



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>

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. William S. Harrison
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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>

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God's prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

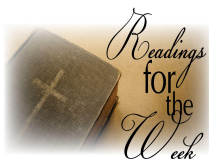
The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

Reflection:

We can become God's "handiwork" if we let God do God's work in us. All is a gift of grace. Lent continues to remind us of that. With that grace we are called to follow Jesus and take up his cross. In Lent we pray and sacrifice to do just that.

So we ask ourselves:

- What "work" is God calling me to do this Lent?
- What changes must I make in my life to do that "work."
- What aid is Lent giving me to perform that work?



Readings for the Week – March 10, 2024

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, March 11, 2024

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 David Sillman
10:00 John F. Taylor

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024,

6:30 Edward Poli and Margaret Thomas
10:00 James Cole

Friday, March 15, 2024

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

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:00 Lawrence Packard

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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



Rev. Edward Windhaus, Joseph Affet, Sonny Andris, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Carol Firley, Charles and Donna Frush, Bob Gottschalk, Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Mary Hillenbrand, Brian Hinchey, Stanley Hrynko, Russel Kahny, Joey Lanzi, Patricia McDermott, Donna McGonigle, Bill Mahoney, Angelo Maiale, Norah Mason, Mary Ellen Mays, Eileen Myer, Mary Ellen Murphy, Florence Niewood, 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

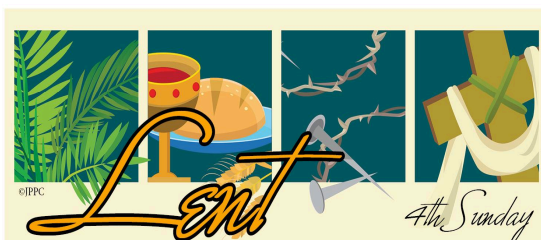
Quotable

"Humility comes from the Latin word humus, fertile ground. The fertile ground is there, unnoticed, taken for granted, always there to be trodden upon. It is silent, inconspicuous, dark, and yet it is always ready to receive any seed, ready to give it substance and life. The more lowly, the more fruitful, because it becomes really fertile when it accepts all the refuse of the earth. It is so low that nothing can soil it, abase it, humiliate it; it has accepted the last place and cannot go any lower.

~Anthony Bloom, "Living Prayer,"

(Springfield, Ill., Templegate Publications)

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Pres Events 03/10- 03/16		
	Parish	School
Sun., 03/10	Daylight Savings Time	
Mon., 03/11	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	
Tues., 03/12	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 03/13		
Thurs., 03/14	First Penance, 7 pm	
Fri., 03/15		Report Cards; Luck of the Irish, Dress Down Day
Sat., 03/15		

Tabor Home Sunday

Next Sunday is **Tabor Home Sunday**. The Tabor Home is consistently in need of toiletries. 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 Phila., 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, receives 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. 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give back to your community!

Where: Temple University Hospital - Jeanes Campus Patient Care Center, Main Lobby, Multi-purpose Room 7600 Central Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111

When: Wednesday, March 27, 2024; 9 am - 2 pm

More Info/Registration: www.redcrossblood.org;

Enter TUH Jeanes Campus for location

Theology Trivia

1. When is the solemn feast of the Transfiguration?
2. When is the Memorial of the Presentation of Mary?
3. Name a saint who was both a deacon and a Roman Martyr
4. Who was the only Gospel writer to describe Mary's Annunciation and Visitation?
5. Who is the patroness of South America? (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 himself 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.



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE



Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population.

Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



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. August 6
2. November 21
3. St. Lawrence
4. St. Luke
5. St. Rose of Lima

HOLY WEEK AT PRESENTATION B.V.M.

24 – 31 MARCH 2024

24 MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

5:15 PM on Saturday; 8:30 and 11:30 AM on Sunday.

The Solemn Palm Sunday Procession - only at the 11:30 AM Mass.

MONDAY, 25 MARCH : 2 – 5 PM

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

26 MARCH - TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross - 7:15 PM

27 MARCH - WEDNESDAY

Living Stations of the Cross - 11 AM

28 MARCH - HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM

The Chapel will remain open until 10:00 PM.

(In St. Joseph Parish, this Mass will take place at 5:00 PM.)

29 MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY

The Adoration Chapel opens at 8:00 AM for private prayer.

The Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM.

Holy Communion will be distributed only at this service.

(In St. Joseph Parish, the Solemn Service will take place at 7:30 PM)

30 MARCH - HOLY SATURDAY

Confession: 4:00 – 5:00 PM; Blessing of Easter Foods: 5:00 PM.

The Solemn Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 PM.

Both parishes will celebrate the Easter Vigil at Presentation BVM.

31 MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 and 11:30 AM.

(10:00 AM at St. Joseph Parish)

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Fritz's Famous Stickybuns 2024 Fundraiser



Spring is almost here and you deserve a sweet treat! Why not indulge in some D-E-L-I-C-I-O-U-S stickybuns from Fritz's Bakery? Several varieties are available. A 1/2 dozen box will cost \$11.00 and each box can only contain one variety. Orders can be submitted to school, the SCRIP office, or to a H&S board member no later than Thursday, March 21, 2024. Pick-up date will be Friday, April 5, 2024 in the Church Hall between 2PM - 6:30 PM.

We cannot issue refunds for orders not picked up.

We accept cash and checks. Please make checks payable to

"Presentation BVM Home & School Association"

Please Note: H&S board members will be available to take your orders after the

Masses on the weekends of March 9 & 10 and March 16 & 17.

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:

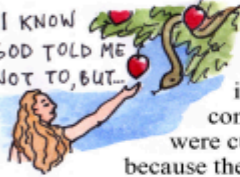
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For God so Loved the World

I KNOW
GOD TOLD ME
NOT TO, BUT...



When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.

2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?

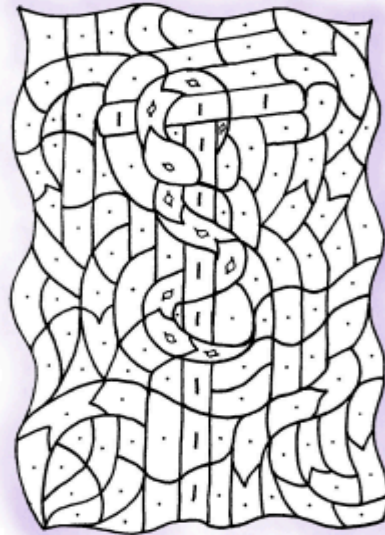


3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

Answers to sort-out-the-picture puzzle: top- 6, 3, middle- 4, 1, bottom- 2, 5.
www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10th, 2024



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven.

When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live.

What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

• blue I brown < green

SAINT PATRICK march 17

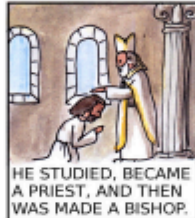
PATRICK WAS BORN TO A ROMAN FAMILY IN BRITAIN. WHEN HE WAS STILL YOUNG HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO IRELAND.



HE WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE. WHILE LOOKING AFTER ANIMALS IN THE FIELDS HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PRAY.



AFTER SEVERAL YEARS HE ESCAPED AND WENT BACK TO ENGLAND.



HE STUDIED, BECAME A PRIEST, AND THEN WAS MADE A BISHOP.

THEN HE RETURNED TO IRELAND.



HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, WHO WERE ALL PAGANS, ABOUT GOD.



Have you tried to poison him yet?

THE PAGAN LEADERS WHO DID NOT WANT PATRICK TO TEACH ABOUT GOD TRIED TO GET RID OF HIM BUT HE STAYED.

SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

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The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God?

These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!

