



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

August 23, 2020 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22: 19-23

The prophet denounces Shebna, a high court official, for obstructing his message. Then Isaiah chooses Eliakim to succeed Shebna. He gives Eliakim "the key" for entrance to the royal presence, a badge of his newfound authority.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36

Paul composes a hymn of admiration and thanksgiving for God's amazing providence. God is nobody's debtor. Nor does He need consultants before acting. Paul ends the section with a doxology.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Against the backdrop of the sophisticated, mostly Gentile city built by tetrarch Philip to honor Caesar, Jesus conducts "an opinion poll" of His chosen disciples. Simon Peter (retaining here part of his old name) confesses the right response to Jesus' question and receives both praise and "the keys" to the kingdom of heaven and all that implies.

Reflection:

Jesus is not just a wise teacher or another prophet like John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah. In our accepting Christ as "the Son of the living God" and receiving the grace God offers us in him, we can change our lives and affect the world around us. We can more and more show the person of Jesus to the world so that others will also come to acknowledge him as "the Son of the living God."

So we ask ourselves:

- What response would we give if Jesus were to ask us what he asked Peter? "But who do you say that I am?"
- What changes must I make so that others will experience me as a person who believes that Jesus is "the Son of the living God?"

Readings for the Week – August 23, 2020

Can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/>. Just click on the calendar date.

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel except for Saturday morning. Then it is celebrated in the Church

Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, August 24, 2020, Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:30 Michael Connolly
10:00

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

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

Thursday, August 27, 2020. Memorial of St. Monica

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00

Friday, August 28, 2020, Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, August 29, 2020, Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Thomas and Marie Magras

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

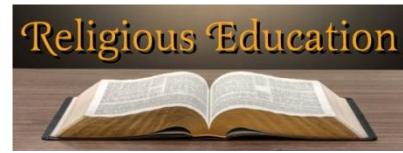


Joseph Affet, Edward Anstotz, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Regina Carberry, Sr. Marie Cella, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Bob Gottschalk Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Mary Hillenbrand, Brian Hinchey, Stanley Hrynko, Ethel Iannuzzi, Russel Kahny, Joey Lanzi, Jaime Loyola, Mary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

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Pres Events, 08/23 – 08/29	
Parish	School
Mass schedule as usual. No evening meetings or services until further notice.	Check the school website for important opening information. presentationbvmschool.org



PREP Registration 2020-2021

PREP registration is due for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send Mary Ciamaichelo an email or call for more information. This includes Levels 1 – 7 & HS.

More Info: marycPBVMprep@gmail.com or 215-749-0804

Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

The Lord always remains close to us and provides us ways to receive His grace even when we cannot attend Mass in person. <http://archphila.org/resources/> Mass will continue to be available via livestream if you are unable to physically attend Mass. [facebook.com/stjoescheltenham](https://www.facebook.com/stjoescheltenham)



SUPPORT THE PARISH!

Our parish can now offer online giving. Sponsored by the catholic foundation of

greater philadelphia, you can support our parish by visiting www.thecfpg.org/parish. Using your credit card or ach/direct debit from your bank account, you'll be able to make a one-time contribution or setup a recurring gift to be processed during the covid-19 pandemic so that presentation bvm parish, Cheltenham can receive a steady avenue of support. **Be sure to select the correct presentation bvm in the dropdown menu** - there are two presentation bvm parishes in the archdiocese - but only one presentation bvm-cheltenham.

Chapel Hours

The chapel will be open from 8 am until 7 pm daily for personal prayer. Should the chapel become too crowded, the Church will open for the same hours;

Scrip Hours until September

Tuesday: 8:30 am – 10:00 am; Wed.: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am – 10:00 am; Friday: 8:30 am – 10:00 am;
Sunday: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Missing Vases

Two matching clear glass vases are missing from the windowsill in the sacristy. These particular vases, because they are smaller than most on the windowsill, were used for the children's May Procession flowers and also for the Memorial Liturgy held every year in November. They also worked well for flowers donated from parishioners' gardens. The vases were noticed missing on March 16, 2020. If you borrowed them, kindly return them. Thank you.

Presentation Choirs

Adult Choir will resume with practice on Tuesday, September 29th, at 7 pm in church. The first choir Mass will be on Sunday, October 4th: 10:30 practice, 11:30 am Mass. *Please note we will observe social distancing with masks.* If you are ages high school and up, please consider adding your voice to our liturgies. The Adult Choir sings once a month and at Christmas and Holy Week.

Liturgical Children's Choir (Grades 3 – 8) sign-ups and schedule TBA. Please stay tuned and consider joining.

More Info (about either choir): Call Melanie Capoferri at 215-635-1681 or email mcapoferri@juno.com

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham/>

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. Examine 2. Faith 3. Gabriel 4. Intercedes 5. Canonization

Parish Support Initiative

The Parish Support Initiative was created to assist parishes in maintaining sustainable financial support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia launched this program in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It offers our parish another stream of revenue outside of the ordinary Sunday envelopes. And this is in addition to the current electronic giving platform already in use by many of our parishioners. The added feature of this new initiative is that it opens the door for others to support our parish, i.e. not just parishioners but also businesses and private commercial interests. It is a wonderfully broad instrument for furthering the financial stability of our parish.

THANK YOU to all who have been making sacrifices, as your condition allows, to continue the financial support that we need.

I invite you to consider making use of either of these new projects to help us stay solvent, especially now when actually getting to Mass each Sunday is very difficult, if not impossible. The electronic giving can be arranged with your own bank and the Parish Support Initiative can be accessed at SupportMyParish.org. (presentation bvm-cheltenham.)

~ Father Harrison

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."

~ News from Presentation BVM School ~

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The Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus

Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm.



Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (1 Pet 5:7). Amen.

Blood Drive



We need blood more than ever. You can help save up to three lives!

When: Thursday, August 28, 2020; 2: pm – 7 pm

Where: Presentation BVM Church Hall

Covid 19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.
Amen.

Open Wide Our Hearts

The Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter Against Racism called *Open Wide Our Hearts* is a powerful invitation for all the people of God to "face courageously the vice of racism, ... reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist. Visit uscbb.org/racism

Food for the Poor

Please join us the weekend of September 26, 2020, to hear Rev. William R. 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.
Fr. Sokolowski was ordained in 1965 for the Archdiocese of Hartford and taught Philosophy for over 25 years. Before joining Food for the Poor, he served as a pastor in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Eucharistic Congress Postponed

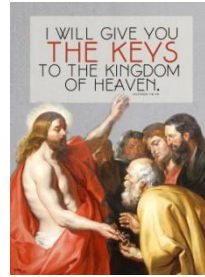
The Eucharistic Congress that was scheduled for October 9-10, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul has been postponed due to COVID-19 virus.
~Sister Gabrielle Mary, RSM Delegate for Consecrated Life, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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Theology Trivia

1. It is important to _____ your conscience.
2. Which theological virtue helps us to believe in God?
3. Which archangel asked Mary to be the Mother of God?
4. Mary _____ for us with God.
5. What is the declaration by the Pope that a person is now a saint?

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



The curtain has long been raised on the quadrennial feast for political pundits and most of TV's "talking heads." It's called "pre-election polling." Everybody joins in on the speculation about the November election winner, even though they readily admit that polling is inexact (there's always a margin of error) and therefore uncertain enough to fuel their

sage analysis and any presumed powers of prediction. Who will be our next Chief Executive? Or, if you prefer, our next Commander-in-chief? Our next exalted "National Mood and Spirit Setter?" What will be the surname of the next man whose words and actions will always be the lead story of the Evening News? Only time will tell.

Nevertheless, polls of all kinds seem to grab our interest, even if we disagree with the results because of our family backgrounds, personal preference, or any number of other reasons. We're all unlikely to change our preconceived opinions, whether we're discussing dish detergents, deodorants, or the daily stock averages. Yet we still listen for the poll results. We want to know what other people think. We either agree with or reject the results.

Now along comes this famous gospel passage from St. Matthew, which can be interpreted as Our Lord taking a poll of His disciples about His identity, in which He uses of Himself that enigmatic title "the Son of Man." The Apostles rattle off the various accepted "labels" Jesus has thus far acquired. Jesus is not impressed until Simon Peter chimes in with what he believes. Unknown to the future Prince of the Apostles, his answer was inspired by the Holy Spirit. With that characteristic authority in His voice, Jesus changes Peter's name and confers on him "the keys", that is, the full authority to bind and loose as heaven (God) would. I can only imagine Peter's startled face and astounded mind.

Two points for reflection emerge in my own mind. First, what is my personal answer to Our Lord's polling query, in the context of being a Catholic Christian in our modern confused culture? As members of a Church with documented failures to fully reflect that kingdom even by our own hierarchy? As a mature adult long removed from childhood images of Christ and long-frayed holy cards?

Second, what do I believe is Jesus' analysis of us in all this? Do we think He is angry because our faith has occasionally slipped a notch or two? That our hope has been invested more in scientific technology than in His loving providence? That our charity has been confined to a narrow definition with an even more narrow perspective on our fellow human beings? Wherever this self analysis might lead, the fact of the Eucharist tells us we are very much loved unless we reject that love.

Here's a kind of poll taken with quick analysis and decisive action. A little boy walked down the beach one fine August day, and as he did, he spied a matronly woman sitting under a beach umbrella in the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Yes." "Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes." "Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered "Yes." With that he asked his final question, "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?" God love you and give you His peace!

