



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 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16

David is told by Nathan that the Lord will build a “house” (dynasty), and that his line will be an everlasting one that will enable people to enjoy peace.

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Paul makes known the divine plan, which is linked with Old Testament books. He recognizes that he is called to make the Gospel known to all the nations.

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

This section is the annunciation of Christ’s birth put in parallel with the annunciation of His cousin John the Baptist’s. Nazareth was an insignificant town never mentioned in the Old Testament. The angel Gabriel calls Mary “one who is enjoying God’s favor,” or “full of grace.”

Reflection:

Mary’s Galilee was a conflicted land and her responses show her own inner confusion and doubt. But she doesn’t get a road map from the angel to clear up the present and tell her where the future would take her. Instead, she makes room for God in her life and trusts, which is what we must do too, when we say our own “Yes” to God.

So we ask ourselves:

- What is conflicted in our life these days? What are we doing to resolve the issue?
- Has prayer helped? How?

Readings for the Week – December 20, 2020

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

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40



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 20, 2020

8:30 Cyrenian Society

11:30

Monday, December 21, 2020

6:30 Dennis and Juanita Iannuzzi

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Kathleen Haggerty

Wednesday, December 23, 2020,

6:30 Eleanor Rigby

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, December 24, 2020

6:30 Shirley Mayfield

10:00

5:00 pm- Mass at St. Joseph

7:30 pm- Mass at Presentation BVM

Friday, December 25, 2020, The Nativity of the Lord

(Regular Sunday Schedule)

8:30

11:30

Saturday, December 26, 2020, Feast of St.

Stephen, Martyr

8:00 Souls in Purgatory

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, 12/20 – 12/26		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/20		
Mon., 12/21		
Tues., 12/22	No PREP; Classes resume 01/12/21	Christmas Holidays; Classes resume January 4, 2021
Wed., 12/23		
Thurs., 12/24		
Fri., 12/25		
Sat., 12/26		

Pray for Life

Fourth Saturday, December 26, 6:30-7:30 A.M., at the abortion clinic on Tabor below Broad (behind Einstein Hospital).

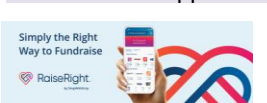
Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

<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.

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.



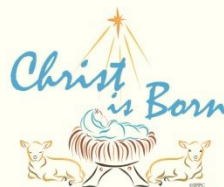
Empty Manger

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.

Prayer to Jesus in the Manger



O divine redeemer Jesus Christ, prostrate before thy crib, I believe thou art the God of infinite majesty, even though I do see thee here as a helpless babe. I humbly adore and thank thee for having so humbled thyself for my salvation as thou wilt to be born in a stable.

I thank thee for all thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for thy poverty and humility, for thy nakedness, tears, cold, and sufferings.

Would that I could show thee that tenderness which thy virgin mother had toward thee and love thee as she did.

Would that I could praise thee with the joy of the angels, that I could kneel before thee with the faith of St. Joseph, and the simplicity of the shepherds.

Uniting myself with these first adorers at the crib, I offer thee the homage of my heart, and I beg that thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul.

Make me reflect in some degree the virtues of thy admirable nativity.

Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted thee to assume the weakness of our nature and to be born amid destitution and suffering.

Grant that from this day forward, I may in all things seek thy greater glory and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will.

Amen.

- Author Unknown

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. Pall 2. Paten 3. Pew 4. Sanctuary 5. Sacristy

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 20: God has written a precious book, "whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe". The Canadian bishops rightly pointed out that no creature is excluded from this manifestation of God: "From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine". (LS #85)

Reflection:

Just sit with this excerpt until it moves you to experience awe and wonder at the manifold ways God is ever present. Do this every day this week as we anticipate celebrating the feast of the Incarnation.

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

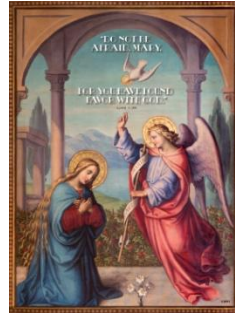
Theology Trivia

1. What do we call the small white square of stiff linen used to cover the chalice?
 2. What do we call the the small gold plate that holds the host?
 3. What do we call the bench where people sit in church?
 4. What do we call the area where the altar is?
 5. What do we call the small room next to where the altar is?
- The priest and servers usually get ready for Mass there.

(Answers on p. 3)

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

Christmas and Connectedness. They go together like salt and pepper, or any other pleasant duo you might conjure. The First and Third Readings, as usual, are a connected pair and they draw the picture. In 2 Samuel we read that King David is told by the prophet Nathan that God will establish a dynasty from him that will last forever. The Gospel recounts the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, in which he announces God's plan for her, and adds that her Son will inherit David's throne and reign forever.



St. Luke goes on to draw a parallel with the annunciation of Jesus' cousin John the Baptist. Pieces long apart in the Old Testament are joined to the New. Connections are established and made clear.

All of this leads to a dimension of our celebration of Christmas that we might not think of right away. It makes for a delightful consequence of these prime facts. There are connections galore. Chief among them is God's connection with us. From that we see all kinds of connections between ourselves and others.

Obvious from the start is the evidence that God wants to be part of our lives, even though He has no need to be. He took on our very nature, humbling Himself and becoming "like us in all things but sin," as one of our Eucharistic prayers asserts. We're so used to hearing that and accepting it that the full impact of God's decision gets diminished. By itself, it is astounding. No wonder the choirs of angels sang out their "Glorias!"

As for our connectedness with one another is concerned, just look at the magnetic power of family at this time of year. The late Perry Como sang all about it when he proclaimed that "there's no place like home for the holidays." That's why the radio stations dust off this familiar "oldie" to play it at this time. Home is truly where the heart is, and those who have the same surname are drawn to it from faraway places as the lyrics of the song witness. So, we join our siblings, however different in type and temperament they may be from us, because of those non-perishable parental bonds.

Another powerful impetus engineers our connections with friends. They are one of life's treasures, as Ecclesiastes tells us. We dare not forget it. So we connect with them, either by way of a call or a card or "Face time" or "Skype."

Finally we remember at Holy Christmas Mass that connectedness to God, which is, as we say it these days, "hard wired" in us. That is why we missed the Eucharist at the height of the current pandemic. It is so humbling to think that God took the initiative here, is it not? That is the authentic joy of Christmas. May it be yours this Christmas and always!

Thought for the Week



"Mary, Did You Know?"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F90yH-xi_-Y

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