



PRESENTATION BVM

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 11:30 AM

St. Joseph: 10 AM

Daily: 6:30 AM (Adoration Chapel) Mon. through Fri.
10:00 AM (Adoration Chapel) Tues. and Thurs.
8:00 AM (Adoration Chapel) Sat.

St. Joseph: 10:00 AM Mon., Wed., Fri.

Holyday: No Vigil Mass at Presentation

Holyday: 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM

(Except Christmas & New Year's Day)

St. Joseph: Vigil Mass, 7:30 PM

Holyday: 10:00 AM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Each Saturday following the Rosary at 7:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM

Baptismal Instructions: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the rectory. Pre-registration is required; please contact the Rectory.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months before the date of the wedding.

Deadline for Publication

The deadline for publication in the parish bulletin is Monday at 11am. You can submit your notices either by email or by dropping them off at the rectory. (Previously published bulletins are available on the parish website.)
bulletin.pbvm@gmail.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, 8 am - 1 pm
Thursday and Friday – No Office Hours
No evening hours

March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: I Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

God chooses David, Jesse's youngest son, to be His anointed one, and Samuel complies. This story also contains an element of fear of Saul.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

There is a clear contrast made between Christian and pagan life in terms of light and darkness.

Gospel John 9: 1-41

The essence of the "sixth sign" is not simply that a man's sight is restored, but that light is given to one who has never had it. The Pharisees ironically illustrate true blindness, not of the eyes but of the heart.

Reflection:

We cannot predict or define God's saving presence in the world. The Pharisees couldn't imagine that God was present in Jesus, or that the blind man could discern the presence and actions of God better than they could. God is bigger and greater than any of us could imagine. The more profound darkness is to claim to have all the answers. Adapted for our purposes, this Lent we might pose the blind man's question this way, "Who are you, Lord, that we might believe?" For we always are in need of more sight – more light on the "subject!"

So we ask ourselves:

- Do I see Christ's presence in people and places that surprise me?
- What person(s) has helped me "see" and grow in faith?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 28 – MARCH 29			
	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM			Luiz Gonzalez, Mary Alice Windish Sheila Meehan
8:30 AM			Beatrice Ramirez, Gus Ramirez, Patty Walsh, Dolores Gambescia
11:30 AM			Rhonda White, Annette Foley Patricia Skiendzielewski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

6:30 Dolores Landgrebe
10:00 Timothy Miller

Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:30 Hugh Campbell
10:00

Friday, March 27, 2020

6:30 Joseph Boardman
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, March 28, 2020

8:00 Souls in Purgatory

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Please keep in your daily prayers, those who are sick and in need of God's healing touch.



Rita Marie Smith, Joanna DeNofa, Donna McGonigle, Joey Lanzi, Chris Vogel, Patty Rowley, Bill Mahoney, Stanley Grey, Howard Stickley III, Bob Gottschalk, Mary Rowland, Josephine D. Smith, Michael R. Smith, Fred Henderson, Theresa Noraka, Ann Schlimer, Matthew Balent, Ethel Thomas, James White, Ann Ruocchio, Brian Hinchey, Patricia Wilbert, Debbie Chakler, Mary McGlenn, Norah Mason, Stanley Hrynko, Eileen S. Smith, Marie Verna, Eileen Myer, Ethel Iannuzzi, Joan Unterkofler, Joseph Affet, Regina Carberry, Julia Michel, Edward Anstotz, Steven Specht Jr., Bill Bamberg, Russel Kahny, Mary Ellen Murphy, Aiden Smith-Kirk, Anthony Piotrowski, Andrew Mamrol, Jaime Loyola, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Sr. Marie Cella, Mary Hillenbrand

COLLECTION AMOUNTS	
March 15, 2020	
March 8, 2020	\$4,164
March 1, 2020	\$4,451
February 23, 2020	\$5,014



Parish Code: Z4NTN



Pres Events		
	Parish	School
Sun., 03/22		Closed through Friday, March 27, 2020. Go to each teacher's website for flexible instruction assignments for your child(ren).
Mon., 03/23	nbAA/NA Meeting, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm (RMR)	
Tues., 03/24	Holy Hour, 8 pm (Chapel);	
Wed., 03/25	Wounded by Addiction- 7:30 – 8:30 pm (RMR);	
Thurs., 03/26	Scripture Study, 7:15 pm (RMR)	
Fri., 03/27		
Sat., 03/28		

Pray for Life

Fourth Saturday, March 28, 6:30 am -7:30 am, at the abortion clinic on Tabor below Broad (behind Einstein Hospital).

SCRIP HOURS during the Pandemic

Wednesday, morning
Saturday and Sunday, in-between Masses

Adoration Chapel Hours

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Chapel as follows:

Monday: 12 noon - 9 pm
Tuesday: 2 pm - 10 pm
Thursday: 7 am - 10 am; 3 pm - 10 pm
Friday: 7 am - 6 pm

The Chapel is locked in the late afternoon and evening. Please knock on the door or window and the person inside will let you in.

Presentation BVM Open House Date

Come and see why your choice should be Pres!
 Wednesday, 4/22/2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

Father Sokolowski's Visit

Please join us the weekend of March 28, 2020, to hear Father Sokolowski speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father was ordained in 1965 for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He taught philosophy for over 25 years. Before joining Food for the Poor, he served as a pastor in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia" 1. Christ 2. Isaiah 3. Mt. Tabor 4. prophet 5. St. Maria Goretti

2019 Year End Contribution Report

The year-end report of contributions in 2018 is available at now. In order to obtain this report, please complete the information request on the form below and return it to the rectory. For purposes of clarity, this form is the only way we can honor your request.

2019 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we request this report for:

Name of Household or Individual _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Lent at Presentation BVM

Rice Bowl Collection Boxes Best Lent Ever

Sign up for this free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent.
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

Message from Archbishop Perez

As the Archbishop of Philadelphia, my first priority is to ensure the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church. So, in light of the developing Coronavirus pandemic, a decision has been made to suspend the public celebration of all Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the time being. Priests will continue to offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass during this period and to honor all requested Mass intentions. Churches can remain open as a location for private prayer at the discretion of the pastor. Baptisms, Confessions, Marriages, and Funerals will take place as usual but with due regard for the limitation of participants and social distancing.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

(For the faithful who are temporarily unable to receive the Eucharist)
"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Operation Rice Bowl



Meet Maria Ana.

Maria Ana begins each morning by thanking God for a new day. After saying her prayers and taking a bath, she helps her mother make tortillas before she puts on her uniform and walks to school with her two younger brothers. "I feel happy when I'm studying," says Maria Ana, whose favorite subjects are math, science, and physical education. In school, Maria Ana also learns about ways she and her family can stay healthy, including washing fruits and vegetables before eating them. And, Maria Ana is able to bring some of that nutritious food home with her, thanks to the CRS school lunch program. Maria Ana is especially grateful to her father, Don Cristobal, for working hard to send her to school. "My father works every day to support us, to provide the food that we need and to earn money to pay for school."

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players Returns

Join us as we screen the next two Pivotal Players of Catholicism: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and writer, Flannery O'Connor. Sessions will include prayer, video, and small group discussion and run approximately 90 minutes.

When: 5 consecutive Wednesdays, starting April 1,

Immediately after the 8:30 am Mass or at 7 pm

Where: Resurrection of Our Lord Church, lower sacristy.

For planning purposes email Valorie at totsdaski@aol.com

Father Judge High School News

Spring Open House- Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

7th Grade Practice Scholarship Test- April 18 or 19

5th & 6th Junior Crusader Day- Wednesday, May 6, 2020

More Info and Registration: fatherjudge.com (Admissions)

A Summer Week-long Catholic Family Vacation Retreat

Join together with other families for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities. Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** (*beach is only 1/2 block from our house*) are part of all family retreats.

When: Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 22 through end of August.

Note: There is a special week for Single-parent families, July 13-18.

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ

Cost* for the week: \$220pp ages 8+; \$150 ages 2-7; under 2 free. *Price includes meals, room, program, beach access and more!

Financial Aid is available.

More Info: To sign up or for more information:
www.capemaymarianists.org
or email: mfr@capemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829

Nazareth Academy H.S. Spring Open House

Prospective students and their families will have an opportunity to view on-of-a-kind student art work displayed throughout our school and to meet faculty, staff, coaches, current students, and current parents. Light refreshments will be served.

When: Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 6 pm – 8 pm

RSVP- NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215-268-1026 or Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org

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Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program

The Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program is a ten-day residential, college-accredited summer program offering Catholic men, juniors, and seniors in high school, an opportunity to study the great texts of the Catholic tradition, introducing them to our rich intellectual and spiritual heritage. Spending 10 days living in seminary dorms, attending daily Mass and prayer, and daily seminar classes, participants are invited into the great conversation of the western tradition. Our 2020 theme is "City of God, City of Man: Christianity and politics". July 6-16, 2020, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA. Applications are now being accepted. For more information, visit philadelphiacatholicsscholars.org.

Total Joint Replacement Education Class

You are invited to attend this class if you are considering a total hip or knee replacement or if you are already scheduled to have one of these procedures at Jeanes Campus. The class will include a discussion of the benefits of total joint replacement; what can be expected in the hospital and after discharge; a tour of the unit and time for your questions.

When: April 14, May 12, 11 am – noon
April 28, May 26, 6 pm – 7 pm

Where: The Orthopaedic Center at Temple University Hospital – Jeanes Campus

Pre-registration is required. Call 215-728-3944. We will call you to confirm your attendance.

Reflection on Today's Gospel by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The poet Ogden Nash definitely displayed his sense of humor when he interpreted a major truth of the Bible when he composed these pithy lines:

*How odd
of God
to choose
the Jews.*

Lest my purpose of quoting Nash be misconstrued, the word "odd" here simply means "differing in nature from what is ordinary, usual, or expected." Among the other nations existing at the time, God could have made other choices from among the more dominant and sophisticated ones like Egypt, Assyria or Babylon. Instead he chose the Jews, with their relatively insignificant numbers; their odd monotheism, and their demanding ethics. They became, and remain God's chosen people. We must remember that among their number are Joseph and Mary and Jesus; the Twelve Apostles; and Jesus' cousin John the Baptist among others.

Within their little nation, the Jews made class distinctions. The religiously educated, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees, were assumed to be holier and therefore superior in many ways to the ordinary folk. Evidence of this appears in the famous Johannine story of the unnamed blind man, read this year in the "A" cycle of Scripture Readings.

The story is one of John's "signs" or miracle stories, all featuring proofs of Jesus' powers and identity. It also offers us good evidence that God's choices usually differ from our own. We might never have picked a blind beggar as an example of an evangelist, which he became.

This whole matter of God's choices at variance with ours is sprinkled so liberally all through both Testaments that we can safely call it a biblical theme. This weekend's First Reading story of God's choosing "ruddy and handsome young David, the baby of Jesse's family" as Saul's successor. We might well have picked one of the older more experienced sons. The Gospel story is complimentary to this one, as happens by design.

As we listen again to all the trials the stubborn Pharisees put the poor former blind man through without any joy expressed over his healing it becomes obvious who the really blind people are. We get a significant clue as to what we can expect when we choose to respond to our baptism and witness to Jesus in our very secular culture. Just try explaining to a non-practicing Catholic why you do. Or even the reaction to the same from your own family. Honest introspection inevitably leads us to conclude how odd of God it is that He chooses us to be His spokespersons. But that's exactly what He has done. The question arises: what are we going to do about it?

How will we express your belief to various people? At times, will we speak or be silent, especially when silence is enough? Will you act or not? Will you be careful to think before speaking?

Here is a practical thought from the motivational speaker Tony Robbins. "If you talk about it, it's a dream; if you envision it, it's possible; but if you schedule it, then it is real."

Theology Trivia

1. The Church is a part of the Mystical Body of _____?
2. Who is called the "Prophet of the Messiah?"
3. Where was Jesus transfigured before Peter, James, and John?
4. When we are baptized, we take on the roles of priest, _____, and king.
5. Which teenage female saint died resisting sexual abuse?

(Answers on p. 3)

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