

**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](mailto:bulletin.pbvm@gmail.com)

**Rectory Office Hours**

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

## September 20, 2020 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

These verses comprise the conclusion of the so-called “Book of Comfort” in Isaiah. We are told to seek the Lord outside of the sanctuary. God is so completely different from us, that it is unwise to ascribe motives or methods to Him that we might have. He is hidden, yet He is also close to us.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Paul writes that through his baptism he has “died” as it were to his former life, and now lives an existence completely taken over by Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

The parable we hear is all about God’s generosity and not about labor rights. His goodness comes to the fore in His love for the most needy.

### Reflection:

Each of us stands in need before God. Some are looking for forgiveness; others for healing from past injuries. During these pandemic days some may need courage, perseverance, hope, or relief. We are like the day laborers, we stand in need and hope we are chosen. The One in charge has noticed us and wants to be generous, beyond what we think we should receive. Our best response to God’s generosity is gratitude and the desire to be generous to others in similar need.

### So we ask ourselves:

- How aware am I of God’s generosity to me in my life?
- Can I name some gifts I have received from God that I am sure I didn’t earn or deserve?
- To whom must I be as generous?

### Readings for the Week – September 20, 2020

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

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32



### 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 20, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society  
11:30

#### Monday, September 21, 2020, Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

#### Tuesday, September 22, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory  
10:00

#### Wednesday, September 23, 2020, Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

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

#### Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:30 Franny Zancolli  
10:00

#### Friday, September 25, 2020

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

#### Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:00 James Flannery

### 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 McGlenn, 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.



Pres Events, 09/20 – 09/26		
	Parish	School
Sun., 9/20		
Mon., 9/21		
Tues., 9/22	PREP, 6:45 pm - 8:05 pm,	
Wed., 9/23		
Thurs., 9/24		School Picture Day
Fri., 9/25		
Sat., 9/26		First Communion, 10:30 am

### Pray for Life

**Fourth Saturday, Sept. 26,** 6:30 am -7:30 am, at the abortion clinic on Tabor below Broad (behind Einstein Hospital).



Support our School!

### Fall Scrip Hours

Monday: 8 am – 10 am;  
 Tuesday: 2 pm – 3 pm;  
 Wed.: 2 pm- 3 pm; 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
 Thursday: 8 am – 10 am;  
 Friday: 8 am – 10 am;  
 Saturday: closed; Sunday: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Scrip is also available on line 24/7. Please sign up at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The enrollment code is ADD783713749.

**More Info or Help:** Nicole Herbert, 215-939-3900 or Kathleen Hurst, 215 870-8252

### 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



### 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](http://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.

### 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

### Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. Triduum 2. Trinity 3. 8<sup>th</sup> 4. 5<sup>th</sup> 5. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 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.

### Bible Novena

The Word of God is living and speaks to each of us daily.

Each day, we turn to God and ask for His guidance and strength. This is accomplished no better than by turning to the Bible - the inspired word of God. Between September 2020 and May 2021, the Vocation Office will be praying an extended Novena, reading the entire Bible over the course of these 9 months, and we invite you to join us as we proclaim and hear the word of God and listen for His voice in our lives. Video reflections from local presenters will be made available to accompany your reflection.

**When:** September 2020 - May 2021, First and Third Sundays of each month

**Sponsored by:** The Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood

**More Info:** <https://heedthecall.org/BibleNovena/>

### Restore Culture Virtual Workshops

The Restore Culture Workshop is a **FREE** three-day online event. During this weekend, attendees will be invited to learn from experts on various topics related to life, love, family, and holiness, but also to hear personal testimonies and unique experiences from people of all backgrounds. This event is perfect for educators and youth mentors who work with teens and young people, but also for parents who want resources to help them form their children in some of the most sensitive and important truths of the Church on what it means to be human. We're covering topics like chastity, pornography, dating, marriage, parenting, healing and restoration, identity, and other social, cultural, and family issues.

**Speakers include:** Jason and Crystalina Evert, Sarah Swafford, Matt Lozano, Fr. Phil Bochanski, Fr. Boniface Hicks and many more!

**When:** September 25-27, 2020

**More info & registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/y4d3wedp>

### 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.

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

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



## 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: <https://tinyurl.com/vp3aw7a>

**September 20:** I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation, or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity. (LS #14)

**Reflection:** Use this excerpt as a springboard for dialogue this week in your family or with your friends.

Pope Francis suggests an examination of conscience here. Where do you notice indifference, powerful opposition, denial, nonchalant resignation, or obstructionist attitudes to the ecological crisis as you read/watch the news? Do you experience any of these feelings in you?

### 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

Come and join with amazing Keynote Matt Britton from 40 Days for Life National Leadership to kick off our Annual Fall Vigil. Hear from local Pro life leaders and understand why your presence is more important than ever.

**When:** Wed, September 23, 2020. 7 pm

**Where:** 1144 Locust Street -public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood, Philadelphia, PA 19107

**More Info:** Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia/> sign up for a prayer vigil time slot!

### Religious Liberty at the Supreme Court, Presented by The Eleanor H. McCullen Center for Law, Religion and Public Policy

The Supreme Court's 2019-20 term included major developments in the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. This webinar will discuss the three religious liberty cases that the Court decided this past summer as well as preview upcoming cases the Court will hear this year.

**When:** Thursday, September 24, 2020 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**More info:** Online event. Click here to register.

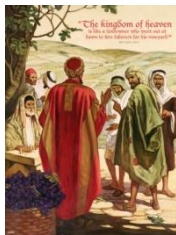
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### Theology Trivia

1. What are the three most important days in the Church year?
2. The sign of the cross is a prayer to the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Which commandment states that you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor?
4. Which commandment states that you shall not kill?
5. Which commandment states that you shall not take the name of the Lord in vain?

(Answers on p. 3)

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



When I was "one and twenty," a very long time ago, I was a seminarian naive to many ways of the world. On vacation at home one morning, my beloved Dad asked me questions about the very parable we hear this weekend. For background purposes, let me tell you that my Dad was a strong union man, and thought that was the workers' only protection against unfair management

practices. So how do I reconcile the Lord Jesus telling a story about what looks like a contradiction of justice?

I cannot remember my answer to Dad at the time. I'm sure I struggled to defend Jesus' decision. Admittedly, no seminary Scripture class in my time ever covered every verse in Scripture, much less this selection. It was only years later that I learned what Jesus was all about in telling this parable. It was to teach us about the remarkable generosity of God. It was the very same lesson that Isaiah had taught centuries before. God's ways are not ours. So it is futile to "frame" the picture painted by the parable with our modern labor laws, rights, and practices. We then would miss the Lord's point. In our time, overshadowed as it is by an enemy named Covid 19, we have been made aware of many people's generosity. They keep our cynicism in check. Health care workers, emergency responders, the transit workers, grocery store employees, and all the good police personnel bravely keep us safe.

But none of that goodness can match the generosity that our good and loving God offers us. His grace is the ultimate motivation of all those good people, and many others. There is a much older "virus" plaguing our lives called "sin." Yet He tells us still that one act of genuine sorrow and repentance turns back His just cause for eternal punishment and realigns our spirit with His. Such is His boundless generosity! We are far from it. Sadly many of us have a twisted attitude toward giving, especially forgiving.

*Once upon a time, a little girl was given two dollars by her father. He told her that she could do anything she wanted with one and that the other was to be given to God on Sunday at church. The girl nodded in agreement and asked if she could go to the candy store. With visions of all that she could buy with her dollar, she happily skipped toward the store, holding tightly to the two dollars in her hand. As she was skipping along, she tripped and fell and the wind blew one of the dollars into a storm drain at the curb. Picking herself up, the little girl looked at the dollar still in her hand and then at the storm drain and said, "Well. Lord, there goes your dollar."*

### Nazareth Academy HS News

Nazareth Academy High School will host its Virtual Open House on Saturday, October 17, 2020. This event provides prospective parents and students with an opportunity to get to know everything about Nazareth and all it has to offer, from academics to athletics and performing arts to traditions. Please visit [NazarethAcademyHS.org/FallOpenHouse](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/FallOpenHouse) to sign up. You will receive further information via email after signing up. For any questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan in the Admissions Office at 215-268-1026.

### Roman Catholic HS News

RCCHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Saturday, December 5, 2020

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