



**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26, 2021 – Feast of the Holy Family

### First Reading: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

True religion involves duties to others, first of all to parents. Honoring them brings several blessings.

### Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21

Paul describes how practice of the Christian family life encompasses many virtues, especially kindness, compassion, and patience.

### Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52


Luke tells us of the Holy Family's cautious return to Israel, and how they had to avoid Judea because Herod's son ruled there. They settled in Galilee. All of this done by Joseph as head of the family at the directions given him in his dreams.

### Reflection:

In today's Gospel we hear about a situation of anxiety and even conflict in the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus.

### So, we ask ourselves:

- How do we handle disagreements in our own families?
- Ask God to help us respect and honor our family members, especially at those times when we disagree with them.



### Readings for the Week – December 26, 2021

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:30 Cyrenian Society  
11:30

#### Monday, December 27, 2021, Feast of St. John, Apostle and evangelist

6:30 Joseph Tuyen Dinh  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

6:30 Robert Panella, Dot Martin  
10:00

#### Wednesday, December 29, 2021

6:30 Broni and Adolf Altmann  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Thursday, December 30, 2021

6:30 Robert Brandley  
10:00

#### Friday, December 31, 2021

6:30 Patrick Cowley  
5 :00 pm- Vigil at St. Joseph

#### Saturday, January 1 2022, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 am- Mass at Presentation

### Feast Day Tip - Holy Innocents

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents, those babies killed by Herod in his effort to kill the new born King. It has been common to illustrate their martyrdom with food by topping a white dessert, symbolizing their innocence, with a raspberry sauce to represent the blood they spilt. A perfect example of this would be panna cotta topped with a raspberry sauce.

Visit [feastday.co](http://feastday.co) for more help celebrating the feasts and seasons.

### 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, Edward Anstotz, Sonny & Paul Andris, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Regina Carberry, Sr. Marie Cella, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Stanley Grey, Bob Gottschalk, Charles and Donna Frush, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Joey Lanzi, Mary Hillenbrand, Brian Hinchey, Stanley Hrynko, Ethel Iannuzzi, Russel Kahny, Jaime Loyola, Mary McGlenn, Donna McGonigle, Bill Mahoney, Norah Mason, Eileen Myer, Mary Ellen Murphy, Mary Rowland, Theresa Noraka, Ann Schlimer, Anthony Piotrowski, Patty Rowley, Ann Ruocchio, Aiden Smith-Kirk, Eileen S. Smith, Michael R. Smith, Ethel Thomas, Josephine D. Smith, Theresa and Bill Sheviver, Rita Marie Smith, Marie Verna, Steven Specht Jr., Howard Stickley III, James White, Patricia Wilbert, Joan Unterkofler, Chris Vogel

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Pres Events, 12/26– 01/01		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/26		
Mon., 12/27		School closed; classes resume 01/03/22
Tues., 12/28	NO PREP	
Wed., 12/29		
Thurs., 12/30		
Fri., 12/31		
Sat., 01/01		

### Vigil for Life

First Saturday, January 1, Christ the King, 7 am – 10 am

### SUPPORT THE PARISH!

Our parish offers online giving. Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, support our parish by visiting [www.thecfcp.org/parish](http://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 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.



### SCRIP NEWS and Fall Schedule



**Monday:** 8 am – 10 am; **Tuesday:** 2 pm – 3 pm  
**Wednesday:** 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

Our scrip sellers are local and very passionate about our Scrip Program. Should you find yourself in need of Scrip, outside of normal business hours, PLEASE CONTACT:  
 Nicole Herbert (215) 939-3900;  
 Kathleen Hurst (215) 870-8251

They will do their very best to accommodate you!

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE 24/7 @ [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or by using the Raise Right App on your mobile device.

Any questions? Need help? Call us, text us, email us! We will help you earn money for yourself and also for our school!

The Scrip program is the easiest, no cost fundraiser there is. There is no gimmick, no catch. It takes a few minutes of pre-planning and a smidge of discipline, but the payoff is great!!!!

Monies earned through Scrip can be used at ANY school (AOP, Private Schools/Academies, etc)...from Pre-School through College, student loans, and any school related fees.

And one last reminder: It is much easier to support your school while it is open than it is to save it from closing.

### MARRIED COUPLES



Resolve to "Live your best life in love" in 2022: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? In-person experiences in the New Year are:

**When:** February 11-13 and April 22-24

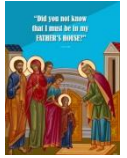
**Where:** Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

**More Info:** <https://www.wmme-philly.org/>.

### Answers to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. St. Mary Magdalene
2. Dogma/creed/doctrine
3. Stations of the Cross
4. Nicodemus
5. Anna

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



They can be ridiculously laughable, memorably lovely, or even eerily scary but always touched with a tinge of the mysterious. I speak of our dreams, those concoctions derived from our varied experiences and mixed into a kind of stew by our brains making mini-movies often fit for recall. In his narrative highlighted today, Luke the physician has no interest in a medical analysis of dreams, because he has a story to tell that cannot wait. He does want us to know that dreams can be the instruments of God's communications with us. His agents are usually angels. One of them came to St. Joseph, and he, "that just man", was attuned to accept them as coming from God. So he obeyed.

As this feast comes so quickly after Christmas Day, it compels us to lift up our eyes momentarily from the Child in the manger to take some precious time looking also at one of His parents, Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. We are reminded once again of his strength of character, his obvious humility, and his exemplary obedience. He is a marvelous model of masculine virtue honed into sanctity. The Holy Spirit, speaking through St. Luke, sees Joseph as the head of the Holy Family, not lording it over them but serving as their caregiver. He protects Mother and Child.

The other Readings today expand on the virtues needed for a healthy Christian family to flourish and grow in love for God, each other, and everyone else.

The cultural context in which this Feast arrives is certainly toxic to good family life. The family as it was known in biblical times has been shifted off its traditional base by forces we know full well. All one needs to do is watch, look, and listen to understand that. But this feast day, like all others in the Church, is not meant to focus on the negative, nor is it meant to foster cynical criticism of our own families.

Instead, we have an annual call to put aside for a time the Toy-land reveries that emerge at Christmas and consider the beauty of God's design for families as seen in this most blest circle of three. The Book of Sirach and Paul's letter to the Colossians offer specific ways for us to follow God's blueprint that, while often difficult to live day in and day out, is the best. The need is there from time to time to observe what good the man or woman in the mirror brings to family life.

Returning to St. Luke's "man of the hour," St. Joseph, here is a touching story offering advice to any and all Catholic parents:

A little boy, frightened by a thunderous lightning storm, called out one dark night, "Daddy, come. I'm scared." "Son," the father said, "God loves you and He'll take care of you. "I know God loves me," the boy replied, "but right now I want somebody who has skin on."

It seems to me that the role of the father (and the mother) is to be and demonstrate God, with skin on.

God love you and give you and your family His peace.





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## Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

31 chances to win —  
\$2,700 in total prizes  
ranging from \$50 to \$500!

Winner based on the daily 7pm  
Pennsylvania Evening Pick 3  
(straight as drawn)

Your \$10 donation supports  
the students and staff at Presentation BVM School.

Calendars are available to purchase at school, at the Scrip office  
or after Mass on the weekends.

If you are interested in selling/buying calendars,  
please contact Bill Boyce at [wboyce@presbvmschool.org](mailto:wboyce@presbvmschool.org)

**Thank you for your support!**

### National March for Life in Washington, DC

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.

**When:** Friday, Jan. 21, 2022; **Location:** Washington, D.C.  
**More Info:**

Mass begins at 10 am, and ends at 11am

Face masks are optional at this time in the Basilica

For more information, contact the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500

or email Cassandra at [cdoughty@archphila.org](mailto:cdoughty@archphila.org)

### 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 11 - 13, 2022

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

**Cost:** \$140 per person;  
Some financial aid is available.

**Register at:** [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)  
or call 609-884-3829



### Theology Trivia

1. What great sinner reformed her life and even stood at the foot of the cross?
2. What do we call the teachings of the Church which we must believe?
3. What is the devotional prayer in which we recall scenes of Jesus' passion and death?
4. What Pharisee came to Jesus at night to learn more about His Kingdom?
5. Who was the prophetess at the Temple at the time of the Presentation?

(Answers on p. 3)



### New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May our New Year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon us and bestow upon each of us a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

### Catholic Grandparents Ministry

Grandparents you have a great influence for evangelizing the family. Please join the Catholic Grandparents Ministry to support other Grandparents and to pray for our children and grandchildren. You can help build a vibrant Grandparents ministry and become equipped to pass on the faith.

**When:** First Tuesdays at 7 pm, January 2022 to May 2022

**Location:** Zoom meeting

**More Info:** Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4. For more info and to request the Zoom link, please contact Lidia Manieri 610-350-7232 [lidia@mmanieri.com](mailto:lidia@mmanieri.com) or Paul and Mary Kay Dunne 610-724-6534.

### Sacraments - Do You Understand What They Do?

"The Seven Sacraments continue the saving work of Jesus until he comes again...Participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, is not simply an option; rather, it is foundational to sustain the faithful in union with the very life of the Trinity and to strengthen them for the rigors of living their faith as committed disciples." USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis. Join Dr. Joe Zalot to learn more about what the Sacraments do in the Adult Faith Enrichment series. From 2004 to 2015, Dr. Zalot was a tenured professor at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati. He joined The National Catholic Bioethics Center as a staff ethicist in July 2017.

**When:** Sundays Jan. 9, 16, and 23 at 10:30 am

**Where:** Saints Simon and Jude Parish,

West Chester in the Meehan Center. All are welcome.

**More Info:** [www.simonandjude.org](http://www.simonandjude.org) or contact Sister Mary Agnes at [smaryan@simonandjude.org](mailto:smaryan@simonandjude.org) / 610 696-3624

### LOOKING AHEAD...

**April 30, 2022** - Archdiocesan Family Festival,  
Cardinal O'Hara High School

**May 4, 2022** - Making Missionary Disciples Training Conference with Dr. Edward Sri

**June 21-25, 2022** - GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum, Aston, PA

**October 6-14, 2022** - Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Eric Banecker

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