

### 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
**Parochial Vicar Retired:** Rev. John R. McFadden  
**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

### PARISH OFFICES

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Vacant

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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](mailto: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 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

This short oracle has been called “one of the most profound and moving passages in the entire Bible.” Note the use of the words “new Covenant.” It is the only time they are used in the entire Old Testament.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

The author considers that Jesus’ ability to sympathize with sinners arises from the fact that He knew temptation. His obedience led to His priestly consecration.

### Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Some Greeks come to see Jesus. He tells Andrew and Philip that “when a grain of wheat dies it produces much fruit.” This is a direct reference to His upcoming passion and death.

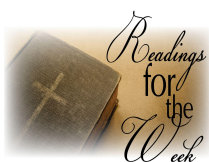
### Reflection:

Jesus and his disciples hadn’t preached to these Greeks. They didn’t proselytize them, they came of their own free will. What was the attraction? They and we are attracted by the One who, in his hour, is a completely faithful servant to God; who shows total generosity, willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve.

### So we ask ourselves:

- How have we benefited from the sacrifices others have made on our behalf?
- What sacrifices are we being asked to make for the well being of others?
- How have we experienced the fruits of these sacrifices in our own lives?

### Readings for the Week – March 17, 2024



Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society  
11:30

#### Monday, March 18, 2024

6:30 Rev. Jason Kulczynski  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 Sisters of St. Joseph  
10:00 Sisters of St. Joseph

#### Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:30 Mary and Hugh Campbell  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Thursday, March 21, 2024,

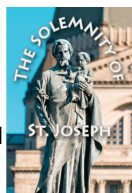
6:30 Peter Kithuva and Sabina Kanju  
10:00 Souls in Purgatory

#### Friday, March 22, 2024

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

#### Saturday, March 23, 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.



Rev. Edward Windhaus, Joseph Affet, Sonny Andris, Matthew Balent, Bill Bamberg, 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

- Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the roads we are taking, to find the way back home, to rediscover the fundamental bond with God on which everything depends.
- Our journey back to God is hindered by our unhealthy attachments, held back by the seductive snares of our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents. In order to walk, one must unmask these illusions.

~Pope Francis

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Pres Events 03/17- 03/23		
	Parish	School
Sun., 03/17		
Mon., 03/18	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	
Tues., 03/19	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	
Wed., 03/20		Open House, 5pm - 7 pm
Thurs., 03/21		Universal 7th Grade Visitation Day
Fri., 03/22		s;
Sat., 03/23		

### Pray for Life

**Fourth Saturday, March 22,** 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 Phila., support our parish by visiting [www.thecfcp.org/parish](http://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](http://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](http://www.redcrossblood.org);

Enter TUH Jeanes Campus for location

### Theology Trivia

1. When is the feast of the Birth of Mary celebrated?
2. When is the feast of Saints Simon and Jude?
3. Name the cousin of Jesus who was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah.
4. Give the special name for the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures.
5. On what day of the Liturgical year do we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. (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.



## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER



Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita.

Visit [csrcebowl.org](http://csrcebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

**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**

📞 215-379-3798  
🌐 [www.presentationbvmschool.org](http://www.presentationbvmschool.org)  
📍 105 Old Soldiers Rd. Cheltenham, PA 19012

## Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Living with Parkinson's disease can be challenging. We welcome all those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and their families to participate in this support group scheduled every other month. We will discuss your challenges and work to empower each other facing this disease.

**Leader:** June Ro **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Willard Kasoff  
**When:** April 10, 5 pm - 6 pm (every other second Wednesday)  
**Where:** Temple University Hospital- Jeanes Campus, Cheltenham Friends Meetinghouse, 7604 Central Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111



## Answers to Theology Trivia

1. September 8
2. October 28
3. John the Baptist
4. Torah/Pentateuch
5. Palm Sunday

## Volunteers Wanted

Holy Redeemer Hospital, St. Joseph Manor, and Redeemer Lafayette are in need of volunteers including Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and visitors at this time. Many people choose Redeemer Health because of the faith-based environment and most especially the opportunity to participate in religious services. So many take comfort in their opportunity to receive visits and service throughout the week. This is only possible because of the great sacrifice and dedication of our Pastoral Care Volunteers.

**More Info:** Contact Joe Bocella, Director of Community Engagement; 267-623-6259 or [jbocella@redeemerhealth.org](mailto:jbocella@redeemerhealth.org)

**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!**

## PRESENTATION BVM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### 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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 015 p.4



*Unless a grain  
falls to the ground and dies...*



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

Answer to Word Find:  
Salvation.



# The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17th, 2024



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

## Saint Joseph March 19



JOSEPH WAS A HOLY JEWISH MAN BETROTHED TO THE VIRGIN MARY WHEN SHE BECAME THE MOTHER OF JESUS. AN ANGEL TOLD HIM THAT HER SON WAS FROM GOD.

The Child is the Son of God!



SAINT JOSEPH WAS HONORED TO CARE FOR THE SON OF GOD AND HIS MOTHER MARY.

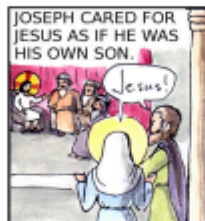


HE WAS FAITHFUL IN HIS DUTIES TO GOD AND HIS FAMILY.

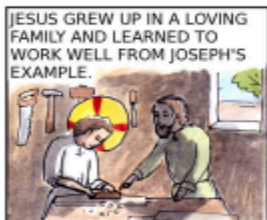


The evil king won't be able to find us in Egypt...

WHEN THERE WAS DANGER HE PROTECTED JESUS.



JOSEPH CARED FOR JESUS AS IF HE WAS HIS OWN SON.



JESUS GREW UP IN A LOVING FAMILY AND LEARNED TO WORK WELL FROM JOSEPH'S EXAMPLE.



SAINT JOSEPH SPENT HIS LIFE IN A HIDDEN WAY, PROVIDING FOR MARY AND JESUS BY HIS WORK. HE DIED WITH JESUS AND MARY AT HIS SIDE.

SAINT JOSEPH HAD ONE OF THE BEST JOBS THAT ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE: TO LOOK AFTER GOD THE SON! STILL, HE LIVED A QUIET AND HUMBLE LIFE, JUST DOING HIS WORK AND BEING A GOOD AND JUST MAN. SAINT JOSEPH IS READY TO CARE FOR US AS WELL- WE JUST NEED TO ASK HIM FOR HELP!

## Psalm 51 Word-Find

S A G R E A T N E S S  
S C O M P A S S I O N  
T G O D L V H M Y F P  
E U D T A K E A T F R  
A I N C L E A N S E E  
D L E A M E R C Y N S  
F T S S O U T W I C E  
A O S T C R E A T E N  
S N R E N E W S I N C  
T H O R O U G H L Y E

See if you can find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle!

The leftover letters tell what the author of the Psalm was asking God for!

Have MERCY on me, O GOD,  
in your GOODNESS;  
in the GREATNESS of your COMPASSION  
wipe OUT my OFFENCE.  
THOROUGHLY WASH me from MY GUILT  
and of my SIN CLEANSE me.

A clean HEART CREATE for me, O God,  
and a STEADFAST spirit RENEW within me.  
CAST me not out from your PRESENCE,  
and your Holy Spirit TAKE not from me.

