



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

PRESENTATION BVM

100 Old Soldiers Road
Cheltenham, PA 19012

<http://www.presentationbvm.org>

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Deacon Retired:	William A. Cella
Principal:	Mrs. Joyce Flanigan
Business Manager:	William Boyce
Coord. of Liturgical Music:	Mrs. Melanie Capoferri
Organist:	Stephen Duffy
PREP Coordinator:	Mrs. Mary Ciamachelo

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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.)

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

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

January 14, 2024- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

The call of young Samuel is itself a classic description of how such a call can be misinterpreted at first. In this case, the future prophet is given a command to communicate a particular Word to the people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Sexual pleasure for its own sake and unconnected with conception contradicts the fact that our bodies “are not our own.” Saint Paul’s powerful message is that our bodies are Temples of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

The Baptist’s preaching is fulfilled when two of his former disciples, namely Andrew and his brother Simon, decide to follow Jesus. The Lord, in turn, poses to them (and us) a life-altering question: “What are you looking for?”

Reflection:

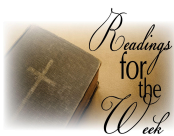
In moments of urgent need we sometimes say to a nearby person, “Don’t just stand there, do something!” True enough. But there are other times, when we are facing a situation that we do not have a clue about what to do.

Then we might invite the Lord to speak, to show us the way, to give us a wisdom we need, but don’t have on our own. At those moments we pray Samuel’s prayer: “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

So, we ask ourselves:

- How do I include God in my daily decisions?
- When I must make an important decision, how much time do I give to prayer?

Readings for the Week – January 14, 2014



Monday, January 15, 2024 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 18, 2024 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 19, 2024 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 20, 2024 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday, January 21, 2024 Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, January 15, 2024

6:30 Frank Greenawalt
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:30 Margaret McCaskey
10:00 Joseph and Stella Grzesiak

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot

6:30 Daniel Bergkoetter
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:30 Barbara Sullivan
10:00 Teresa McCormack

Friday, January 19, 2024

6:30 Mary Elizabeth Gallagher
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:00 Kevin Cole

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 Bambery, 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

“Mercy is the greatest attribute of God.”
~St. Faustina

“The souls of one who serves God always swims in joy,
always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing.”
~St. John of the Cross

“I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just
wish he didn’t trust me so much.”
~St. Teresa of Calcutta



Pres Events, 1/14 - 1/20		
	Parish	School
Sun., 1/14		
Mon., 1/15	"Young at Heart Luncheon" 11:00 am	Martin Luther King Day, School Closed
Tues., 1/16	Rosary, 6pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 - 8:05	
Wed., 1/17		Ring in the New Year Dress Down Day, \$1
Thurs., 1/18		
Fri., 1/19		
Sat., 1/20		

Tabor Home Sunday

Next Sunday is **Tabor Home Sunday**. The Tabor Home is consistently in need of toiletries. You can imagine the challenge of keeping 46 men and women supplied with these items! The desired toiletries are: liquid body wash, soap (no bar soap), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, and deodorant. Please donate full size items. We also welcome all socks and underwear donations.

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. Forerunner/Herald 2. St. John the Baptist 3. Mary's 4. Joseph's 5. St. Mark



THANK YOU

Many **THANKS** to the **regular crew** and all the **volunteers** who decorated our Church so **beautifully** for Christmas. Women, men, teenagers, and children took time out two days before Christmas in the midst of their own Christmas preparations and gave generously of their time and creativity. Also, a big thank you to **Bob McCann** and **Rich Ciepiela** who supported us in this effort. Most of the gang came back on 1/7/2024 to put everything away. We are grateful for their dedication.

GIVING TREE

Thank you for your generosity to our **2023 Giving Tree** collection! Your gifts of baby items, baby supplies, PJ's, sweats, slippers and scarves for men and women were gratefully received. May God bless you for your kindness! A huge **THANK YOU** to **Kathy & Hank Thompson**, **Pat Skienzelski**, and **Sheila Meehan** for loading all the donations into the cars, transporting, and delivering them to Guiding Light Ministries and Tabor Manor. Your efforts were awesome and greatly appreciated!



PRESENTATION BVM CYO PRESENTS

Annual Young at Heart Luncheon

January 15, 2024
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 01/11/24 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!

Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

Come & See events offer men (high school and post-high school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

When: January - March 2024

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood

More info: Visit <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/> or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org

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

105 Old Soldiers Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012

Visit us at www.presentationbvmschool.org

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.

The Catechetical Institute

The Catechetical Institute (CI) at The School of Theological Studies (STS) at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary offers affordable online non-credit courses for Catholic adults 18+ with a high school diploma or equivalent who are seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith or who are required to obtain catechetical certification in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Registration is now open for the February courses *Person of Jesus* and *New Testament*. The cost is \$60.00 per course. Please visit <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/> for more details and to register.

Supporting Those with Mental Health Struggles

A workshop for parish leaders, family members, and friends.

It is estimated that one in five adults in the U.S. lives with a mental illness. Among children and teens, the numbers are increasing dramatically. This means that every parish and church institution has many members who suffer in this way, and often in silence. This workshop is designed to give parish leaders, as well as family members and friends, practical tools to help you support those who experience mental health struggles.

Speaker: Dave Eckert, Intersect Network

When: Saturday, January 27, 2024, 9:15 am-2:30 pm

Where: St. Cecilia Parish Auditorium, Philadelphia

More Info: Workshop topics,

<https://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Event-Jan-2024-flyer.pdf>

Registration: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=dFwo6c>

Sponsored by: Office for the New Evangelization and Office for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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*

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful"

In a contemplative atmosphere, we will use Scriptural passages as well as other writings for our reflections. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. It includes Mass and lunch.

Presenter: Sr. Pat McDermott IHM

When: Wed., Feb. 28, 2024, 8:45 am—3:00 pm

Cost: \$60*

*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before these day events for an additional \$95.

More info or to register: www.VMbytheSea.com.



Theology Trivia

1. What is another word for "precursor?"
2. Which saint was a prophet, preacher, and cousin of Jesus?
3. Luke's infancy narrative is written from whose point of view?
4. Matthew's infancy narrative is written from whose point of view?
5. Which Gospel was written first?

(Answers on p. 3)

Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

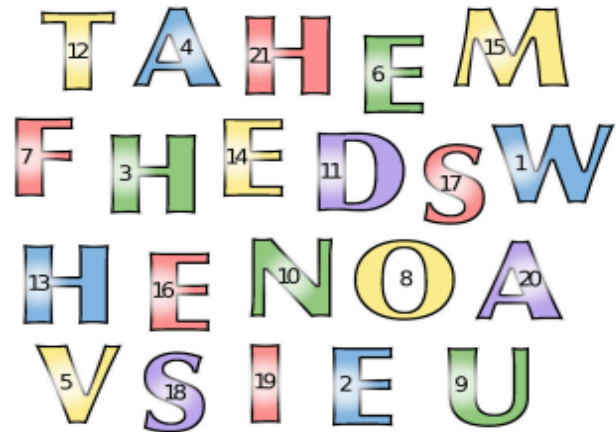
God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



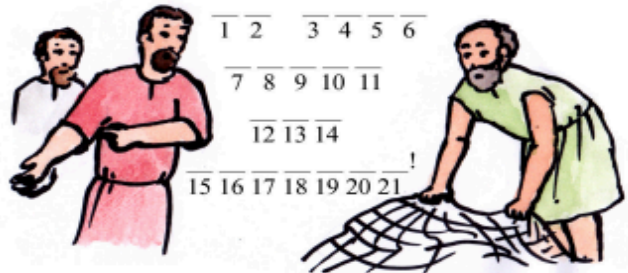
Answer to Cross-Word: We have found the Messiah!
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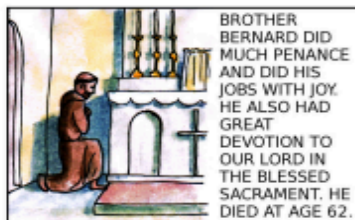
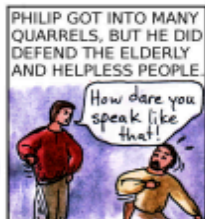
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Saint Bernard of Corleone January 12



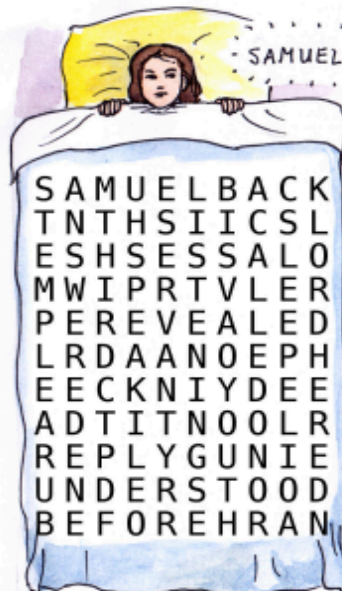
SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?

Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."



Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, 'SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was

