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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

September 13, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7

This section of the Israelite Wisdom literature matches the Christian imperative. It certainly is our duty to forgive others, and not to hold grudges or to hate one's neighbor.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9

The liberating act of Christ, by way of which He freed us from bondage to sin and death, has enabled us to live for God. That is the basis of life in a Christian society.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

This instructional parable, with its three "acts," teaches us first that God's patience is a gift to us, and also that we have an obligation to imitate God's mercy by our forgiving attitude.

Reflection:

Reflecting on the gift of forgiveness God has given us, might enable us to forgive the debts we hold against others. Being changed by the forgiveness God always makes available to us, can enable us to forgive, the way God does, free of charge.

So we ask ourselves:

- What experience have I had of getting something for free that I needed, didn't earn, or deserve?
- Was I changed and deeply affected by that experience?
- Was I moved in a similar way to be as generous to another?

Readings for the Week – September 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



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, September 13, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, September 14, 2020, Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

6:30 Thomas and Mary Donohue
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:30 Louis Appichella
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, September 17, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00

Friday, September 18, 2020

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

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:00

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.

G O D K N O W S
*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

Pres Events, 09/013 – 09/19		
	Parish	School
Sun., 9/13		
Mon., 9/14		Full Day; H&S Welcome Back event
Tues., 9/15	PREP, 6:45 pm - 8:05 pm, Opening Mass, Church	Band Parent Meeting, Virtual, 7 pm
Wed., 9/16		
Thurs., 9/17		Virtual Back to School Night, Grades 1- 8
Fri., 9/18		
Sat., 9/19		

Tabor Home Sunday

Next Sunday is **Tabor Home Sunday**. Socks and underwear—both men's and women's— are appreciated. Thank you for your faithful support of Tabor Home.

Scrip Hours

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

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.thecfcp.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

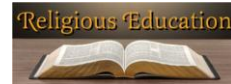
The chapel will be open from 8 am until 7 pm daily for personal prayer. Should the chapel become too crowded, the Church will open for the same hours.

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

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. prayer 2. The rosary 3. sacramentals 4. September 8th
5. three



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

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.

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.

Vaccine News

from USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

I am pleased to announce that the FDA recently approved Sanofi Pasteur's request to switch from using an aborted fetal cell line (MRC-5) to using an ethical animal cell line to produce its polio combination vaccines Pentacel and Quadracel. The drug company has also chosen to discontinue production of its stand-alone polio vaccine, Poliovax, that also used MRC-5 for its production, while retaining another stand-alone polio vaccine, IPOL, that is ethically produced. Furthermore, Sanofi-Pasteur's ongoing effort to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 also does not rely on cell lines linked to elective abortion.

As you may already know, the only vaccines readily available in the United States for some contagious diseases (e.g., rubella, chickenpox, and Hepatitis A) have been manufactured using fetal tissue from induced abortions. This creates a problem of conscience for some parents.

As recommended by the Pontifical Academy for Life in 2005 and reiterated in its 2017 *Note on Italian Vaccine Issue*, a long-term solution lies in working to ensure that future vaccines and other medicines are not based on cooperation with practices that demean human life.

I encourage you to send a thank you letter to the vaccine manufacturer at the address listed below. Any motivation to create additional morally acceptable products will certainly be strengthened if we can show a market demand for such alternatives.

Dr. John Shiver, Global Head of R&D
Sanofi Pasteur
Box 187 Discovery Drive
Swiftwater, PA 18370

The Sisters of St. Joseph Invite You to Celebrate *Laudato Si'* Year



Last May Pope Francis designated the period between May 24, 2020, and May 24, 2021, as *Laudato Si'* Year to commemorate the fifth anniversary of his landmark encyclical on the care for our common home. During this year of reflection the Sisters of St. Joseph will be providing excerpts each week from the encyclical along with reflection questions as one way for our parishioners to participate in this global commemoration.

To read and reflect on the full encyclical click here: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/apa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

September 13: The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. *Young people demand change.* They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. (LS #13)

Reflection: Who comes to mind when you think of people who have a concern for the environment? Discuss this excerpt with your local community, family or friends.

"Dear Mom and Dad" is a project for youth aimed at educating older generations through letters from those advocating for a better future for the planet: <https://www.dearmomanddad.org/about> Check out this website and then share it with youth you know.

Women's Wellness Weekend

Come join us for a relaxed weekend focusing on women's wellness. In addition to daily Eucharist and spiritual wellness activities/prayer services, there will be opportunities for nature walks, individual exercise, optional yoga/stretch, and, of course, healthy menu options

When: October 2 - 4

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212, 609-884-3829

Cost: \$140pp; everyone gets their own room.

Visit: www.capemaymarianists.org to register or call.

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Courses

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia offers the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*, which discusses practical "life skills" and the sacramentality of marriage. It will 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. (Live, on-line format)

When: September 11-12, October 9-10, October 23-24, November 6-7 and December 4-5, 2020

For more information: phillycatholicmarriageprep.com

Theology Trivia

1. Moses is a model of _____.
2. What do we call the prayer beads we use to honor Mary?
3. What are sacred signs?
4. When do we celebrate Mary's birthday?
5. How many persons are there in one God?
(Answers on p. 3)

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

You have likely heard the expression "the third rail" as denoting some sensitive topic. What does it mean? Technically, the term derives from an additional rail placed alongside regular track that supplies electric current to trains in some systems. At 600 volts, and always being "live", this rail is obviously something to avoid touching.



Informally, "the third rail" is used to denote an issue considered by politicians to be too controversial for them to discuss. An "untouchable" one that may cause same politician to suffer politically. A well-known example is Social Security. Any meddling here could prove disastrous. Especially when addressing our dependent senior citizens, a politician has to be wary.

In the spiritual realm, one might say that forgiveness of others is a "third rail" topic for a lot of Christians. We all know that Jesus called for it to be an essential part of following Him. We realize that we should practice it toward anyone who has offended us in the myriad ways that people can. We admit that such a thing is easier said than done. So a homily on the topic might lead us to think: "Talk about something else, Father, and thank you very much." But preach on it he must.

Have you ever bargained with the Lord this way: "Listen, dear Jesus, You don't understand. I bent over backwards in friendly outreach to that person. I actually spoiled them with my trust and affection, yet they went ahead and betrayed me behind my back. Really, now, must I forgive them?" I wouldn't be surprised to hear Jesus reply with one word: "Judas."

Sure, there is injustice galore in our world. Its values are topsy turvy with what they should be. Sinners succeed where others fail. In Scriptural terms, "evil has its hour." That evil comes to us in ways often small and unnoticed. I know people struggle with this matter in the confessional. They tell me stories of the betrayal and hurt, and then they add: "I cannot forgive." I try to comfort the penitent that they may be confusing their feelings with the objective act. They have to will forgiveness for the offender as Jesus directs us. He might add "Remember that I called Judas 'friend' right before his blistering kiss of betrayal."

When we are guilty of betraying Jesus through our sins, we can be consoled by the words of today's Responsorial: "The Lord is slow to anger and rich in compassion." Would that we could act the same!

No doubt, it is a burden to live with hurt. It is a true cross. But carry it we must, if only to understand just a little of the weight of the Cross Jesus carried. Trust always that He knows the pain we have and He will not only refresh us here below, but lift it away in His heaven to come.

A man named John Oglethorpe, a member of Parliament and the founder of the colony of Georgia, happened one day to be talking to John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church. Oglethorpe boasted "I never forgive anyone." To which Mr. Wesley sagely replied: "Then, Sir, I hope that you never sin."

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