

## PRESENTATION BVM

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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.)

### 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

Visit Presentation BVM Parish's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/PresParishCheltenham>

## April 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

### First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here.

### Second Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do "what pleases Him," namely loving one another as He commands.

### Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father.

### Reflection:

If God has any "pruning" to do so that we can become more fruitful disciples of Jesus, it can happen when we are attentive to the Word at our Eucharist. What we hear may help us realize how often we have missed or ignored God's gracious outreach to us. Having heard that Word will keep us connected to Jesus the Vine and give us renewed energy and desire to bear fruit as his disciples.

### So we ask ourselves:

- When have I felt God has spoken a special word to me?
- What have I done to respond to what I have heard?

### Readings for the Week – April 28, 2024

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11  
Friday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30 Cyrenian Society  
11:30

#### Monday, April 29, 2024, Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 James Cole  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Tuesday, April 30, 2024

6:30 Eileen Hoefling  
10:00 Robert Montgomery

#### Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:30 Janet Lynch  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Thursday, May 2, 2024, Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Hildegard and Zigmantas Jakaitis  
10:00 Nancy Cole

#### Friday, May 3, 2024, Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

6:30 Patrick Cowley  
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

#### Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00 Ryan Dougherty, 2nd Anniversary

### 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 Brandley, 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

### The GoldenRule

**Christianity** : "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you." —Bible, Matthew 7.12

**Confucianism** : "Tsekung asked, 'Is there one word that can serve as a principle of conduct for life?' Confucius replied, 'It is the word shu -reciprocity: Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.'" —Analects 15.23 (ca 500 BC)

**Hinduism**: "This is the sum of duty. Do not unto others that which would cause you pain if done to you." —Mahabharata 5:1517  
(to be continued)



Pres Events 04/28 - 05/04		
	Parish	School
Sun., 04/28		
Mon., 04/29	Adoration, 3 pm- 5 pm, Adoration Chapel	
Tues., 04/30	Rosary, 6 pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 pm-8:05 pm	
Wed., 05/01		
Thurs., 05/02		School Mass, 10 am Spring Show, 7 pm.
Fri., 05/03		
Sat., 05/04		

### Vigil for Life

Christ the King from 7:00-10:00 am, Saturday, May 4th..

### 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 – 9:30 am;  
**Tuesday:** Closed; **Wednesday:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm;  
**Thursday:** 9 am – 10 am; **Friday:** 8:00 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.

### Beach Bag Bingo!

Summer is right around the corner and Nazareth Academy H.S. invites 7th grade girls for this exclusive event which includes 10 games of bingo with prizes, pizza, and refreshments.

**When:** Friday, May 3, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Registration:** [NazarethAcademyHS.org/admissions/visit-us](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/admissions/visit-us)

**Questions:** Ashley Figaniak, 215-269-1026

### Gwynedd-Mercy Academy High School Summer Camps

Interested in learning more about Gwynedd-Mercy Academy High School? Girls in grades 4 - 12 are invited to attend our summer camps! Programs are offered in athletics, performing arts, visual arts, and STEM. Learn more and register at [gmahs.org/camps](http://gmahs.org/camps).

### Answers to Theology Trivia

1. The Last Supper/Holy Thursday
2. The Easter Triduum
3. Saint
4. St. John Neumann
5. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Presentation B.V.M. Parish has been serving the Catholic people of our neighborhood for over 130 years. Thousands of people have been introduced to Christianity. They have learned about the promises of Jesus and the great gift of happiness in eternal life with Him, our parents, brothers and sisters, and a host of others. Our memories, our joy, and our relationships with fellow parishioners have brought us that joy. Our history has been one of hope and strength. But now, we must look to our future.



To create another 100 years for our parish, our community needs to make plans and to fund those future possibilities. Therefore, with the help of a professional fundraising firm - CCS - we will explore the possibility of engaging in a \$1 million campaign in support of making updates to the parish that will enable us to engage our community in fully living the Catholic faith. Here is a link to a report with some preliminary ideas and direction for our future:

<https://bit.ly/pbvmreport>

I encourage you to read this report so that you can have a better idea of what we can possibly create for our church family.

As part of this initiative, CCS is sending an electronic survey to gather your valuable feedback and advice. I am writing to ask for your participation, which will take approximately 10-15 minutes. This survey will be confidential unless you explicitly choose to provide your name. This survey will be active through **this Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 a.m.** Here is a link to the survey:

<https://bit.ly/pbvmsurvey>

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts during this important process. I am grateful for your support and participation.

~Fr. Harrison

## RUMMAGE SALE



### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Rummage Sale time is here. All proceeds from the sale go to Presentation BVM School. **We cannot make money without something to sell!** It goes without saying that **without your support, there would be no sale.**

We need you, your families, and friends to supply us with items to sell. **Please get into those closets, cabinets, basements, garages and attics NOW!**

We accept gently used and clean clothing, shoes, boots, jewelry, curtains, bedspreads, blankets, linens, dishes, glasses, white elephants, lamps, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, toys, camping equipment, games, skates, bicycles, knickknacks, etc. Please save brown bags.

**Goods may be delivered on:**

Sunday, May 12, from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

Monday thru Wednesday, May 13 - 15, during the day

**When:** Friday, May 17, 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday, May 18, 10 am to 1 pm (Bag Sales)

**Where:** Presentation BVM Church Hall

## PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

Accommodating the educational needs of children beginning in Preschool (3 & 4 year old programs) and continuing through 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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Visit us at [www.presentationbvmschool.org](http://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 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN SCHOOL!

COME VISIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S BEST KEPT SECRET!



Tuesday, April 30th

4pm - 6pm

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

- LEARN ABOUT PRES BVM
- COMPLETE GUIDED TOUR
- SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- MEET WITH FACULTY & CURRENT STUDENTS
- MUSIC, SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS



Contact us for more info:  
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## Quo Vadis Days Camp

High School Men (incoming freshmen to graduated seniors) are invited to attend this 4-day, 3-night camp designed to encourage participants to ask themselves "Where am I going?" and listen to God's call to the particular vocation He has planned for them. Participants will experience daily Mass and prayer; fun-filled activities such as swimming, laser tag, Gaga ball, and rope climbing; hear engaging talks; and have many opportunities for fraternity and fellowship.

**Registration cost:** \$25-\$300, pay what you are able which includes all meals, lodging, supplies, and optional bus transportation from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Deadline to register is May 24, 2024.

**When:** Monday through Thursday, June 24-27, 2024

**Where:** Black Rock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville PA

**More Info.:** <https://heedthecall.org/QuoVadis>; Susan Matour, Associate Director, Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, 610-667-5778 or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

passes through the

### Archdiocese of Philadelphia

May 30 to June 3

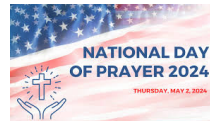


For the schedule and how you can participate, use the QR code or visit:

[phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage)

## The National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The observance of the National Day of Prayer is founded on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion and can be celebrated by all Americans. In 2024, the theme is "Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World" from 2 Samuel 22:29-31.



## Theology Trivia

1. At what event did Jesus make His Apostles priests?
2. What three-day celebration is the culmination of Holy Week?
3. What special title is given to any holy person who has been canonized by the Church?
4. Name the Bishop of Philadelphia who established the Forty Hours Devotion and began the building of the Cathedral/Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul?
5. What saint started the first Catholic school in America and also started the community of the Sisters of Charity? (Answers on p. 3)

# Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: 1 true 2 true 3 true 4 true 5 false 6 true 7 false

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# The Kids' Bulletin

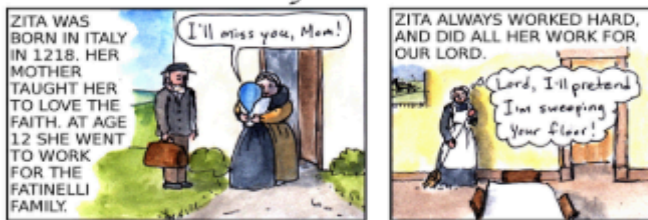
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

## Saint Zita

April 30



SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

## SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!



