

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

September 27, 2020 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

In a question and answer format, the author deals both with people who repent of their evil, and those who turn to it. He provides his responses to both.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11, or 2: 1-5

The scholars tell us this beautiful passage Paul quotes is actually from an early Church hymn. The first part sings of the Lord's abasement; the second of His earned exaltation.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

This parable continues earlier stories in Matthew about the people who actually are part of God's kingdom. Jesus tells the religious leaders in his audience that "tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." The folks who look the least religious will enter God's kingdom ahead of religious leaders, because in the end they do God's will.

Reflection:

Did you notice in today's parable there is no mention of how things turned out when the first son changed his mind and went into the vineyard? How hard of a worker was he when he finally got to the vineyard to work?

Did he do what was expected of him? There are no standards or measurements of success laid out for us in this story. The emphasis is just on someone who changed his mind; who in the end, responded to an invitation.

Maybe that is what is pleasing to God: our desire to serve and our attempts, if at times feeble, to respond – while we leave plenty of room for God to step in and fill in the gaps. The big ones and the small ones.

So we ask ourselves:

- Shall we pray today for healing from past hurts caused by those who lied to us or disappointed us?
- And shall we ask for the ability to forgive them?

Readings for the Week – September 27, 2020

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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 27, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society

11:30

Monday, September 28, 2020

6:30 Father Robert Fitzsimmons

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 29, 2020, Feast of Saints

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

6:30 John Spadel

10:00

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, Memorial of St.

Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, October 1, 2020, Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 James Painter, Funeral

Friday, October 2, 2020, Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 Father Louis Ciaudelli

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, October 3, 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 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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<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham/>

Pres Events, 09/27 – 10/03		
	Parish	School
Sun., 9/27		
Mon., 9/28		
Tues., 9/29	PREP, 6:45 pm - 8:05 pm,	
Wed., 9/30		
Thurs., 10/01		
Fri., 10/02		
Sat., 10/03		

Vigil for Life

Christ the King from 7:00-10:00 am, Saturday, October 3rd.

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. 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](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.

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. Acts of the Apostles
2. Andrew
3. The Church
4. The Church
5. Guardian Angels

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 welcome Rev. William R. Sokolowski who will speak at all the services this weekend 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/>

Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Healing and Peace in Our City and Nation

Let us come before the Lord, truly present to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament, with all our many prayers and petitions for healing and peace within us and among us.

After 12:05 pm Mass, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed for adoration until 5 pm with the prayer of the Holy Rosary during each hour.

- **1 pm -2 pm** – Hour of Prayer for an End to Violence in our Neighborhoods (Joyful Mysteries)
- **2 pm -3 pm** – Hour of Prayer for an End to Divisions in our Families and Communities (Luminous Mysteries)
- **3 pm -4 pm** – Hour of Prayer for the Protection of Human Life, Marriage, and the Family (Sorrowful Mysteries)
- **4 pm - 5 pm** – Hour of Prayer an Outpouring of the Gift of Reconciliation in Our Nation (Glorious Mysteries)

When: Saturday, October 10, 2020, Noon - 6:30 pm

Where: Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Phila.

More info: All are welcome; no registration is required.

Free parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot.

<https://tinyurl.com/y6h36a8m>

or visit cathedralphila.org/eucharist.

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. 015 p. 3

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 27: Pollution, waste and the throwaway culture:

Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. (LS #21)

Reflection: This week notice how you participate in the "throwaway" culture. What paper and plastic items do you use once and throw away?

Take a walk in your neighborhood on trash day. Remind yourself that most of this trash will end up in a landfill somewhere. There is no "away" to throw anything.

Triduum in Honor of St. Therese (Feast Day, October 1)

Join the Philadelphia Carmelite Sisters for their annual Triduum honoring the Little Flower. Parking is available. The closing Mass will be a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass).

When: October 1, 2, 3; 6:40 pm Rosary; 7 PM Holy Mass

Where: Carmelite Monastery, 1400 66th Avenue, Philadelphia

More info: No registration required; All are welcome; <https://tinyurl.com/yyo8t9bm>

Nazareth Academy HS News

Nazareth Academy HS 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 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.

Father Judge HS News

All 8th grade students interested in attending Father Judge for the Class of 2025 must take the Scholarship Entrance Exam. All students who take the test will receive a free FJ mask! Pre-registration is required @fatherjudge.com

When: Thursday, October 8, and Thursday, October 15, from 4 pm – 7:15pm;

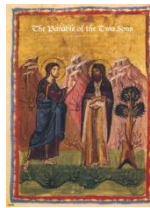
Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, from 9 am – 12:15 pm

Theology Trivia

1. Which book of the Bible contains a history of the early days of the Church?
2. Who was Peter's brother?
3. What do we call the congregation of baptized persons?
4. Who is the bride of Christ?
5. Who were given to us by God to protect us? We celebrate their feast on October 2nd?

(Answers on p. 3)

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



I remember the contrast so well, and how it made my brother come out on top. Mom would leave the kitchen where she was preparing our dinner, while we kids were gathered around the TV, rapt in attention to the likes of "Ramar, King of the Jungle" aimed at our age group. Mom would come into the living room and announce to me, "I need you to empty the garbage." Well, I'm ashamed to admit that I grumbled a little, but I grudgingly got up and did it. Obedience was vigorously endorsed in our family.

Now sometimes Mom would ask something similar of my younger brother at the usually unwelcome time. He was just as obedient, but he would simply say, "OK, Mom" minus grumble. So Mom would calmly return to her kitchen and my brother didn't miss a moment of Ramar's adventures. However, he would delay doing the job or even forget it. Surely that brought consequences. That little vignette comes to my mind as I reflect on this weekend's Gospel, even though there's no exact parallel.

Of course, the Gospel is not about childhood chores done or undone. But it is about the fact that our all-important eternal future depends on how we react to God's requests of us. How do we respond to Him? Do we renege on our commitment to Him when He makes demands of us? When He disturbs our spiritual equilibrium?

We know from experience that often what He asks of us comes with bad timing, or so we think. That's precisely when it is helpful to look for good example from good people. It is comforting for us sinners to note that difficult "chores" are asked even of the holiest people. God doesn't spare them the test.

Our Blessed Mother faced a momentous decision when the angel Gabriel came calling with the Lord's request. Not knowing anything more than the fact that her life was about to change completely, she gave her immediate "Fiat", "Let it be done to me." What strength, what faith, what trust in a young girl's beautiful soul! That's what God loved in her then and always will.

Nor was God's request one that made life easy for our noble St. Joseph. Think about his shock at Mary's news when she told him. Then ponder what he did in trusting obedience to God. In general, things haven't been much different for all the other saints, those known and unknown, who grace the history of our Church.

Our Lord asks us every day to change our mindset about how and when we are going to do His will. I daresay it is rarely if ever based on our convenience. So we need that readiness exemplified by the holy ones. That way we can hope to join them in heaven.

In St. Louis there is a railroad switchyard. One particular switch begins with just the thinnest piece of steel to direct a train away from one main track to another. If you were to follow these two tracks, however, you would find that one ends in San Francisco, the other in New York. Sin is like that. Just a small deviation from God's standards can place us far afield from our intended destination. No need to get lost, is there?

Roman Catholic HS News

RGHS Scholarship Entrance Exam:
Saturday, November 14, 2020
Sunday, November 22, 2020
Saturday, December 5, 2020

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