



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

December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

The prophet signals that God's work among the people has reached a new phase. Darkness will soon be overcome by God's light, and true justice will be firmly established.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

St. Paul offers exhortations for community living, including respect for authority and the shunning of all evil. He also tells his community that it is God's work among them promoting their peace and sanctification.

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

This poetic section introduces John the Baptist as a "man sent by God." Meanwhile John carefully points out to his followers that he is definitely not the long expected Christ. He is rather "a voice crying out in the desert" to announce the Christ.

Reflection:

We are invited to stand with God who wants an end to injustice and all that afflicts God's creatures. This Advent text offers hope for personal and community transformation and assures us that God will work with us as we attempt to bring about what Isaiah envisioned and Christ came to fulfill – justice, healing and peace throughout the world.

So we ask ourselves:

- What "glad tidings" do I hear for myself this Advent?
- How can I share that good news with others?

Readings for the Week – December 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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, December 13, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, December 14, 2020, Memorial of St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Josephine Rainone

Wednesday, December 16, 2020,

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

Thursday, December 17, 2020

6:30 Charles Bartonotti
10:00

Friday, December 18, 2020

6:30 Joan Heller
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, December 19, 2020

8:00 Richard Boos

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.

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

Pres Events, 12/13 – 12/19		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/13	Confirmation- 11:30 am	
Mon., 12/14		
Tues., 12/15	PREP, 6:45 pm - 8:05 pm	
Wed., 12/16		
Thurs., 12/17		
Fri., 12/18		Christmas Dress Down Day! \$1.00
Sat., 12/19		

Tabor Home Sunday

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

Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

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

Live stream Mass at [facebook.com/stjoescheltenham](https://www.facebook.com/stjoescheltenham)

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.

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.

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.

Advent at Presentation BVM

The Giving Tree

Because of the popular response to the Giving Tree over the past 30 years, we will once again have it as part of our Advent observance. This year our donations will go to the Breathing Room and the Tabor Home. The tree in the front of church will be decorated with cards containing gift suggestions, such as mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for older children and adults **or** any type of infant and baby clothing. Before or after any Mass, you are welcome to come and pick a card from the Giving Tree. There is no need to wrap these items. Also when you return your gift, please place one of your decorations on the tree. In this way, your decoration will serve as a symbol of your sharing in this beautiful expression of the true Spirit of Christmas. Thank you for helping others less fortunate during this busy, beautiful, and blessed season.



Empty Manger

We will have an **empty manger near the podium**. Parishioners are asked to write **petitions of hope**—petitions for our world, our neighborhood, our families and our hearts. After the petitions are completed, place the petitions into the manger. When Christmas comes, the petitions are placed under the straw in the manger, close by the Infant Jesus.

Advent Book

The parish has again purchased an advent reflection book for each family. This will be a wonderful way to connect your family members to the season of waiting and preparing one's heart for the wonder and awe of Christmas.

Christmas Flowers/Plants for the Altar

You may name a person (s) whom you wish the flowers "to be in memory of." **In order to have your names listed in the bulletin for January 9-10, flower donations need to be made by Dec. 18.** If your donation for the flowers comes in after Dec. 16, your info will appear later. Please print clearly. Thanks.



Cathedral Virtual Christmas Concert

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul proudly presents our first-ever Virtual Christmas Concert, *Prayer for Peace*. Join the Cathedral choir and instrumentalists as they perform works by Abbie Betinis, Frank La Rocca, Julian Wachner, William Walton, as well as beloved Christmas Carols for all to participate. May we all experience the hope, joy, and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, throughout the Christmas season. A link to the concert will be emailed to you on the day of the concert, or any subsequent day after Dec.13 when a ticket is purchased.

When: Sunday, December 13, 2020, 2:00 pm

More info: For tickets, please

visit <http://cathedralphila.org/music/choirs-at-the-cathedral-basilica/>

Sacrament of Confirmation



On Sunday, December 13, 2020, at the 11:30 am Mass, Bishop Timothy C. Senior will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students of Presentation BVM School and the students in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers during this special time in their lives

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. Crucifix
2. Cruets
3. Lectern
4. Roman Missal
5. Corporal

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>

December 13: The bishops of Brazil have pointed out that nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of his presence. The Spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him. (LS #88)

Reflection:

What places in nature most help you become aware of and feel God's presence? Go there this week -- at least in your imagination -- and savor God's presence.

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.

NDS' Community Food Program is also offering its Alternative Christmas Cards for the 2020 holiday season. This year's Christmas Cards are sold in packs of 10 cards for \$15.00 or 20 cards for \$25.00 and feature various artworks [which can be viewed here](#). A monetary amount is noted on each card as a representation of the donation made to help our neighbors in need. All proceeds will directly benefit NDS' network of food cupboards and be used to purchase food to stock shelves.

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.

Early Submission Deadlines

Info can be submitted either by email or by dropping it off at the rectory

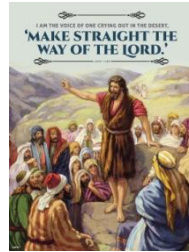
Dec. 27th bulletin, due Tuesday, Dec. 15th by 11 am;

Jan. 3rd bulletin, due Wednesday, Mon. Dec. 21st by 11 am.

Theology Trivia

1. What do we call a cross with the figure of Christ on it?
2. What do we call the little pitchers that hold water and wine?
3. What do we call the stand from which the readings and homily are given?
4. What do we call the book that the priest uses in saying the Mass?
5. What do we call the linen cloth spread on the altar at the beginning of Mass? The chalice and host rest upon this cloth?
(Answers on p. 3)

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



The worst thief of the year never robbed a bank or a convenience store, but he continues on his crime wave because nobody has yet been able to stop him completely. Actually, this outlaw is neither a him nor a her, but rather an "it," and has a name. Call it "Covid 19."

Among other thefts it has for the most part robbed us all of much of our customary way of life and made us near prisoners in our own homes. Were it not for all the electronic gizmos and gadgets, we might have all gone a lot more stir crazy than we have.

On the most serious level, it has taken a world wide death toll in the millions, AND thereby effected tens of millions more who loved their departed ones. It has ushered in a wave of fear on an unprecedented scale, and even turned the education of our young into a process involving screens on machines. It has made the fun of birthday and anniversary parties partial; graduations virtual; weddings less joyful and funerals more hurtful. Last but not least it has made our public prayer constricted with rules and regulations and even closed many of our churches. When the story of 2020 is documented, it will likely include that now familiar image of a spiked ball that will loom large in the memories of a generation.

Despite all this, it is the hope of our Church that with trust in Jesus we will maintain our hope and experience true joy. "Joy?" you ask in the midst of this and more. "Have you lost your mind, Church?" "But wait!" the Church replies, "you may be confusing joy with happiness. They are quite different. 'Happiness' is rooted in the ancient word 'hap' which means 'luck' or 'good fortune.' It is transitory while joy is abiding. Happiness is a passing thing, quite contingent on present circumstances, able to vanish with a phone call you receive." The Church continues: "Joy is completely different from happiness. It is a deeper reality, reaching down inside our souls to that place at our spiritual core where decisions are made. Where God's holy Spirit dwells, independent of externals." To this I add that our Scriptures tell us we are made by God for God. That we are loved by Him and destined for heaven.

In the context of the Advent season now upon us, when we are supposed to be preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is time to stoke the flames of joy within us that may be lying dormant. Recall the love that is behind God's decision to take on our nature and demonstrate how to live in response to that love.

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday. The Mass celebrant's vestment take on that rare rose color, as the purple of penance gets mixed in with the white of joy because Christmas is near. One way to feel that joy is to imitate the moving humility of John the Baptist while surrounded by his adoring followers. He forthrightly tells them he is definitely not the expected Messiah. Instead he points to his cousin Jesus and says "There He is! The Lamb of God!"

The thief of the year we hope will soon be a memory. But may your joy remain, because, according to Teilhard deChardin, the priest archaeologist: "*Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence.*"

God love you and give you His peace.

