



PRESENTATION BVM

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Deadline for Publication

The deadline for publication in the parish bulletin is Monday at 11am. You can submit your notices either by email (bulletin.pbvm@gmail.com) or by dropping them off at the rectory. (Previously published bulletins are available on the parish website.)

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.

Formed.org Parish Code: Z4NTN

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9 AM - Noon

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham>

January 7, 2024 – Feast of the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The prophet announces that all parts of the world will come to Zion to rebuild Jerusalem. Then throughout the land the glory of the Lord will shine forth.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul's chief insight into the mystery of Christ is that Gentiles are to be recognized as full participants in the life of the Church.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The special personages in this episode are the magi, or wise men, who come to visit Jesus. Over time, Christianity has made them into kings, numbering them as 3 because of the number of gifts they presented to the Child. Above all, they symbolize the Gentile world coming to the Jewish Christ.

Reflection:

Where are we looking for Jesus today? Even if we had no other gospel story than this one, we should know where to look: among the newcomers and displaced; among the newborn poor and their families; among those who have no roots and are searching; among those pushed around by an uncaring system of laws and decrees.

So, we ask ourselves:

- Would I describe myself as one of the modern-day magi, a searcher for God?
- How do I go about that search each day?

Readings for the Week – January 7, 2024

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, January 8, 2024, The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 Juanita and Dennis Ianuzzi
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph
11:00 Memorial Mass, Jonathan Honaker

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:30 Pat Wardlow
10:00 Florence Kuczynski

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30 Nancy Cole
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:30 John Taylor
10:00 Stella Grzesiak

Friday, January 12, 2024

6:30 John Rose (living)
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:00 Bill Anderson

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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



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

Quotables

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Nothing can happen to me that God doesn't want.
And all that He wants, no matter how bad it may
appear to us, is really for the best."

~St. Thomas More

Pres Events, 1/7 - 1/13		
	Parish	School
Sun., 1/7		
Mon., 1/8	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel, 3-5 pm	
Tues., 1/9	Rosary, 6pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 - 8:05	
Wed., 1/10		8th grade graduation photos
Thurs., 1/11		School Mass, 10 am
Fri., 1/12		
Sat., 1/13		

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.

Adoration

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday from 3-5 pm in the Adoration Chapel. But Jesus is always present there and the Chapel is a beautiful place for silent prayer. So come visit!

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 set up 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 am; **Tuesday:** 2 pm - 3 pm; **Wednesday:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; **Thursday:** 9 am - 11 am; **Friday:** 7:30 am - 10 am; **Saturday:** CLOSED.

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

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

Nicole H. (215) 939-3900; Kathleen H. (215) 870-8251

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 preschool through college, student loans, and any school related fees.

Interested in Volunteering?

Presentation BVM School is looking for volunteer librarians to encourage a love of reading in our students.

More Info: Please call Joyce Flanigan at 215-379-3798 or email mrs.flanigan@presbvmschool.org.

Answers to Theology Trivia

1. The Liturgical Year
2. Advent
3. Letter
4. Divine Inspiration
5. The Bible

One Day in Time: A Prayer of Epiphany

Lord of All Nations,
We longed to see your face, to hear your voice.
We kept the faith, and reached out in prayer.
But too often, we failed to find you.

And then, one day in time you placed yourself
within reach in the person of a child
as vulnerable as any of us.

King and peasant beheld you, woman and man,
Slave and free, Jew and gentile.

For you had come for all.

"Epiphany," we called it a living manifestation
of the God we call upon.

We have since known other epiphanies:
We have met you in the faces of our sisters,
The grace of our brothers.

We have met you in the hand that reaches out,
The heart that weeps for the other,
In the strength of one who protects,

In the gentleness of one who forgives.

We have seen your face.

We have heard your voice.

As broken as we are –

As scared and hollowed and sinful

May others see something of you in us,

May they hear the sound of your voice.

May you be revealed to all nations,

All peoples on earth.

May Epiphanies abound.

Be born in us, O Lord.

Amen.

~Catholic Relief Services

Thank You!

The parishioners of Presentation BVM were very generous on Respect Life Sunday, donating \$1,562.12 to the Cenacle at the Padre Pio Center, the Pro-Life Union's community -based Family Center in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. This Center provides tangible supplies, community meals, laundry services, pregnancy and parenting support groups and much more for families in need.

Nearly every mom whom the Pro-Life Union serves at the Cenacle has considered an abortion. We are saving babies here, even though we don't know the exact number.

Thank you, wonderful people at Presentation BVM Church. We could not continue our mission of helping moms, babies, and families without you. ~T. J. Stevens, President and CEO

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center,
Stone Harbor, NJ,

Close up of friends of Jesus:

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Jesus shared a special relationship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He needed and valued their friendship. What can be learned from the close friendship, the intimacy, the sacred bonds? This Lent, explore your friendship with Jesus and others. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. It includes Mass and lunch.

Presenter: Sr. Mary Henrich IHM

When: Tues., Feb. 20, 2024, 8:45 am—2:45 pm

Cost: \$60*



PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

Registrations for the 2023-2024 academic year are now being accepted. Grants and scholarships are available!

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!



- AOP School of Distinguished Instruction
- Middle States Accredited
- 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool Program
- 1:1 Chrome books
- Fine Arts Program
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Hands on Science Lab
- After School CARES Program
- Anti-bullying Program
- Active H&S Association
- Honors Math Program
- Catapult
- MCIU Services
- Award winning band

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Tours available every Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information or to schedule a tour, call the school at (215) 379-3798 or visit the website.



Theology Trivia

1. What do we call the cycle of feasts and seasons celebrating the events of the life of Jesus and his presence in the Church?
2. What do we call the season of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas?
3. What does the word "Epistle" mean?
4. What do we call the Holy Spirit's influence on biblical authors?
5. Which book contains the inspired Word of God?

(Answers on p. 3)

Novena to Three American Saints for Life

Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, Francis Cabrini, and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of the saints for the promotion of life in our country and our Church today. .

When: Sunday, January 14, to January 22, 20s4

Where: National Centre, 111 Barto Road, Barto , PA or

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/PadrePioInc

YouTube: <https://YouTube.com/@PadrePioInc>

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the "Twelfth Day of Christmas." That was my beloved mom's birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance.

What it celebrates is captured in the very word "Epiphany" itself. It means a "manifestation" or "showing." It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about "the wideness of God's mercy." His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: "Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?"

Here is a selection from the texts for today's feast found at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in London

"The Magi"

It might have been just someone else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name, but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere, but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.



The Magi Come to Worship Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, which is when the Magi, or wise men, of the East came to find and worship Baby Jesus. They travelled for many weeks across harsh country to find the new King, bringing their best treasures to give to Him.

Where did these men find the baby King? Not in Jerusalem in the palace, with riches and servants! They found Him in a little town, in a house with just His mother, Mary. But they still knew Who the Baby was, so they bowed down to Him and gave Him their treasures.

The wise men teach us that we can honour God in all sorts of places. Jesus is there when you help ordinary people and poor people. He is honoured when you pray at a little nativity scene. Like the wise men, we should give our very best to Jesus no matter where He is.





Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 4. myrrh 6. to 8. East 9. star 11. find 14. secretly 15. King 16. gold 18. Bethlehem Down: 1. Frankincense 2. Jesus 3. at 4. Mary 5. Herod 7. loved 9. joyed 10. they 12. as 13. its 17. lie

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The Kids' Bulletin

Epiphany Sunday
January 7th, 2024

*Here is the story of the Wise Men,
with pictures to make it fun to read!*

Long ago,  saw a special  in the

sky. They followed it to find the

newborn . But first they came to 

Herod, and asked him if he knew where the




would be born. He asked the priests,

who told him the  would be born in



Bethlehem. So the  went, and found the



where the  and His mother,



were staying. They knelt before the

baby  and gave him their  of gold,

frankincense and myrrh.

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

January 12

MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS WAS BORN IN 1620 IN TROYES, FRANCE. SHE WAS THE SIXTH OF TWELVE CHILDREN IN A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY.

WHEN SHE WAS 20, SHE WAS IN A PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY WHEN SHE FELT CALLED TO THE SERVICE OF GOD.

SHE JOINED A GROUP OF WOMEN THAT TAUGHT THE POOR CHILDREN OF TROYES.

IT WILL BE A LONG TRIP.

THERE SHE HELPED WITH BUILDING A CHAPEL AND HAD THE CROSS ON MOUNT ROYAL REBUILT.

SHE TAUGHT THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO CAME TO CANADA TO MARRY AND RAISE FAMILIES.

MOTHER, WE'VE BEEN APPROVED!

MANY OTHER WOMEN JOINED HER WORK. AFTER MARGUERITE RETIRED, THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE-DAME WAS GIVEN OFFICIAL APPROVAL.

SAINT MARGUERITE DIED AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE HAD HELPED THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW SETTLEMENT SO MUCH THAT THEY CALLED HER "THE MOTHER OF THE COLONY." SHE TAUGHT THE FAITH TO THE MOTHERS BECAUSE SHE KNEW THAT THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST ONES TO TEACH THE FAITH TO THEIR CHILDREN.

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ΕΠΙΦΑΝΥ CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that

_____ (2d) was

born, some wise men

from the _____ (8a)

saw in the sky a

special _____ (9a) at

_____ (13d) rising, and

followed it to

_____ (11a) the new-

born Saviour. First

they came to

Jerusalem where

_____ (10d) went to

ask _____ (15a) Herod

if he knew where the new

King would be born.

_____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and

scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in

_____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and

said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too,

and told the men to return once they had found him and

tell him where the Baby was. The men were

_____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his

mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving

their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d)

and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d)

_____ (12d) night an angel appeared _____ (6a)

_____ (7d) them and told them to

_____ (14a) go home

by another road, since King

_____ (5d) wanted to kill

Baby Jesus.

