

## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30, 2020 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Here is a “confession” of the St. Augustine sort, in which the prophet reveals the pains and bothersome elements of his calling. He says he feels “duped” or “tricked” by God. In fulfilling his mission, he faced many persecutors, and yet the urge to preach was irresistible, so he has carried on.

### Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Christian life is supposed to be a sacrifice offered to God. Also, we are not to conform to the passing world, but to the things of the life to come that will last. We are therefore to be inwardly transformed.

### Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Peter, only having recently proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, now becomes an unwitting obstacle to the Lord’s mission. How? By remonstrating Jesus when He says His mission involves the cross. Jesus goes on to describe Peter’s discipleship, and ours, as a matter of taking up our own cross, whatever that might be.

### Reflection:

It is clear we can’t take the cross out of our religion. We can’t take it out of our daily consciousness either. We may not suffer on the same kind of cross Jesus did or be martyred the way so many who have followed him have been. But still, Jesus tells us we must each take up our cross and follow him – and the cross costs. The cross is not simply something we wear as an accessory around our necks. The cross will cost us if we follow what Paul tells us today.

### So we ask ourselves:

- Do I wear a cross around my neck or have one on the wall of a room at home?
- Why? What does that visible symbol of Christ’s suffering mean to me?
- How does it affect my daily life – what I do and the decisions I make?

### Readings for the Week – August 30, 2020

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

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



### 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 30, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society  
11:30

#### Monday, August 31, 2020

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

#### Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:30 Arlene Hudson  
10:00

#### Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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

#### Thursday, September 3, 2020, Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Souls in Purgatory  
10:00

#### Friday, September 4, 2020

6:30  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Saturday, September 5, 2020

8:00 Thomas and Mary Donahue

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

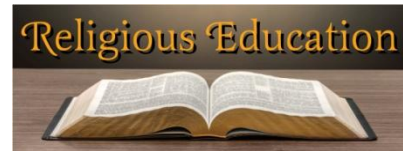


Joseph Affet, Edward Anstotz, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Regina Carberry, Sr. Marie Cella, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Bob Gottschalk Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Mary Hillenbrand, Brian Hinchey, Stanley Hrynko, Ethel Iannuzzi, Russel Kahny, Joey Lanzi, Jaime Loyola, Mary 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, 08/30 – 09/05	
Parish	School
Mass schedule as usual. No evening meetings or services until further notice.	Check the school website for important opening information. <a href="http://presentationbvmschool.org">presentationbvmschool.org</a>



### 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](mailto: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)


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 215-379-3798

### 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.”*

### Videos of Catholic School Reopening Plans

[https://catholicphilly.com/2020/08/news/local-news/videos-lay-out-details-of-catholic-school-reopeningplans/?ct=\(CatholicPhilly.com\\_Vol\\_9\\_No\\_7\\_8\\_21\\_2020\)](https://catholicphilly.com/2020/08/news/local-news/videos-lay-out-details-of-catholic-school-reopeningplans/?ct=(CatholicPhilly.com_Vol_9_No_7_8_21_2020))

### 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](http://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.

### 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.



### 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;

### Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Courses for Engaged Couples

We are thrilled for you and your upcoming marriage! The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*, a thorough, enjoyable, and comprehensive program, which discusses practical “life skills” and the sacramentality of marriage. The purpose of Marriage Preparation is to introduce you to the theology behind the sacrament and give you practical advice using sound psychology that will equip you for your life journey together. All courses are being delivered in a live online format until further notice.  
**When:** September 11-12, October 9-10, October 23-24, November 6-7 and December 4-5, 2020  
**For more information and to register, visit:** [phillycatholicmarriageprep.com](http://phillycatholicmarriageprep.com)

### 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

### Presentation Choirs

**Adult Choir** will resume with practice on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in church. The first choir Mass will be on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:mcapoferri@juno.com)

### Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.”  
 – Sr. Lucia of Fatima  
 Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic.  
**When:** Monday through Thursday at 8 PM  
**For more details and log-in:** <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>



Visit Presentation BVM Parish’s FaceBook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham/>

**Ans. to this week’s “Theology Trivia”**  
 1. St. Katherine Drexel 2. St. Matthew 3. Annunciation  
 4. Ash Wednesday 5. Aspirations

## 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](http://uscbb.org/racism)

### 33 Days to Greater Glory-Virtual Study

Adult Faith Discussion being offered in person as well as virtually on Zoom. We will delve into the deep meaning of John's Gospel as he leads us to the Father: In this third installment of his 33-day consecration series, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, leads us, in the company of St. John in a consecration to our Heavenly Father through Jesus the Son. There is no cost to participate. Please purchase the book on your own and also have a Catholic edition of the Bible.

**When:** Tuesdays September 22, 29, October 6, 13 and 20; 9:30 am -11:00 am

**Location:** St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Media, PA, or via Zoom

**More info:** Please email Nicky Verna at [nicky@verna.com](mailto:nicky@verna.com) or [610-639-3816](tel:610-639-3816) (call or text) to confirm your attendance and for the Zoom access information.

### 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.

### Holy Hour for the Election: 50 People, 50 States, One Hour

Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! Please kindly RSVP if you plan to attend at the link below.

**When:** Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 2:00-3:00 PM, Solemnity of All Saints

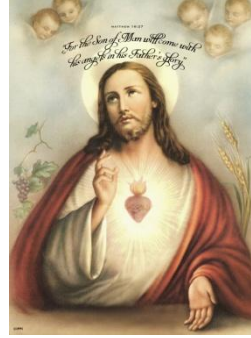
**Where:** Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA

**More Info:** Please RSVP if you plan to attend at: [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events)

### Theology Trivia

1. Name the saint who worked with African American and Native American people.
2. Which saint was a tax collector who became a follower of Jesus?
3. Name the feast which commemorates when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.
4. What is the first day of Lent?
5. What are short prayers invoking the name or title of a saint?

## Reflection on Sunday's Gospel by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Cliches. Those words or phrases that pop up in our conversations springing from a collection of them we've acquired over time. We are as comfortable with them as when we're wearing an old pair of loafers, which we might have done throughout the recent Covid lock down. Some common examples: "Let's touch base." "I'm like a kid in a candy store." "We're not laughing at you, we're laughing with you" and "Read between the

lines." I'd like to apply just one for our reflection: "Honesty is the best policy."

Supposedly that last one originated with our own Ben Franklin. But Shakespeare had written much earlier: "If I lose mine honor I lose myself." Mark Twain typically adds a touch of sardonic humor: "Honesty is the best policy when there's money in it." Our sage Thomas Jefferson is appropriately thoughtful: "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." Finally, Mother Saint Teresa tells us; "Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest anyway."

For my purpose, I refer to Our Lord's dictum, not a cliché at all I think, that to be His disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." Once again, we have here a case of Our Lord Jesus being totally, if not brutally honest. So transparent that He sets the bar rather high on what it really means to be a disciple, you might add to be a brother or sister to Him. Yes, honesty is the best policy but not the most likable.

I always had a suspicion that there is a tamping down of this belief among some popular televangelists. I think you know the ones whom I mean. The backdrop of their often "feel good" sermons before an adoring crowd never features a cross, much less a crucifix (and there is a difference!) There is rarely a mention of taking up a cross in one's daily life, because Christianity for them is always pure joy and happiness. Some assign material prosperity as a guarantee of gospel living. It's all indirectly resurrection and very little passion and death. Perhaps I exaggerate but it is how I perceive them.

We know better. And if we're transparently honest, living out Christianity is not easy all the time. Especially in our present Western culture, which identifies wealth as a sign of one's value and importance. We applaud the limousine riders of our day, even rushing to take a "selfie" with them whenever possible. Who among us would rush toward a beaten Man wearing a crown of thorns that makes His blood trickle down to His eyes?

On the other hand, true honesty has to admit that while belief in uniting one's suffering with that of Christ (the old "offer it up" line) may ease the pain, it does not remove it. Ask any martyr. But at least we know the pain can be spiritually enriching. I think of that every time I'm in the dentist's chair. But wherever you think of it, hold on to it as the honest truth. It's not a cliché.

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, and shouts in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." (C. S. Lewis, *The Problem Pain*) God love you, and give you His peace!

