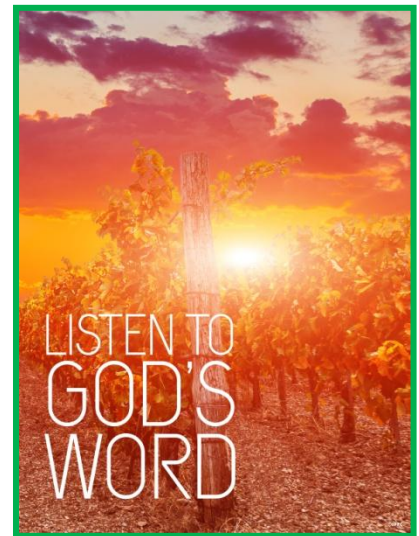


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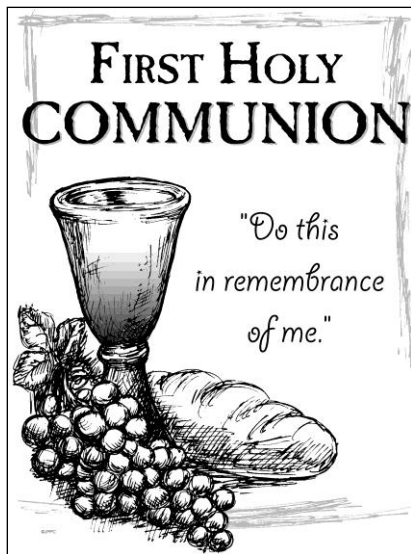


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September 26, 2020



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Aleah Santiago
Daniel Williams

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: 9:30 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: 9:30 AM



October 4, 2020 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

This “song” of the Lord’s vineyard is actually a parable, which contrasts the lavish care of Yahweh for His people with the people’s sinful response. It then speaks of future judgment.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

God’s peace is beyond our mental power to understand, but it accomplishes more than we can imagine. Paul commends his behavior as an example for his readers to follow.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Matthew inserts a quote from Isaiah’s “Song of the Vineyard” (Today’s First Reading) and then gives us Our Lord’s instructional parable. Ironically, the chief priests and elders render a harsh sentence for the wicked tenant that actually is intended for them. “The people” who inherit the vineyard also receive the promise of the kingdom.

Reflection:

Jesus is telling us something about God that we need to hear. God doesn’t give up on us, even when we have turned away from God. God is even willing to risk looking foolish in our eyes, willing to come again and again to us. God’s love doesn’t diminish, even when we reject God or live lukewarm lives of faith.

So we ask ourselves:

- Is there someone in my life who has been a persistent voice urging me to change?
- Is it possible in that person’s persistence, God is telling me to make some necessary changes in my life?

Readings for the Week – October 4, 2020

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

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 ; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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, October 4, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, October 5, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Anne McAna

Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Thursday, October 8, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00

Friday, October 9, 2020

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

Saturday, October 10, 2020

8:00 Catherine Reinsel

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 Schlimmer, 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.

Visit Presentation BVM Parish’s FaceBook page:

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

Pres Events, 10/04 – 10/10		
	Parish	School
Sun., 10/04		Fire Prevention Week
Mon., 10/05		
Tues., 10/06	PREP, 6:45 pm - 8:05 pm,	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 10/07		
Thurs., 10/08		
Fri., 10/09		
Sat., 10/10		

Food Cupboard Sunday

"When I was hungry, you gave Me to eat"

Please bring your food donations to Mass next weekend. Items most in need at the cupboard are peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, juice, cereal, rice, canned beans, and evaporated milk. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. The Church 2. Counsel or Right Judgement 3. Fortitude 4. John and James 5. St. John Paul II

BEREAVEMENT MASS

The annual parish Bereavement Mass will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 1, at the 11:30 AM** Mass. The families of all those buried from Presentation this past year will be invited to the Mass. If your loved one was not buried from Presentation but you would like them recognized at the Bereavement Mass, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory by October 16.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

Name of deceased: _____

Your name: _____

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.



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: Sept. 2020 - May 2021, 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sponsor: The Vocations Office for the Diocesan Priesthood

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

Eucharistic Day of Prayer for Healing and Peace

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.

2020 Voter Information

from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops, presents information intended to inform and educate Catholic voters before the 2020 general election. Click below to see a comparison on issues of interest to Catholics for the two presidential candidates, in English and Spanish, and a scorecard on how Pennsylvania legislators voted on bills supported or opposed by the PCC.

Presidential comparison:

English— <https://tinyurl.com/y2zt6ok5>

Spanish- <https://tinyurl.com/y2879rg3>

State: State legislative races in the Archdiocese of

Philadelphia <https://tinyurl.com/y3sznzwe>

Resume and Job Search Workshop

Join us for this free workshop. You will master the art of creating an eye-catching resume, learn how to network better, sharpen your job-hunting skills, and receive tips on how to interview for the job of your dreams.

When: Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm

Where: Resurrection of Our Lord, Lower Church

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>

October 4: When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom you give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of you, Most High.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. (LS #87)

Reflection: Pray this prayer of St. Francis in honor of his feast day today, October 4, and throughout the week.

Nazareth Academy HS News

Virtual Open House on Saturday, October 17, 2020. 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 Class of 2025 must take the Scholarship Entrance Exam. Pre-registration is required @fatherjudge.com
When: Thurs., Oct. 8, and Thurs., Oct. 15, 4 pm – 7:15pm; Sat., Oct. 17, and Sun., Oct/ 18, 9 am – 12:15 pm

Roman Catholic HS News

RGHS Scholarship Entrance Exam: Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020; Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020; Saturday, December 5, 2020

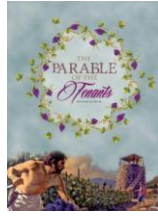
Chapel Hours

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.

Theology Trivia

1. What is the mystical body of Christ?
2. What gift enables us to seek advice from others and follow it?
3. What gift gives us inner strength to do what is right in the face of difficulty?
4. Which pope declared 2000a jubilee year?
5. Who were known as the sons of thunder?
(Answers on p. 3)

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



"The Vineyards I've Seen" sounds like the title of a handsome coffee table book produced by a wine connoisseur and a photography expert. This writer is neither of those, but I have remembered impressions of vineyards in places far flung. I recall especially my visit to our own Napa Valley, California. I can picture the administration

building and production facilities hugging the road. But beyond those, a vast acreage of grape vines stretching as far as the eye could see. With warm sunshine occasionally criss-crossed by cloud shadows, the plants climbed gentle hillsides with ease. Or they seemed to slide gently downward into shallow valleys. Their very vastness spoke of huge investment; of expert care and massive productivity applied to rendering that glassful of enjoyment at a diner's table.

Thousands of years ago, the vineyards of Galilee and Judea were commonplace, although likely less grand. Still, they held vital importance for their owners and society in general. Wine was the beverage of choice in such places back then, since drinking water came only from rivers, streams or wells. The Carpenter from Nazareth knew a lot about vineyards. No doubt He had in His divine mind the special connection with wine that He would soon initiate. But for now, such a place would be a teaching tool for Him to describe certain aspects of His kingdom. He would acknowledge the wicked tenants who sometimes came along, thieves who would violate the rules of justice.

His audience of chief priests and elders that day would somehow miss the direct reference to themselves as they self-righteously declared the punishment due the evil tenants in Jesus' story. Easy to do if you're self-satisfied and unaccustomed to others' corrections.

"The people" in Our Lord's gospel message ultimately refers to the future Church the gospel writer had in mind that forms the people of God. That brings the story home to this twenty-first century, and to us. Right here and right now.

I believe we can recognize at least two truths about the present day Church that did not exist when Jesus taught with this parable. First, that this people of God is made up of both sinners and saints. Second, its huge present day numbers do not preclude God's personal love and care for each of us. I for one find immense consolation in that latter truth.

In these unusual and trying times that we are living in right now, we may think of ourselves as receiving the opposite from God: forgotten and abandoned by Him. But we believe He has never revoked His promise to be "with us always, until the end of the world", do we not? Obviously then, God deserves our trust. Only with it would we have enough motivation to be a part of Isaiah's "people that will produce good fruit."

Here are some consoling words about all of this from none other than one of our nation's Founding Fathers: "*Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards; there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine: a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy.*" -Benjamin Franklin.

God love you, and give you His peace!



