto

Originalmente adornaba un pequeño santuario de familia, pero ahora la imagen de la *Madonna della Strada* (Nuestra Señora del Camino) ahora reside en la iglesia de Gesù en Roma, la iglesia madre de los jesuitas.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

Scripture Readings

Sunday Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

—James Field



HYMNS

Gathering : Praise My Soul the King of Heaven #551

Offertory: The Servant Song #386

Communion: Eat this Bread #323

Sending Forth: Blest Be the Lord #580

OUTSIDE NEWS

Abbey Fest – September 20, 2025

This year, our annual AbbeyFest is being held on the beautiful grounds of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. The Shrine grounds will be transformed into a festival atmosphere featuring amazing music, Catholic and Christian vendors, the presence of religious orders of priests and sisters, food trucks, family and kid-friendly activities, games, and an overall sense of the love of Christ. Also present are dozens of priests hearing confessions, along with prayer teams to support you in prayer. One of the most unique aspects of AbbeyFest is its engaging atmosphere for children, teens, youth groups and families to experience the fullness of faith and truth in Jesus Christ.

Join us in our mission and experience AbbeyFest. Visit <http://www.theabbeyfest.com> to register!

Corpus Christi

900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale

Presents Lunch and Bingo– September 20, 2025

Admission: \$40.00 (includes lunch and bingo)

Doors open at 9:00AM Bingo starts at Noon

Door Prizes 50/50 Pull Tabs

For advanced sales and Table Reservations call:

Laurie Ponticello 610-584-5694

email:geraldponticello@comcast.net

Catholic Women's Conference 2025

10 Year Anniversary Saturday, October 18, 2025—

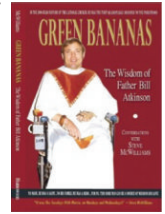
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA Our theme is "Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age" based on the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age. At this year's conference, we will explore the beauty of our feminine genius and the unique position of Catholic women, transformed by Christ, to bring the light of the Gospel to a society that no longer knows it needs Him. Breakout sessions will feature examples of holy Catholic women who lived this reality in the midst of their own apostolic times.

Visit <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org/> To learn mor, volunteer and to register!

Father Bill Atkinson's Cause for Canonization:

Please continue to pray for his intercession.. For favors received or for more information, write Fr. Bill's Cause-Augustinian Provincial Offices PO Box 340- Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 www.augustinian.org

As you know we continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'.



Pray for our Nation

Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, *"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend"*. May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!



Lansdale Catholic HS Class of '70- 55th Reunion

Come join us for laughter and reconnecting! Saturday September 27, 2025 - 2 PM to 5 PM Smokehouse Tavern, 155 Pennbrook Pky Lansdale, PA \$35 cash at door - Call or text RSVP by September 13th : Marianne Monzo - 215-872-0883 or Pat O'Hara - 267- 973-0378 or Louise Linden - 215-933-8606

Bishop McDevitt

50th Reunion Celebration

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Time: 5:00-9:00 PM

Location: Sandy Run Country Club

200 E. Valley Green Road

Oreland, PA 19075

Cost: \$75.00 per person Includes: Buffet Dinner (cash bar) Dress Code: Country Club Casual

RSVP by October 1 by mailing your check to:

Mary Pat Wilkinson

P.O. Box 5

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Please make checks payable to Mary Pat Wilkinson.

Also accepting Zelle – Mpwilk0211@aol.com

Please include your contact information with your payment and maiden names for the ladies.

Let's reconnect and celebrate 50 years of memories, laughter and Lancer Pride.

Any questions contact:

Mary Pat Wilkinson - mpwilk0211@aol.com

Audrey Brabson Durkin - abd328@gmail.com

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