

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

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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>

February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Lepers in those ancient days had to live not only with physical pain but also with psychological pain from the several laws regarding them. In addition to forced separation from the community, they were obliged to cry out "Unclean!" whenever they neared healthy people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10; 31-11:1

Paul urges his flock to act like Christ as healers and at the same time to be compassionate toward all whom they may encounter.

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

With a loving and tender touch, disregarding strict laws against any kind of physical contact with lepers, Jesus touches a man with the disease and heals him. He then orders the man to follow the law by showing himself to a priest who would declare him "clean."

Reflection:

Who are we at this Eucharist today? We are a community of people always in need of cleansing; always stretching out our hands saying to Jesus, "If you want, you can make us clean." And Jesus responds quickly and with compassion, as he did for the leper, "Of course I want to, be clean."

So we ask ourselves:

- Who are the modern "lepers" in our world, people shunned for no fault of their own?
- Is there someone, neglected by others, that I need to stretch out my hand to?

Readings for the Week – February 11, 2024



Monday Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, February 12, 2024

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 Jean Claude Desmores
10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph
7:30 pm

Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:30 James Cole
10:00 Mary Catherine Reinsel

Friday, February 16, 2024

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

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:00 Souls in Purgatory



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

Quotable- Pope Francis

"Lent is the time to proclaim that God alone is Lord, to drop the pretense of being self-sufficient and the need to put ourselves at the center of things, to be the top of the class, to think that by our own abilities we can succeed in life and transform the world around us.

How many distractions and trifles distract us from the things that really count! How often do we get caught up in our own wants and needs, lose sight of the heart of the matter, and fail to embrace the true meaning of our lives in this world!"

Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world, and to reject lies and hypocrisy. Not the lies and hypocrisies of others, but our own."

Pres Events 2/11- 2/17		
	Parish	School
Sun., 2/11		
Mon., 2/12	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	Be Mine Dress Down Day, \$1
Tues., 2/13	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	
Wed., 2/14		Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, 1:00 pm
Thurs., 2/15		
Fri., 2/16		School Closed
Sat., 2/17		

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.thecfpg.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.

Theology Trivia

1. What does the word "Messiah" mean?
2. Who was the precursor who prepared the way for Jesus?
3. What prayer did Jesus use to teach the Apostles how to pray?
4. Name the writers of the Gospels.
5. What does "Synoptic" mean? (Answers on p. 4)



Lent at Presentation BVM

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, 1 pm - 1:30pm
Mass, 6:30 am, 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross,

Tuesdays, 7:15 pm; Fridays, 1 pm (not 2/16)

Rice Bowl, Collection Boxes in Church vestibule)

Eucharist Adoration- Monday afternoon, 3 pm - 5 pm.

The chapel is open every day until 7 pm.

Reflection Booklets- available in the Church Vestibule

Parish Lenten Sacrifice- Food assistance program to assist parishioners with food insecurity. (Explained below.)

Dear Parishioners of Presentation BVM,

In recent months, members of the Pres community have seen a great need in the parish for certain families and individuals facing economic hardship. In some instances, these individuals have sought the parish's help for basic necessities like groceries. With the hope of meeting this present need, Fr. Harrison and parishioners would like to begin a new collection effort as we enter into the 2024 Lenten season. Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, we ask parishioners to consider making a gift card purchase(s) from a local supermarket as an additional part of their parish contributions. These gift cards would be set aside for anyone facing food insecurity due to an economic hardship.

How do I participate in this effort?

1. Purchase a supermarket gift card next time you make a trip for groceries. The gift card can be from any supermarket! Examples include Shoprite, Acme, or Giant. You may also purchase a gift card through the parish's Scrip Program. The Scrip Office is open on Sundays! Review the Scrip Program schedule included in this bulletin for more details.
2. Place your purchased gift card in the collections box located in the Church vestibule when you attend Mass.
3. Repeat as often as you feel called to do so.
4. We suggest a minimum amount of \$25 per gift card donation.

A person who finds themselves in need should not feel ashamed to seek support during a trying time in life. The Presentation BVM community seeks to be a refuge for those suffering from any kind of material hardship, especially food insecurity. This is an especially timely opportunity for those of us with means as we enter into the Lenten season. It is a time that calls us to a spirit of repentance and renewal, of sacrifice and almsgiving, for the good of ourselves and our neighbor. We ask that you prayerfully consider participating in this collection effort as we strive to embrace the Lord Jesus in each and every member of our community, especially those in greatest need.

How can I benefit from this collection effort if I am in need of assistance?

You may request a gift card(s) by doing one of the following:

1. Approach Fr. Harrison after a scheduled Mass and let him know that you are in need of support from this effort.
2. Call or visit the Rectory during scheduled office hours noted in this bulletin to request support and pick up a gift card.

Anyone that requests assistance from this new collection will not be turned down so long as gift cards are available for distribution. Fr. Harrison will determine the amount of the gift card(s) to be distributed based on gift card availability and individual need. May God bless you and may the Holy Spirit guide you!

Friday Fasting

Fast & Abstinence Obligations during Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive.



Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Man Up Philly 2024 Catholic Men's Conference – "From Death Into Life"

Join the over 1200 men of the Archdiocese in a day of reflection and spiritual regeneration. Listen to our awesome speakers recount their faith journeys from death into life, from darkness into light. Eucharistic Adoration – led by international tenor Mark Forrest and Mass Celebrant – Archbishop Perez
Speakers: Mike Schmidt, author Danny Bader, TMIY Vice-President Mark Hartfiel, and NYC Youth Minister Deacon Nathan Gunn

When: March 2nd, 8:30 am

Where: Cardinal O'Hara High School,
1701 S Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064

To Register: www.manupphilly.com/registration/

More Info: Manupphilly@gmail.com

Francesca LaRosa's "A Night with Psalms"

Catholic composer, Francesca LaRosa, who has spent the last several years setting the psalms for Cycles A, B, and C to music in both metered and chanted form, has something for all of the faithful. In this concert she will share a bit of her backstory, discuss how we pray the psalms within the context of the Mass, and explain why the psalms are set to music, in addition to performing some of her compositions. This event is a free faith-sharing experience for all, one that can be especially fruitful during the Lenten season.

When: Monday, March 4th - 7PM

Where: Saint Matthew Parish, Upper Church,
3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149

Questions and RSVP: An RSVP is required. Please forward your RSVP, or any questions, to events@stmmayfair.org.

Answers to Theology Trivia

1. Anointed One/Christ
2. St. John the Baptist
3. The Our Father
4. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
5. Looking at together/ Similar

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.

Nazareth Academy High School News

Nazareth Academy High School is excited to host a 5th and 6th Grade Paint Night. We invite 5th and 6th grade girls to join us for a fun evening as they go on a scavenger hunt throughout the school!

When: Friday, March 1, 2024, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Nazareth Academy HS, 4001 Grant Ave., Philadelphia

Cost: Free, pizza and refreshments will be served.

Registration: NazarethAcademyHS.org/admissions/visit-us

Questions: Contact Ashley Figanzik in the Admissions Office, 215-268-1026

LOOKING AHEAD...

April 27, 2024, 5:30 pm- Christ in the City Encounter
Fundraiser, Blue Bell

May 20-29, 2024 - Marian Shrines Pilgrimage with Fr. Eric Banecker, Spain, Portugal, France

May 31-June 2, 2024 - National Eucharistic Procession
passes through Philadelphia

2023 Year End Contribution Report

The year-end report of contributions in 2023 is available now. In order to obtain this report, please complete the information request on the form below and return it to the rectory. For purposes of clarity, this form is the only way we can honor your request.

2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

I/we request this report for:

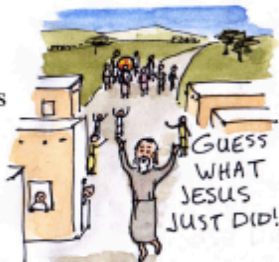
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Daytime Phone Number _____

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



Answers to Cross-Word: across: 3. leper 6. leper 7. people 9. sternly 10. a 13. hand 15. made 16. go 17. whole 18. in 19. began down: 1. Jesus 2. begged 3. kneeling 4. tell 5. if 8. touched 11. be 12. proof 13. he 14. down 15. man

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2024



If you wish you can make me clean!

Jesus: I do will it. Be made clean! See that you tell no one anything. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.

What did the leper in today's Gospel reading say to Jesus?

What did Jesus reply to him?

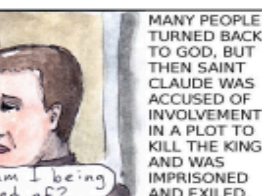
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Don't forget this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!

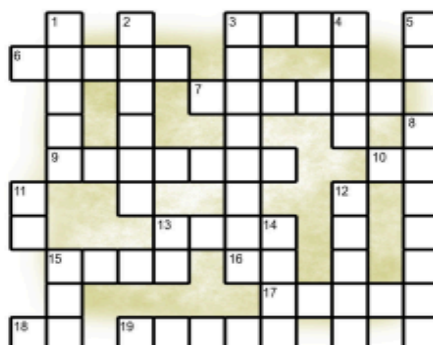
Saint Claude de la Colombiere February 15



ST. CLAUDE DIED SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO FRANCE DUE TO HIS POOR HEALTH. HE HAD TRIED HARD TO LOVE GOD AS PERFECTLY AS HE COULD SO GOD CHOSE HIM TO HELP SPREAD DEVOTION TO HIS SACRED HEART. LIKE SAINT CLAUDE, WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO APPRECIATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.



The Leper Cross-Word



kneeling if touched in to be he go tell man kept leper hand

A _____ (6a) came to Jesus and _____ (3d) _____ (14d) _____ (2d) him and said, "_____ (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his _____ (13a), _____ (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. _____ (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was _____ (15a) clean. Then, warning him _____ (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you _____ (4d) no one anything, but _____ (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be _____ (12d) for them."

The _____ (15d) went away and _____ (19a) to publicize the _____ (17a) matter. _____ (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for _____ (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside _____ (18a) deserted places, and _____ (7a) _____ (3a) coming _____ (10a) him from everywhere.

