

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.)

Rectory Office Hours

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

January 1, 2023 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

The priestly blessing given here reflects God's response to covenant fidelity. The conferring of God's blessing is reserved to Aaron and his sons.

Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

Here Paul uses one of his six proofs that humanity is saved by faith and not by the Mosaic law alone. The belief is that God sent the Spirit of His Son to have in their hearts their adoption as God's sons.

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

Luke reports the joyful reaction of the shepherds to the angels' Good News. They then rush to Mary and Joseph to report to them what they heard. Likely not surprised, Mary then ponders it all "in her heart."

Reflection:

Today's reading helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. It tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Do we pray and reflect on the events of our lives and see God's presence and work in our lives?
- Are we obedient to God and God's will?
- How do our lives show fidelity to a community of faith?

Readings for the Week – January 1, 2023



Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

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, January 1, 2023

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, January 2, 2023, Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

6:30 Bernard Michael Rigby
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Robert Reichardt

Wednesday, January 4, 2023, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, January 5, 2023, Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00

Friday, January 6, 2023

6:30 Howard Langenstein
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, January 7, 2023

8:00 William Kline

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Parish Code: Z4NTN

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Pray for all members of the Presentation Faith Community who have been welcomed into the happiness of eternal life, especially Robert F. Montgomery.

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

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

Pres Events, 01/01 – 01/07

	Parish	School
Sun., 01/01		
Mon., 01/02		School closed.
Tues., 01/03	Rosary Club, 6pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm – 8:05 pm	Classes resume.
Wed., 01/04		
Thurs., 01/05		
Fri., 01/06		
Sat., 01/07		

Vigil for Life

Christ the King from 7:00-10:00 am, Saturday, January 7.

Food Cupboard Sunday

"When I was hungry, you gave Me to eat"

Please bring your food donations to Mass next weekend. Items most in need at the cupboard are peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, juice, cereal, rice, canned beans, and evaporated milk. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Rosary Procession for Life

Join us in praying all four sets of mysteries of the rosary for the protection of life and for the healing of our culture. We meet one Saturday every month to walk through our city's streets, praying to Our Lady for Philadelphia and the world.

When: Next walk: Jan 7 at 10:30 am

Where:

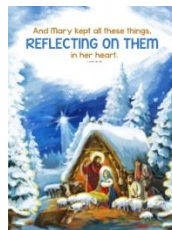
- Meet at 10:30 am at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia (January 7, March 4, and May 13)
- Meet at 10:30 am at Visitation B.V.M., Kensington (February 4, and April 1)

More info: No registration required; Questions?

Contact philly@sistersoflife.org.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Have you “pondered” anything lately? That means, have you thought really deeply and long over certain happenings in your life? That could refer to conversations, concepts presented to you, or any number of ideas that came to your mind. True pondering requires a prior attention, a certain “full bore” listening to someone else, and not any distracted half-hearing.



Pondering admittedly takes up time and leads to an inner perspective of mind and heart about this adventure we call “life.” Well did St. Luke write about Our Blessed Lady’s reaction to news about her Son as reported by local shepherds.

Mary knew nine months prior that her Child was unique and special. After all, wasn’t that what the Archangel who called himself Gabriel had told her? Then there were the difficult moments when she had to break the news to St. Joseph. Now, after the Child’s birth, still more angels had “gone public,” as we might say, with their news about the Child for the unsuspecting shepherds. Mary did not cry or protest, much less contradict the shepherd-reporters. She just pondered.

We are amid the fast-paced days of the Christmas season. Celebrating, visiting one another, strengthening family ties. This past week, the Liturgy put us on an emotional “roller coaster” attached to Christmas week. St. Stephen’s martyrdom gave us a jolt on the 26th. Two days later, the awful slaughter of the Holy Innocent babies by King Herod’s brutes. All that and more.

So I pondered a bit myself this past week. That led me to ask you to “steal” some moments in the weeks ahead and many more times in the New Year, to ponder what happens to you. It’s one healthy and spiritually profitable way to do what Our Mother Mary did all her earthbound days enroute to heaven. God love you and give you His peace all through 2023!

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For more information call 215.379.3798.

Visit us at www.presentationbvmschool.org

Answers to this week’s “Theology Trivia”

1. The Roman leader Theophilus, to tell him the truth about Christian teaching
2. John the Baptist, six months
3. To show the Jewish community in Antioch that Jesus was the one prophesied.
4. With the genealogy of Jesus
5. Savior

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!

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.

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: _____

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.

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.

Theology Trivia

1. To whom did Luke write his Gospel? ?
2. Who is older, Jesus or John the Baptist? How much older?
3. Why was Matthew writing his Gospel?
4. How does Matthew's Gospel start?
5. What does the name "Jesus" mean?

(Answers on p. 3)