

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

January 3, 2021 – Feast of the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

God radiates light inside the city, so darkness surrenders, so to speak, in Jerusalem. All the nations come together to rebuild the city, including people associated with Abraham from the Arabian peninsula.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul's great insight into the mystery of Christ is that He wills the Gentile nations to be full participants in the Church. Its very foundation is based on Christ and the prophets and especially the Apostles.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-2


The magi were a group who did things like interpret dreams, or work in astrology and magic. Later tradition made them kings. Above all they represent the Gentile world coming to Christ. Their gifts have meaning, so gold represents kingship; incense divinity; and myrrh suffering. Or they can be interpreted Virtue, Prayer, and Suffering.

Reflection:

Isaiah reminds us that believers will experience God's "shining" through the darkness. Because of that light in believers, others will "walk by your light." He is speaking of the Gentiles. God is reaching out to non-believers through the light that shines from believers.

So we ask ourselves:

- How and where do I experience the darkness in the world?
- How can I let the light of God shine through to others who are in the darkness?

	<h3>Readings for the Week – January 3, 2021</h3> <p>Can be found at http://www.usccb.org/. Just click on the calendar date.</p> <p>Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22 Friday: 1 Jn 5:13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11</p>
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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, January 3, 2021

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, January 4, 2021, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:30
10:00 Betsy Giesecke

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, January 7, 2021

6:30 Peter Kithuva
10:00

Friday, January 8, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:00



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



Parish Code: Z4NTN

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED



Pray for all members of the Presentation Faith Community who have been welcomed into the happiness of eternal life, especially Michael Hofmann.

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.

Pres Events, 01/03 – 01/09		
	Parish	School
Sun., 01/03		
Mon., 01/04		Classes resume.
Tues., 01/05	No PREP; Classes resume 01/12/21	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 01/06		
Thurs., 01/07		
Fri., 01/08		
Sat., 01/09		

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.

Support Pres! Buy Scrip Online!

Download the app.



Use the Presentation BVM code: A63D89A33749. Buy gift cards and earn money for Pres!

Need help? Please contact Nicole Herbert (215) 939-3900 or Kathleen Hurst (215) 870-8251.

Wawa Shorti Hoagie Coupons

No time to cook... No problem!

Each coupon costs \$3.75.

(Retail value of a Shorti Hoagie is \$4.59.)



Coupons can be used at any Wawa store location and do not have an expiration date.

Proceeds benefit Presentation BVM School Technology Program.

Coupons available at the Scrip Office.

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.

More Info or Help: Nicole Herbert, 215-939-3900 or Kathleen Hurst, 215 870-8251.

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. Abraham
2. catechumen
3. Holy Orders
4. Mary
5. Ordinary Time

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus,
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father,
the King of nations,
the Savior of mankind;
to whom be glory forever.



Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

<http://archphila.org/resources/>

Live stream Mass at facebook.com/stjoescheltenham

High School Commendations

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students in the First Quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Father Judge H.S.

First Honors: Michael Herbert '21
Second Honors: Tahj Fils-Aime '21

Little Flower C.H.S.

Second Honors: Milan Jones '22
Meaghan Dugan '24

Roman Catholic H.S.

Second Honors: John Petrucci '21

Young Adult Retreat

Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

When: February 5 - 7, 2021

Where: Marianist Family Retreat Center
Cape May Point, NJ 08212

Cost: \$140 per person, single occupancy only due to Covid restrictions. Some financial aid is available.

Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org
or call 609-884-3829

Lily's Gift

If a prenatal diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. Lily's Gift is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. This service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For additional support please call 215-587-3530. For more info about a Catholic response to a poor prenatal diagnosis visit Lilysgift.com.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12-14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern.

More Info and Registration: Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquires are strictly confidential.

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>

January 3: "Peace, justice, and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually without once again falling into reductionism". Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth. (LS #92)

Reflection:

This excerpt invites us to befriend not only members of the human species, but other living as well as non-living beings – to feel such a kinship with them that we refer to them with family names. Try using these terms of affection with the creatures you meet this week in tribute to St. Francis of Assisi. Notice what this feels like to do this.

Nutritional Development Services (NDS) Annual Holiday Food Drive

Nutritional Development Services (NDS) is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive to help stock the shelves of its network of over 50 food cupboards throughout the Greater Philadelphia region and benefit those who do not have access to nutritious sustenance. *Due to COVID-19, the need this year is greater than ever.*

Those interested in helping our neighbors in need and fighting food insecurity can support NDS' Community Food Program by purchasing items online through You Give Goods at <https://yougivegoods.com/ndsholidaydrive> now through Friday, January 8th.

For more information on the holiday food drive or to purchase Christmas cards, please contact Denise Hopkins, Administrator, NDS Community Food Program at 215-895-3470 ext. 77823 or dhopkins@ndsarch.org.

Thought for the Week

"In The Bleak Midwinter"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXMdBq68WRc>

Theology Trivia

1. Who was the first patriarch of God's family?
2. What do we call unbaptized people who are preparing to receive all of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation?
3. Which sacrament can only be received by men?
4. Who was chosen to be God's mother?
5. The five seasons that make up the liturgical year are: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and _____.

(Answers on p. 3)

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



From boyhood I have always loved the Epiphany story, perhaps because the magi manage to bring a touch of the exotic and color to the nearly monochrome stable scene of the first Christmas. More than that, their very arrival after a presumably long dangerous journey has always underscored the attractive power and authentic divinity of the baby Jesus. Also, the stark contrast the gift bearers make with the humble homespun couple and their newborn has always struck me with how God acts in ways that challenge our expectations.

Of course, we should not be surprised how often God does this, thoroughly upsetting our ideas about "how things ought to be." When our notions clash with His, urging us to ask for Him to change His decision, He simply refers to His prior admission that "My ways are not yours" and the added codicil "Learn from Me."

We could ask "Shouldn't the wise men have pooled their resources to set up this young couple and their child in the best room at the inn?" Not a proper question albeit a natural one. We have to accept God the Father's "No" to that. To that we add the vexing question for the Jews at that time: "Why does Yahweh allow these gentiles to receive a warm welcome from God when we are His chosen people?" A hard pill for them to swallow as they heard this story.

Inevitably we come to think about our personal failure in at least one aspect of our lives. One would think that after all this time, all these centuries since the Bethlehem event, and the clear teaching of the grown up Nazarene, we would still be guilty of racial prejudice. And what about this awful habit of practically naming ourselves "God's selected ones" all the time forgetting the petty betrayal of Him involved in our every sin? One could analyze that each sin of ours is like a spike of rough straw chafing an infant's skin. Or more heinous, like a thorn crowning a condemned God-Man's sacred head.

We have our work cut out for us, as in our imaginations we rise up from our knees behind the wise men when they stand up. We know they won't be going back to Herod with any report. Nor will they take the same route home. Nobody who has seen Christ goes away the same. They will have learned without any words from the Holy Infant what it takes to be truly wise. All of this is what makes the Epiphany celebration wonderful. Our Eastern rite brothers and sisters celebrate this day more than Christmas. It is the day our God revealed Himself as Someone available to everybody and not to just one race.

When I find myself tempted to join the growing number of cynics in the world beyond my front door, who seem more aggressive these days than we are in spreading their convictions, I can recall this scene for comfort. It has adorned many a Christmas card; been added to literary fiction in Henry Van Dyke's story of "The Other Wise Man," and immortalized in music as the subject of Menotti's opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

In my mind I see the weary camels shaking the tiny bells in their livery. I hear rustling silk in the apparel of the extraordinary travelers from the East. I smell the aroma of incense competing with the stink of the stable. And I see the look of delight on that tiny Face which I believe with all my heart to be my God's countenance.

May that same God love you throughout this New Year and give you His peace.

