



PRESENTATION BVM

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, 8 am - 1 pm
 Thursday and Friday – No Office Hours
 No evening hours

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

April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

We read a description of the “golden age” of the early Church in Apostolic times. It is an ideal community life, in which members generously surrendered their goods and property based on their needs.

Second Reading: I John 5: 1-6

This “letter” is really an exhortation to its readers to so live that their faith overcomes “the world.” God’s Son came to us “in water and blood.”

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

After the report of St. Thomas’ initial doubt and its resolution, we learn the purpose of the Gospel: having faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, who is the source of eternal life.

Reflection:

Most of us Catholics were baptized as infants and our faith is initially based on the words and example of others. Like Thomas we are asked to put our faith in other believers who have been our guides. Also, like Thomas, each of us comes to our own personal experience of Jesus’ resurrection.

So we ask ourselves:

- When have I had the most doubts about the living presence of Christ?
- Where and how do I expect to meet the risen Lord in this life?

Readings for the Week – April 11, 2021



Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, April 12, 2021

6:30 Monsignor George Dougherty
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

6:30
10:00 School Mass

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, April 15, 2021

6:30
10:00

Friday, April 16, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday April 17, 2021

8:00

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Please keep in your daily prayers, those who are sick and in need of God’s healing touch.



Miriam Abaladejo, Joseph Affet,
Sonny & Paul Andris, 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 McGlenn, Donna McGonigle, Bill Mahoney,
Eileen Myer, Andrew Mamrol, Norah Mason,
Mary Ellen Murphy, Theresa Noraka, Anthony
Piotrowski, Mary Rowland, Patty Rowley, Ann Ruocchio,
Ann Schlimer, Aiden Smith-Kirk, Eileen S. Smith,
Michael R. Smith, Theresa and Bill Sheviver,
Josephine D. Smith, Rita Marie Smith, Steven Specht Jr.,
Howard Stickley III, Ethel Thomas, Joan Unterkofler,
Marie Verna, Chris Vogel, James White, Patricia Wilbert

Feast Day Tip - Divine Mercy Sunday



The promises Jesus offered for Divine Mercy Sunday and the indulgence offered by the Church make today a beautiful end to the Easter Octave. But Divine Mercy Sunday is also a good day to reflect on the other promises Jesus offered to St. Faustina. One promise that holds some particular significance is His promise to “preserve the cities and homes in which this picture [the Divine Mercy image] shall be found.” Because Jesus specifically asked for this image to be painted, particular trust should be giving to His promise to anyone who displays it.

Visit feastday.co for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.

Pres Events, 04/11 – 04/17		
	Parish	School
Sun., 04/11		
Mon., 04/12		
Tues., 04/13	PREP, 6:45 – 8:05	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 04/14		
Thurs., 04/15		Open House, 7 pm
Fri., 04/16		Batter Up! Dress Down Day, \$1
Sat., 04/17		

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 of Tabor Home.

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.

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.thecfpg.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. Deborah 2. Advent 3. Esther 4. Eucharist 5. 50 days

2020 Year End Contribution Report

The year-end report of contributions in 2020 is available at now.
In order to obtain this report, please complete the information
request on the form below and return it to the rectory. For
purposes of clarity, this form is the only way we can honor your
request.

2020 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we request this report for:

Name of Household or Individual _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Jesus' Mercy and the Healing Power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (VIRTUAL)

ALL ARE INVITED! Catholic speaker, and St. Joseph (Aston, PA) parishioner, John Kinuthia, will share his experience of Jesus' Mercy and how each of us can encounter and nurture our personal relationship with Jesus through His Divine Mercy and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus spoke to St. Faustina revealing his Divine Mercy and Love, and His desire to pour out His Mercy upon all who seek it.). To kick off the evening, George Covell (St. Joseph Parish Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) participant), will share his short testimony of how Jesus has made a difference in his life.

When: Sunday, April 11, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm

More Info: Contact Dana Westby,
danawestby@hotmail.com or 215-275-0782

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

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>



April 11: Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices. All of these reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings. Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity. (LS #211)

Reflection:

- What habits have you adopted in recent years to minimize waste?
- What new practice could you adopt?
- Consider that all these practices are acts of love.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

When: Sunday, April 25, 2021, 3 pm

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

Celebrant: Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

Liturgical Music: St. Christopher Parish Schola

All are welcome.

RSVP: opd@archphila.org or 215-587-3530



The entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia is encouraged to spend this year growing closer to St. Joseph, honoring him, imitating his virtues, and asking for his intercession. May this be a year of great grace for all of us as we grow closer to our spiritual father! **More Info:** <http://archphila.org/joseph/>

Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



During this prolonged national and worldwide bout with a virus whose name none of us will ever forget, there has been some welcome comic relief. I have enjoyed that which has been provided by signs. These delights were posted on social media.

I learned of a small restaurant in Texas called "El Arroyo" whose fame for good margaritas has been topped by its ever-changing outdoor signs. They have attracted worldwide attention because of worldwide exposure. One of my favorites displayed this past Winter was this: "My trash goes out more than I do."

This happening led me to think about all kinds of signs. In St. John's gospel, signs play a major role, because that is how Our Lord's miracles are labeled. Beginning with the event at Cana, the author presents six other "signs". You and I reading about them are ineluctably drawn to the only possible conclusion: Jesus is God. The Resurrection of Jesus, the greatest sign, and leaves no doubt of that.

For a skeptic like the Apostle Thomas, who is after all, a saint in heaven, he has been given that unfortunate nickname of "The Doubter." Admittedly, he does react with doubt to the breathless account of his brother Apostles about the risen Lord's appearance among them. He sets conditions for his personal faith. A week later, there is great drama in the room when Jesus reappears and meets all of Thomas' "requirements."

I have always imagined that scene this way. A stunned and tearful Thomas, embarrassed and feeling alone, instantly falls down on his knees before Jesus, and in a burst of beautiful humility, makes that profound act of faith: "My Lord and my God."

Especially helpful for us, who have doubts from time to time, is the response of Our Lord. He looks lovingly into Thomas' eyes, as the poor man gets back up, and says those words that echo down the centuries with comfort and hope: "Blessed are those who have not seen Me but have believed."

Dr. John Vannorsdall, former chaplain at Yale University, brought up a question about all this when He wrote in striking words: "If God raised Jesus from the dead, why didn't God fix Him up? Why scars? Why the print of nails that you could feel with your fingers? Can it be that the gospel is saying: 'You will not see Jesus Christ unless you see the wounds?' Somehow we must understand that the resurrected Christ is forever the wounded Christ. Living, but never fixed up."

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may our wounded God show you His mercy every day, and give you His peace.

Father Judge High School

7th Grade Test (Class of 2026)

Thursday, April 15, at 4 pm or Sunday, April 18, 9 am

Academic Advantage Session for Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026, Sun., 4/18, at either 9:15 am or 11:30 am

Registration is required for both: fatherjudge.com.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17

Registration: www.msjacad.org/practicetest.

Personal tours by appointment – call (215) 233-9133

More Info: admiss@msjacad.org

Virtual Marriage Encounter Weekends

Being together all day doesn't guarantee a great relationship. If your marriage is pandemic weary, maybe a little outside inspiration can bring back the romance. Learn how to make your best life together a reality on a virtual WWME experience—either over a Weekend, or over the course of 8 evenings.

Virtual Weekends coming up in this region:

4/30- 5/02, Contact Michael & Marge Walsh 609-741-8012;

Virtual 3RE (Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience)

4/11- 5/05, Contact Tom & Ruth De Falco 732-904-9636.

More information: visit <https://wwme.org/>

Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

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

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

Theology Trivia

1. Who was the only female judge?
2. What season marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year?
3. Who is the queen that saved her people from destruction?
4. What is the Blessed Sacrament?
5. How long is the Easter Season?

(Answers on p. 3)

Archbishop Chaput's New Book

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia, has published a new book, *Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living*. In the book, Archbishop Chaput delves richly into our yearning for God, love, honor, beauty, truth, and immortality. He examines the chronic questions of the human heart; the idols and false flags we create; and the nature of a life of authentic faith. Ultimately, with compelling grace, he shows us that the things worth dying for reveal most powerfully the things worth living for.

More Info: <https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250239778>.

Blindsided by gender ideology? Have hope: The Person and Identity Project

This project's mission is to assist the Catholic Church in promoting the Catholic vision of the human person and responding to the challenges of gender ideology. Gender ideology has permeated the culture with stunning speed, influencing medicine, business, media, entertainment, government and education. Because it is sowing confusion and undermining the Church's mission of evangelization, the rise of gender ideology has created an urgent need for clarity, education, and compassionate guidance for Catholic families and young people. It provides formation, resources, and pastoral guidance on issues of faith, "gender," and sexual identity. **Website:** <https://personandidentity.com/>

Easter Season Bible Study on Zoom

Why not prepare for the feast of Pentecost by enrolling in "The Trinity in the Letters of St. Paul"? We will discover how St. Paul presents our salvation as the work of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This program, led by Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T. will meet on Zoom.

When: Tuesdays, April 13 – May 11, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To register, call Joanne Nesbitt at 267-350-1831 or email mbcretreat@msbt.org.

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