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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.)
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April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Here displayed is St. Peter's first speech before Israel's chief religious governing body. The head of the Apostles bravely ascribes the healing of a man to the power of Jesus' name, He whom they had crucified and who has been raised from the dead by God.

Second Reading: I John 3: 1-2

As God's adopted children, we shall one day have the joy of witnessing the full glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 10: 11-18


The well-known biblical image of Jesus' self-proclaimed title of Himself as the Good Shepherd persists as one of our favorites. This is not to omit our awareness of the opposite kind of shepherd rampant in the world.

Reflection:

There are a lot of voices out there that can only distract and scatter us. Perhaps we've paid too much attention to them at times in our lives. Through hard experience we have learned that they don't have our best interests at heart and if we listen to them we are scattered, but the voice of the Shepherd, Jesus tells us, wants to gather us. His voice can help us keep our wits about us in an often misguided world.

So we ask ourselves:

- Can I name the "false shepherds" I have listened to?
- How did they mislead me?
- Where and how do I listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd?



Readings for the Week – April 25, 2021

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 25, 2021

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30 First Holy Communion

Monday, April 26, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

6:30
10:00

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, April 29, 2021, Memorial of St. Catherine Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Joseph Kovalewski
10:00

Friday, April 30, 2021

6:30 Joseph and Stella Grzesiak
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, May 1, 2021

8:00 Janet Lynch



Parish Code: Z4NTN

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 McGlinn, 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

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

Feast Day Tip - Feast of St. Mark

Today is the feast of St. Mark. Legend has it that on the feast of St. Mark, Pope St. Gregory the Great became overwhelmed with a craving for cherries. A servant wandering through the garden was visited by St. Mark who blessed one cherry tree to produce early. The cherries were taken to St. Gregory and the tradition of popes enjoying a bowl of cherries on the feast of St. Mark continues today. It isn't uncommon for the faithful to celebrate with a dessert like cherry pie or cherry strudel.

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

Pres Events, 04/25 – 05/01		
	Parish	School
Sun., 04/25	First Communion, 11:30 am	
Mon., 04/26		
Tues., 04/27	PREP, 6:45 – 8:05	Progress Reports
Wed., 04/28		
Thurs., 04/29		
Fri., 04/30		
Sat., 05/01		

Vigil for Life

First Saturday, May 2nd, Christ the King, 7 am – 10 am

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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
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SUPPORT THE PARISH!



Our parish can now offer online giving.
Sponsored by the catholic foundation of greater
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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.

Spiritual Resources during the Corona Virus Restrictions

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

Live stream Mass at facebook.com/stjoescheltenham



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/>

Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright
guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard,
protect and enlighten families." – Pope John Paul II

Ans. to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. love 2. Liturgical Year 3. Miriam 4. Palm Sunday
5. Pentecost

Josephine Connelly Achievement Award

Congratulations to Presentation BVM 8th grader Sinead H.
She is the 2020-2021 Josephine Connelly
Achievement Award recipient. This award is a
4 year, 40% scholarship to an Archdiocesan
High School. Congratulations and Best
Wishes to Sinead at St. Hubert's High
School.



Spring Rummage Sale

Our May 2021 Rummage Sale is cancelled due to continuing
COVID concerns. We are hopeful that
the Fall Rummage Sale will take place
later this year. PLEASE DO NOT
LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH
HALL. If you have some really nice items and are willing and
able to store them yourself for later this year, thank you.
Otherwise we encourage you to donate your items to Goodwill
Industries, the Salvation Army, Holy Redeemer Thrift Shop, or
any other organization that is currently accepting
donations. Again, please do not bring anything to our Church
Hall at this time. Thank you!



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Informational Webinars:

April 29, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

May 6, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

May 18, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

June 10, 2021 @ 12:00 PM

June 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Please email cmcaneney@foundationforcatholiceducation.org to sign up!



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 _____

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



No matter how speedily our computers compute, or how "Wi" your "fi" is, the image we hear today of God's Son as "The Good Shepherd" persists in popularity and persuasive power. Chalk that up to our unexpressed longing for a gentler human landscape, free of the hard edges technology prefers to give our interactions with one another. Often those are more blunt than beneficial. At any rate, this perennial power of the Holy Word of Scripture is evident.

As a result, we can easily summon to mind that familiar painting or statue of a virile Christ shouldering a helpless lamb. Equally easy to think of ourselves as that needy creature, wordlessly longing for the solace that is our salvation. Admittedly we can be so lost at times that we wonder whether or not we will find our way back to a place of peace.

Mature Christian living will not let us ignore for long the ugly fact that there are many bad shepherds out there, who lurk around our pending decisions. They secretly laugh at our weak faith in the Lord if things don't work out as we had hoped.

It is interesting that the Greek word John uses for "good" in this instance means "ideal" or "noble," and not simply "good at." That keeps us from falling into the fallacy which holds that only the person who is productive is worthwhile. That in turn foments a fear of retirement among many people of a certain age, thinking that their personal value will go down.

This Sunday happens to be "The World Day of Prayer for Vocations" by our Church. Unless you've been vacationing on Venus the last few decades, you have noted the diminished number of priests and religious. Easy to ascribe that fact to the tired canard that such a life is against nature, or is just plain odd. Odd I'll grant you, but it is so good for those so called. More serious claim for those lesser numbers can be attributed the awful scandals we have experienced. That last is why I call today's seminarians and novices "heroes."

Truth to tell, the Holy Spirit obviously wants to wake up the "sleeping giant" of lay participation in Church life to do even more. Yet the fact remains that our Church is built around the Holy Eucharist. Without the priest there is no Eucharist, but in this endeavor, we can never neglect or underestimate the power of prayer. That's what today is all about. We do have to beg the "Harvest master" for an increase in "field laborers."

Here is a story of one who said "yes" to his calling. Father Vincent Capodanno, a chaplain with the Marine Corps, was killed in battle on September 4, 1967, somewhere in the QueSon Valley in Vietnam. The last section of the official citation of the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously, reads as follows:

Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately fifteen yards away, Chaplain Capodanno rushed a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire.

By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lt. Capodanno upheld the finest tradition of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom."

God love you and give you His peace.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25,



2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. 2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.

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 25: This ecological conversion calls for a number of attitudes which together foster a spirit of generous care, full of tenderness. First, it entails gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works. It also entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion. By developing our individual, God-given capacities, an ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm in resolving the world's problems and in offering ourselves to God. (LS #220)

Reflection:

- Each night before you go to bed, pause to recall the gifts of the day and give thanks to God for them.
- Consider keeping a notepad by your bed and writing down the gifts of each day.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds or celebrating their 5, 10, 25 or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday, May 1, 2021; 5:15 pm Vigil Mass

More information: Please RSVP by calling The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500. Visit our website at <http://phillycatholiclife.org/>

Theology Trivia

1. The beauty of Creation tells us about God's _____.
2. What is the Church's annual cycle of religious feasts and seasons that celebrate the life of Jesus and His presence in the Church called?
3. Who is Moses' sister?
4. On what day do we remember did Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
5. What feast celebrates the birthday of the Church?

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