



PRESENTATION BVM

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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) Sat.
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: 10:00 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.

Deadline for Publication

The deadline for publication in the parish bulletin is Monday
 at 11am. You can submit your notices either by email or by
 dropping them off at the rectory. (Previously published
 bulletins are available on the parish website.)
bulletin.pbvm@gmail.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am - 2 pm

December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Here is a summons to the people to rejoice, for the Lord is in their midst as the King of Israel. He will sing joyfully to express His love.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

An exhortation to rejoice, for God's peace is real. Without God that peace is beyond our ability to experience, but with Him we can accomplish more than we can imagine.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

We catch some of John the Baptist's preaching. He acknowledges the superiority of Jesus' baptism. This fills the people with true expectation.

Reflection:

John the Baptist's hearers want to know what they should do to prepare for the coming of Christ. John gives them clear and practical advice within their reach. Share with people in need, feed the hungry, be fair in business practices, and be content with what you have.

So we ask ourselves:

- What changes must I make in my daily routine to be more attentive to Jesus' coming?
- What must I stop doing; what must I start doing?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 23			
	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM	Dawn Welsch	Gianna Morgan Gianna Scamby	Andrea Martin-Perry, Mary Alice Windish, Luiz Gonzalez
8:30 AM	Alessandro Maldonado	Justis Davis Alexa Davis	Patty Walsh, Gerry Campion Dolores Gambescia
11:30 AM	Bailee Mason	Maria Brubaker Faith Flores	Kathleen Ashenfelter, Arlene Hudson, Patricia Skiendzielewski

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, December 17, 2018

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

6:30 Sabina Peter and Family
10:00 Norman Campion

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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

Thursday, December 20, 2018

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Jean Gemerek

Friday, December 21, 2018

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

Saturday, December 22, 2018

8:00 Richard Boos

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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



Daniel Dalbey, Rita Marie Smith, Joan White, Joanna DeNofa, Donna McGonigle, Joey Lanzi, Chris Vogel, Patty Rowley, Howard Stickley III, Bob Gottschalk, Bill Mahoney, Mary Rowland, Josephine D. Smith, Michael R. Smith, Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Theresa Noraka, Ann Schlimer, Matthew Balent, Ethel Thomas, James White, Ann Ruocchio, Brian Hinchey, Patricia Wilbert, Debbie Chakler, Mary McGlenn, Norah Mason, Francis Lordan, Stanley Hrynko, Eileen S. Smith, Doris Dalbey, Marie Verna, Eileen Myer, Virginia Bonawitz, Ethel Iannuzzi, Joan Unterkofler, Joseph Affet, Steven Specht Jr., Regina Carberry, Julia Michel, Sharon Hartman, Josephine Hillenbrand, Edward Anstotz, Bill Bambery, Russel Kahny, Mary Ellen Murphy, Aiden Smith-Kirk



Parish Code: Z4YNTN

COLLECTION AMOUNTS	
December 9, 2018	\$7,395
December 2, 2018	\$5,107
November 25, 2018	\$4,537
November 18, 2018	\$4,392

Pres Events		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/16	Free Pancake Breakfast, 9:30 am – 11:00 am Adult Bowling, 6 pm	
Mon., 12/17		
Tues., 12/18	PREP- 6:45 – 8:05 pm Holy Hour, 8 pm (Chapel)	
Wed., 12/19		
Thurs., 12/20	Scripture Study- 7:15 pm (RMR)	Preschool Christmas Show, 9 am; Swish, Swish, 11 am; (Church) Noon Dismissal
Fri., 12/21	No School- Christmas Vacation;	
Sat., 12/22	Classes resume on January 3, 2019	

Pray for Life

Fourth Saturday, Dec. 22, 6:30 am -7:30 am, at the abortion clinic on Tabor below Broad (behind Einstein Hospital).

Scrip Hours

Sunday: 10:30 am – 11:45 am; **Mon.:** 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Tuesday: 2 pm – 3 pm
Wednesday: 2 pm – 3 pm; 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 10:30 am; 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 10:30 am; **Saturday:** after 5:15 pm Mass

Scrip Update

Last day to play a special order for scrip to ensure delivery by Christmas is Sunday, December 16, 2018.

Holiday Scrip Hours are as follows:

Friday 12/21: 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Saturday 12/22: After 5:15 Mass
 Sunday 12/23: 10:30 - 11:30 am
 Monday 12/24: Closed
 Tuesday 12/25: Closed
 Wednesday 12/26: Closed
 Thursday 12/27: Closed
 Friday 12/28: 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Saturday 12/29: After 5:15 Mass
 Sunday 12/30: 10:30 - 11:30 am
 Monday 12/31: 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Tuesday 1/1/19: Closed
 Wednesday 1/2/19: 8:30 - 10:30 am



On Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, we will resume our regular selling schedule.

FREE Pancake Breakfast

Please bring new, unwrapped toys in exchange for a free Sausage and Pancake Breakfast. Coffee, Tea, and Juice will also be provided

When: Sunday, December 16th after the 8:30 am Mass until 11 am.

Where: Presentation BVM Church Hall

The CYO Needs Your Help!

During this holiday season Presentation BVM CYO will donate complete Christmas dinners as well as toys to families in need. If you know of any family who needs help, could you please submit their name either directly to Father Harrison or put their names in the collection basket on Sunday. We will respect their need for privacy. Thank you.

Ans. to this week's "The Bible."

1. the Bible 2. Revelation 3. Tradition 4. Hebrew 5. God

**~NEWS FROM PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL ~
A Benefactor's Blessing!**

Our third Annual Appeal mailing began two weeks ago. As a consequence of receiving that letter, a Presentation parishioner has offered to match all donations of \$100 or more up to a total of \$5,000! Given that last year's Annual Appeal netted over \$20,000, I believe we are up to this challenge! Our benefactor has made this offer not just because he believes in Catholic education, but because he believes in the education offered here at Presentation BVM School. Please consider making a donation and spread the word to your relatives, friends, employers and fellow-parishioners.

**Please Support Presentation BVM School's
Box Tops 4 Education Program!**

In this season of cooking and baking, there are probably many Box Tops products in your home. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and the funds we raise from collecting them helps us purchase many needed supplies for our school. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 for our school – this is free money just waiting to be claimed! You can help by looking for the pink Box Top coupons on many of the products you already purchase. Clip them and drop them in the Box Tops 4 Education container in the church lobby.

Many thanks for your support!

Christmas Tree Sale

Our Christmas trees have arrived!

When: The sale will begin Saturday, December 8th.

Saturday, 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday- 10 am - 1 pm

Monday through Friday- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Presentation BVM Rectory parking lot

More Info: Contact Dave McCarron - 215-722-1987,

Ron Camp - 215-663-8853, or Greg Strup- 215-280-6856



Fresh Wreath Sale

Beautifully decorated fresh wreaths provided by Cheltenham BSA Troop 22.

When and Where: Christmas tree sale at Pres BVM Church

More Info: Gail, 215-512-3855; Gailchase1@comcast.net

Erin, 267-978-6421, Philly199@aol.com



Toy Collection

Pres Presents will begin collecting new, unused toys this week. Boxes will be in the back of Church. All donations are due in by 12/19/2018.

The Wellness Ministry

Did you know that the Wellness Ministry is a parish-based volunteer group that provides transportation for elderly parishioners (PBVM and St. Joe's) to doctor's appointments, or pharmacy, or store?

If you know of anyone who needs a ride, or if you could spare a few hours a month in this worthwhile endeavor by joining the ranks of our volunteers, please give us a call.

Contact Fran at (215) 379-1929

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Date	Info is due in the rectory or by email by:
12/30/18	11 am, Wednesday, 12/19/18
1/06/19	11 am, Wednesday, 12/26/18

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Monday, January 14, 2019; 2 pm - 7 pm

Where: Presentation BVM Church Hall

More Info: Call Jessica Stickley, 267- 909-4899



Advent at Presentation BVM

Advent Family Prayer Cards

Once again, our parish will have Advent Family Prayer Cards. We ask that during the Advent Season, you pray daily for the name(s) indicated on your prayer card. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with that person or family as they prepare their hearts for the coming of the Lord Jesus on Christmas Day

Christmas Flowers/Plants for the Altar



You may name a person (s) whom you wish the flowers "to be in memory of." **In order to have your names listed in the bulletin for January 5-6, flower donations need to be made by**

Dec. 16. If your donation for the flowers comes in after Dec. 16, your info will appear later. Please print clearly. Thanks.

The Giving Tree

Because of the popular response to the Giving Tree over the past 28 years, we will once again have it as part of our Advent observance. This year our donations will go to the Breathing Room and the Tabor Home. The tree in the front of church will be decorated with cards containing gift suggestions, such as mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for older children and adults **or** any type of infant and baby clothing. Before or after any Mass, you are welcome to come and pick a card from the Giving Tree. There is no need to wrap these items. Also when you return your gift, please place one of your decorations on the tree. In this way, your decoration will serve as a symbol of your sharing in this beautiful expression of the true Spirit of Christmas. Thank you for helping others less fortunate during this busy, beautiful, and blessed season.



Advent Book

The parish has again purchased an advent reflection book for each family. This will be a wonderful way to connect your family members to the season of waiting and preparing one's heart for the wonder and awe of Christmas.

Empty Manger

We will have an **empty manger near the podium.** Parishioners are asked to write **petitions of hope**—petitions for our world, our neighborhood, our families and our hearts. After the petitions are completed, place the petitions into the manger. When Christmas comes, the petitions are placed under the straw in the manger, close by the Infant Jesus.

Advent Series Week Three

We conclude this three week series with *Blaze*, a reference to the Holy Spirit, in which we explore the reality of what it means to be Christ's own presence on earth, as well as practical ways we can be active members of His Body. Join us for discussion and sharing or pick up the handout in the back of the church and follow the program on your own at home on Formed.org. The first time you log on at home, you will be asked for our parish code. After that, you can set up your own login. That code is: Z4YNTN

When: Tuesday morning, December 18, after 10 am Mass

Where: Room A of the Rectory

Matthew Kelly Invitation

During the season of Advent, everyone is invited to sign up for daily emails from Matthew Kelly focusing on having 'The Best Advent Ever' this year. Please take advantage of this wonderful blessing from Matthew. There is no charge for this, and you may just find it will help draw you closer to God. To sign up, go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/> and fill in the info for your email address.



MAKE YOUR FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT MEANINGFUL



Pray that children in the Missions have **FOOD**



Make Sacrifices so that they may have access to clean drinking **WATER**



Pray the World Mission Rosary for the **EDUCATION** of children in Mission Lands

Sacrifice purchasing expensive gifts, and instead donate to those in need of **SHELTER**



Midnight Mass for New Year's and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (holy day of obligation)

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul invites you to celebrate the New Year and the feast of Our Lady at Midnight Mass. This Solemn Mass will take place in the Cathedral Chapel.

When: Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 12 Midnight

Where: Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Phila.

B Street Band at Saint Basil Academy

Join us for a night of great music and dancing. The event is BYOB. This event includes dinner from the famous Cescaphe Group and incredible music by the B Street Band, "The Original Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band."

When: Friday, January 4, 2019 from 7-11 PM

Where: Saint Basil Academy, 711 Fox Chase Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Cost: Tickets are \$40.00 Tickets are limited, so please order soon. Purchase tickets online at:

<https://www.stbasilacademy.org/product/b-streetband-tickets/>

More Info: Contact Linda Powers (215)885-3771 ext. 130 or Carol Abel ext. 134.

18th Annual Young At Heart Luncheon

The Presentation B.V.M.CYO cordially invites you to to celebrate our seniors! Lunch includes: pasta and meatballs with red sauce, rolls, salad and dessert. Entertainment provided by our Presentation Students and area high school students.

When: January 21, 2019; 12 pm to 2:30 pm

Where: Presentation B.V.M. Parish Hall, Cheltenham, PA

Tickets: Free

More Info or tickets: Contact Sue Galiczynski,
267-258-6403 or at Gallorn@aol.com

Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics

All of us have loved ones who no longer practice their Catholic faith. The Diocese of Lansing, MI, has produced a powerful prayer for the the return to the Church of non-practicing Catholics. Consider making this prayer a part of your daily prayer life, accompanying it with fasting and sacrifice, to obtain the grace of conversion and healing for these beloved children of God!

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice

Theology: "The Bible"

1. What is the inspired Word of God?
2. What is all that God has taught us about Himself?
3. What do we call the set of beliefs that have been passed down orally?
4. The Bible is divided into two main parts: the _____
Scripture and the Christian Scripture.
5. Who is the primary author of the Bible? (Answers on p.3)

