

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

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Organist:	Stephen Duffy
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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 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

The story of the Great Flood and Noah's leadership is one in which the world is cleansed by water. There follows a covenant between God and the people symbolized by a rainbow which will mean the end of future rainstorms before they destroy the world.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

The victory of Christ over sin is applied to Christians by baptism. This was prefigured by the cleansing waters of the Great Flood.

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The brief and simple narrative of Mark contrasts with the more elaborate scriptural debate between the devil and Jesus, as portrayed in both Matthew and Luke, both of which followed Mark in time.

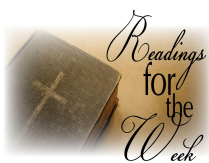
Reflection:

Genesis sets forth a challenge to us to be the voice for the Earth and all nature when greed and indifference cause people, companies and governments to harm and drain Earth's resources. God, we hear today, is concerned for "the earth...and all living things."

So we ask ourselves:

- What can I do this Lent to take God's side in loving and caring for "all living things?"
- How shall I foster this loving care for creation in my family and friends?

Readings for the Week – February 18, 2024



Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, February 19, 2024

6:30 Broni and Adolf Altmann
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

6:30 Kevin Cole
10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

6:30 Sabina Kanju and Peter Kithuva
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, February 22, 2024, Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

6:30 David Sillman
10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 23, 2024

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

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:00 Daniel Mordeczko



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

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

~Pope Francis

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Pres Events 2/18- 2/24		
	Parish	School
Sun., 2/18		
Mon., 2/19	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	Presidents' Day School Closed
Tues., 2/20	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	
Wed., 2/21		
Thurs., 2/22		
Fri., 2/23		
Sat., 2/24		

Pray for Life

Fourth Saturday, February 24, 6:30 am - 7:30 am at the abortion clinic on Tabor below Broad (behind Einstein Hospital).

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.

Theology Trivia

1. What is another name for "Gospel writer?"
2. What great Jewish feast did Christ celebrate with his apostles at the Last Supper?
3. What nationality was Jesus?
4. Who is referred to as "The New Moses?"
5. Which Apostle was the "doubter?"

(Answers on p. 4)

PRESIDENT'S Day



Lent at Presentation BVM

Stations of the Cross,

Tuesdays, 7:15 pm; Fridays, 1 pm

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 purchasing a supermarket gift card from our Scrip Office as an additional part of their parish contribution..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 gift card from the Scrip Office (or from the supermarket itself, although you will get a better deal at the Scrip Office!). The Scrip Office is open six days a week, including Sundays. Review the Scrip Office schedule included in this bulletin for 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 the Rectory during the scheduled office hours noted on the front cover of this bulletin to request support and to make arrangements to 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!

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.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.



Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

Lottery Calendar Thank You

Thank you to all our purchasers and sellers who made the Presentation BVM School January Lottery Calendar Fundraiser such a success! The net profit came to \$5,074 - and that was after paying out \$1,850 in prizes, including one \$500 prize. Congratulations to all our winners!

Stay tuned for information concerning our next Lottery Calendar...

Annual Archdiocesan Mass for Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

Archbishop Nelson Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The liturgical choir will be Holy Innocents' Young Adult Choir. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome.

When: March 10, 2024, 3:00 pm

Where: Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia

More Info - To RSVP visit www.opdarchphilly.org, or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending and any necessary accommodations.

Evening of Mercy – Doors Open for Confession

All Catholics are invited to the Cathedral for an evening with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Allow Jesus to unburden your heart this Lent through a thorough confession of your sins. Multiple priests will be available for confession, including our Missionaries of Mercy.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 7 pm -9 pm

Where: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia 19103

More info: archphila.org/mercy

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for B.B.V.C. This is a day filled with faith, fun, fellowship, and food.

When: March 16, 2024 – 9 am-4:30 pm

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood

More Info and Registration: Contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778 or visit <https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/>

Answers to Theology Trivia

1. Evangelist
2. Passover
3. Jewish
4. Jesus
5. Saint Thomas

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.

Presentation BVM School Needs You!

Do you have any interests that you can share with our students? Do you have a love of books, Legos, board games, community service? Presentation BVM School is looking for volunteers to moderate our after school clubs. All you need to volunteer are your clearances and scheduling is flexible. If interested, please contact Mrs. Flanigan at 215-379-3798 or mrs.flanigan@presbvmschool.org

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 Figanizk in the Admissions Office, 215-268-1026

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:

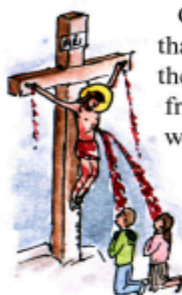
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God Washes Away our Sins

In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.



God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.



Answers: Front page: Noah's ark
Inside: He was tempted by the devil.

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The Kids' Bulletin

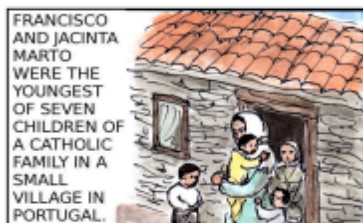
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February 18th, 2024



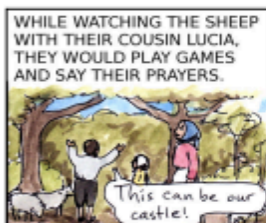
What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?

Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!

Saints Francisco and Jacinta February 20



FRANCISCO AND JACINTA WERE THE YOUNGEST OF SEVEN CHILDREN OF A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN PORTUGAL.



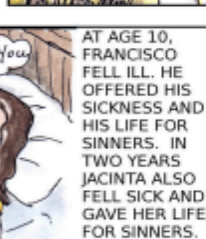
WHILE WATCHING THE SHEEP WITH THEIR COUSIN LUCIA, THEY WOULD PLAY GAMES AND SAY THEIR PRAYERS.



BUT ONE DAY AN ANGEL APPEARED AND TAUGHT THEM A SPECIAL PRAYER.



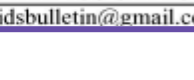
Pray for the poor sinners!



SHE SHOWED THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE DID NOT REPENT OF THEIR SINS AND WENT TO HELL.



LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA BEGAN TO PRAY AND OFFER MANY SACRIFICES FOR THE POOR SINNERS.



God, I offer You all my pain...



AT AGE 10, FRANCISCO FELL ILL. HE OFFERED HIS SICKNESS AND HIS LIFE FOR SINNERS. IN TWO YEARS JACINTA ALSO FELL SICK AND GAVE HER LIFE FOR SINNERS.

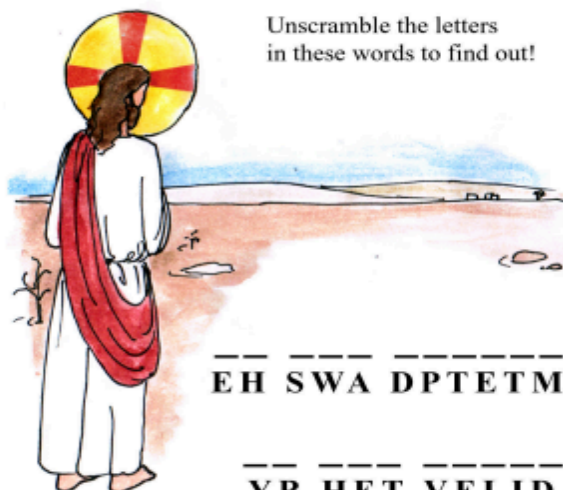
SAINT FRANCISCO AND SAINT JACINTA KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRAY AND DO SACRIFICES TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM HELL. THEY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR LUNCHES AND WEAR KNOTTED ROPE AROUND THEIR WAISTS TO SUFFER FOR SINNERS. WHAT IS A LITTLE SACRIFICE THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SINNERS?

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JESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?



Unscramble the letters in these words to find out!

EH SWA DPTETME

YB HET VELID

