

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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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 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Abraham passes God's test of him, and we witness a powerful sign of the obedience we should give God. Reading to kill Isaac as ordered, his obedience is rewarded; the sword withdrawn, and a glorious reward is promised.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31b-34

This section is a hymn to the love of God for us is made plain to see in the Father's willingness to hand over His Son to death for our redemption, now that same Son intercedes for us with the Father.

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

In the first part of this story Jesus is established as the beloved Son for all the world to know. In the second part, Jesus' obedient sonship is placed in the context of Jewish hopes about the kingdom and resurrection.

Reflection:

Like the disciples, we periodically need to go to a "listening place," our own private "mountain top." This Lent, why not set aside a few minutes each day to read and meditate on the scriptures? If our parish is offering a Lenten scripture series we might want to attend and, with other disciples, "listen to Jesus." We don't have to travel very far to find a "mountain top" to listen to the Good News Jesus has for us.

So we ask ourselves:

- Is there so much noise and rush in my life that I have no time for prayer and reflection?
- Have I ever had a "mountain top" experience when I felt God was close and spoke a word to me?
- What effect did that experience have on my life?

Readings for the Week – February 25, 2024



Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society

11:30

Monday, February 26, 2024

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:30 James Cole

10:00 Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

6:30 Sabina Kanju and Peter Kithuva

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Thursday, February 29, 2024,

6:30 Nancy Cole

10:00 Anna R. Shearer

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:00 Dolores Landgrebe (4th Anniversary)

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

Quotable

"In an age when even one's most intimate thoughts and feelings can become fodder for social media, Lent is a time to cast aside appearances and to find God at work in the depths of the heart. Without realizing it, Christians have become immersed in a world in which everything, including our emotions and deepest feelings, has to become 'social.' Even the most tragic and painful experiences risk not having a quiet place where they can be kept. Everything has to be exposed, shown off, fed to the gossip mill of the moment." Lent is a chance for Christians to ensure their relationship with God is not reduced to mere outward show."

~Pope Francis

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Pres Events 2/25- 3/02		
	Parish	School
Sun., 2/25		
Mon., 2/26	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	
Tues., 2/27	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	
Wed., 2/28		
Thurs., 2/29		
Fri., 3/01		Terra Nova Testing
Sat., 3/02		

Vigil for Life

Christ the King from 7:00-10:00 am, Saturday, March 2.

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. The virginal conception of Christ and the role of Joseph in the life of Jesus are recorded in which Gospel?
2. The only Gospel beginning with a prologue, referring to Jesus as the Word made flesh, was written by whom?
3. The Sermon on the Mount, which describes the Beatitudes, is found in which Gospel?
4. Jesus referred to His Father as _____.
5. Judas betrayed Jesus for the sum of _____.

(Answers on p. 4)



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.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER



In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community.

Visit csrricebowl.org to 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...

PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 20TH
5PM-7PM

REGISTER NOW

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Guided Ambassador Tour
- Information Session
- Meet With The Principal
- Scholarship & Grant Opportunities

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Answers to Theology Trivia

1. St. Matthew
2. St. John
3. St. Matthew/St. Luke
4. Abba
5. Thirty pieces of silver.

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 will be hosting its 6th and 7th Grade Practice Test. This serves as a beneficial opportunity for students to practice the skills needed to prepare for the 8th Grade Entrance Exam.

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 7:45 am - 12:00 pm

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

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:

Name of Household or Individual _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Jesus Shows His Glory



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes; He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25th, 2024




took Peter, James and John up a




Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the




began to speak with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.



Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we

build  : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a

voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.

Coming down the , He told  not to tell anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

Use the pictures to help read the story from today's Gospel reading!

Saint Oswald February 28

OSWALD WAS BORN IN THE 900'S. HE WAS FROM A DANISH FAMILY, BUT WAS RAISED BY HIS UNCLE IN ENGLAND, THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.



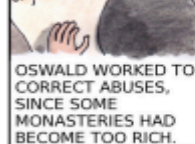
HE STUDIED AND BECAME A BENEDICTINE MONK AND THEN A PRIEST IN FRANCE.



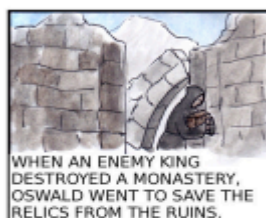
WHEN HE WENT BACK TO ENGLAND HE WAS MADE A BISHOP.



Monastic life is meant to let one of penance and



HE FOUNDED NEW MONASTERIES AND ENCOURAGED GOOD STUDYING.



WHEN AN ENEMY KING DESTROYED A MONASTERY, OSWALD WENT TO SAVE THE RELICS FROM THE RUINS.



KNOWN FOR HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY, EVERY DAY IN LENT HE WOULD WASH THE FEET OF TWELVE POOR MEN. HE DIED ONE DAY JUST AS HE FINISHED WASHING THEM!

SAINT OSWALD WAS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE MONKS IN ENGLAND. HE KNEW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE HOLY MEN PRAYING, WORKING AND STUDYING TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD AND TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH CLOSE TO GOD. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A MONK OR A NUN?

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ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!

God wanted to test Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God? $3-3=$

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son, or did he stop him?

He $3+4=$ and $6+4=$ a

$5-3=$ $1+5=$

- | | | |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| 0 YES | 4 SENT | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO | 5 KILLED | 9 SWORD |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM |
| 3 COW | 7 STOPPED | |



