



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) Saturday
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 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.

Rectory Office Hours

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

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

December 25, 2022 – Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

The prophet speaks after a crisis and the death of King Ahaz, to whom the promise of a dynasty was made. The new ruler will restore the peaceful heritage of David. The ultimate reference here is Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

God's saving action enables us to live "temperately, justly, and devoutly" as we await Christ's second coming in glory.

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

After providing us the historical setting, Luke tells us of the meaning of the angels' proclamation about the meaning of the savior's birth.

Reflection:

Luke emphasizes that Jesus has come to bring glad tidings to the poor. Jesus himself is born as one of the poor. As we celebrate Christmas, we remember that, just as Jesus identified with those who are poor, we are called to be poor in spirit and to tend to the needs of those who are poor, because it is among them that we will find Christ.

So, we ask ourselves:

- The Christmas season is often associated with thoughts of peace. Where is peace needed in our world today?
- Pray for people who may experience circumstances like those found in the story of Jesus' birth. Pray for those who are far from home, those who live in fear, and those who live in need.



Readings for the Week – December 25, 2022

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:30 Cyrenian Society

11:30

Monday, December 26, 2022, Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 27, 2022, Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 28, 2022, Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

6:30 Lucia Mbemba

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, December 29, 2022

6:30 Broni and Adolf Altmann

10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 30, 2022, Feast of The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

6:30 Sabina Peter and Family

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, December 31, 2022

8:00 Patrick Cowley

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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



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

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

Pres Events, 12/25 – 12/31		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/25		
Mon., 12/26		School closed;
Tues., 12/27		classes resume
Wed., 12/28		on
Thurs., 12/29		January 3, 2023.
Fri., 12/30		
Sat., 12/31		

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. Use your credit card or debit from your bank account, and make a one-time contribution or setup a recurring gift so that Presentation BVM parish, Cheltenham, can receive a steady avenue of support.

Scrip News & Schedule



Sunday: 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Monday: 7:30 am – 10:30 am;
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 2 pm – 3 pm; 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday: 7:30 am – 10:30 am;
Friday: CLOSED;
Saturday: CLOSED;

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE 24/7 @ www.shopwithscrip.com or by using the Raise Right App on your mobile device.

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

Any questions? Need help? Call us, text us, email us!

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.

RETRouvaille:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

When: The weekend of February 10 - 12, 2023

Where: The Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

More Info/ Registration: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Answers to this week's "Theology Trivia"

1. Elizabeth
2. 90 miles
3. Gabriel
4. A feeding trough for animals
5. Gold, frankincense, myrrh

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



As I rummaged through my Christmas file to find something different for you, what to my wondering eyes should appear but a 50-year-old document I forgot I had! The paper was no less than the official stationery of Cardinal O'Hara High School, where yours truly was in my third year of teaching.

The piece was entitled "Christmas Liturgy, 1972," which sounds so long ago and far away. I vaguely remember being asked to compose the priest's prayers for a Liturgy prayed by the whole school a few days before the holiday break. Here below I present for your Christmas reflection the Preface for that Mass that I composed way back then, updated with references to the war in Ukraine and the natural disasters of devastating wildfires, floods, and famine in our present world. "It is truly right and absolutely just, that we give You thanks and praise, Loving Father, for the joys of Christmas, soon to be represented on this altar.

Those joys depend not on human effort to bring them about. If they did, the effort would be cut short by the sadness of an unjust war waged by a proud and stubborn dictator; of devastating destruction of people's homes by fire and flood; of crowded prisons; of sad orphans; the troubled sick, and the lonely old. Only God can be dependable to spread real and true joy.

We truly believe that Christmas is 'The Mass of Christ', in which He began the offering of Himself in a wooden manger on a bed of straw, only newly emerged from the womb of Mary our Blessed Virgin Mother. That same offering of His would climax on a Roman cross of wood. A glorious Resurrection would follow, on a day that outranks even Christmas.

For this generosity of God, all people can be deeply grateful. They can also rejoice that the Word of Promise grew to be the Man of action and the God of compassion.

The angels were there, along with His holy parents Mary and Joseph. They accompanied the launch of His new outlook; a new world of bursting Hope. And so we join in with their hymn of praise for all to hear, by singing 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...'

I trust that these mostly half-century old words of mine will help bring Christmas peace to you and yours.

PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL REGISTER NOW!



Accommodating the educational needs of children beginning in Preschool (3 & 4 year old programs) and continuing through 8th grade, Presentation BVM

School, offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment rooted in strong Catholic traditions. With a dedicated faculty committed to achieving high standards of academic excellence, Presentation BVM is a Middle States Accredited school that offers many curricular and co-curricular opportunities for your child to be a well-rounded individual: academically, spiritually, and socially.

Tour our school, meet faculty members, and find out what makes *Pres* the best fit for your child!

- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Free breakfast and lunch
- After School CARES Program
- MCIU Services
- Anti-bullying Program
- Catapult
- Fine Arts Program
- Hands on Science Lab
- Honors Math Program
- Award winning band
- Active Home & School Association

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For more information call 215.379.3798.

Visit us at www.presentationbvmschool.org

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Lottery Calendar Fundraiser



Makes a great Christmas gift!
31 chances to win —
\$2,650 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 can be purchased at school,
at the Scrip office or after Mass on the weekends
beginning November 26.

If you are interested in selling/buying calendars,
please contact Bill Boyce at
wboyce@presbvmschool.org

Lily's Gift

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is poor, you are not alone. *Lily's Gift*, is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. A collaboration of the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Social Services, and the Office of Life and Family, this service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time.

For support: call 215-587-3530
or email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com.

For more information about a Catholic response to PPD, visit www.Lilysgift.org or www.benotafraid.net.

Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in Christ

You are not alone! The Church desires to be close to her children who are struggling with addiction and to bring them the healing power of Jesus Christ's love. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for Catholic resources, ongoing support, testimonies and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to spiritually support you in your journey towards recovery.

Visit archphila.org/hope for details and new posting.

Catholic Women's Healthcare

The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is located in East Norriton (very close to Plymouth Meeting Mall) and is accepting new patients. The Center provides an authentically Catholic approach to women's reproductive healthcare and follows Catholic medical ethics. The providers treat women in various age groups - from teens to seniors, and offer general gynecologic care, yearly women's check-ups and natural family planning instruction in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. Services are available in English and Spanish.
More Info: phgiannacenter.org
or call the center at 844-204-0005.

Theology Trivia

1. Who was Mary's cousin?
2. About how many miles did Mary and Joseph have to travel to get to Bethlehem??
3. What is a manger?
4. What gifts did the wise men bring Jesus?
5. Where did Jesus' family flee to from Bethlehem?

(Answers on p. 3)

PRESENTATION BVM CYO PRESENTS

Annual Young at Heart Luncheon


January 16, 2023
Presentation BVM Church
Hall
100 Old Soldiers Road
Cheltenham, PA 19012

**LUNCH SERVED AT 12:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY
ENTERTAINMENT
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00AM
FREE FOR SENIORS**

Please RSVP by 01/11/23 to:
Nicole (215) 939-3900 or
Sue (267) 258-6403 or by Email to:
cyoboard.presentation@gmail.com

INVITE YOUR GRAND
PARENTS, AUNTS, AND
UNCLES!

PRO-LIFE MARCH WASHINGTON, D.C.
"Next Steps: Marching Forward in a Post-Roe America!"



Preparations are underway for the 50th Annual March for Life – the first ever in a Post-Roe world! This year will be a celebration for all involved in the Pro-Life Movement. The fight is not over yet – pro-abortion advocates are still attempting to drown out the truth that children in the womb are equal in dignity and value and deserving of our protection.

The schedule for the day is:
6:30 AM – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
7:15 AM – Bus leaves Holy Martyrs
9:30 AM – Rest stop at Maryland House
11:00 AM – Arrive in Washington, DC - March to US Capitol Building
3:00 PM – Board bus to return to Oreland
5:00 PM – Rest stop at Maryland House
6:30 PM – Arrive at Holy Martyrs

The cost is \$50. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please mail the registration form to Holy Martyrs, Pro-Life March, 120 Allison Road, Oreland, PA 19075.

Any questions contact Chris Napiecek at 215-913-6410.

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Parish: _____
of tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line:

Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041 or
email: IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.