

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.)
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am - 2 pm

December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Bethlehem, or “House of Bread”, the city of Jesse and his son David, is now blest as the birthplace of Jesus, whose greatness shall reach to “the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

We learn that God prefers the sacrificial offering of Jesus’ obedience to all the prior Old Testament sacrifices. His was a total self-offering.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Luke brings together the two mothers-to-be so that both of them may praise God’s activity in their lives. Elizabeth’s child is presented as the “precursor” of Mary’s Child.

Reflection:

On this “Eve of the Eve” Sunday the prophet Micah exults the little town of Bethlehem. By the plan and grace of God tiny Bethlehem learns of its eternal greatness from a certain holy birth that took place there. Immediately, the little town went from “the least among the clans of Judah” to the greatest.

So we ask ourselves:

- Have you ever felt small, perhaps hopelessly so? Do we ever have the right to be puffed up with self-importance?
- Who are the people in your life who help you recognize God’s actions in your life?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24-25			
	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
12/24 7:30 PM	C. J. Boyd Sarah Boyd		Mary Alice Windish , Sheila Meehan, Ron Camp, David McCarron, Rosemarie Fisher
12/25 8:30 AM	Annette Foley		Patricia and Robert Cimorelli, Dolores Gambescia, Beatrice and Gus Ramirez
11:30 AM	Frank Byrne		Annette Foley, Arlene Hudson, Rhonda White, Patricia Skienzielewski
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 30			
5:15 PM	Andrea Martin-Perry	Magdalena Daukaus Meaghan Dugan	David McCarron, Rosemarie Fisher, Sheila Meehan, Mary Alice Windish
8:30 AM	Nicholas Morgan	Johnny Cruz Sophia Miller	Gerry Campion, Beatrice Ramirez, Gus Ramirez, Patty Walsh
11:30 AM	Daniel Maguire	Nathan Gregoire Aiden DeTreux	Rhonda White, Annette Foley Luiz Gonzalez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23, 2018

8:30 Cyrenian Society
11:30

Monday, December 24, 2018

6:30 Richard Boos
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, The Nativity of the Lord Sunday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr

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

Thursday, December 27, 2018, Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 Carmen Musitano

Friday, December 28, 2018, Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Saturday, December 29, 2018

8:00 Elaine Gomez

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

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Pres Events		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/23	Adult Bowling, 6 pm	No School- Christmas Vacation; Classes resume on January 3, 2019
Mon., 12/24		
Tues., 12/25	Holy Hour, 8 pm (Chapel)	
Wed., 12/26		
Thurs., 12/27	Scripture Study- 7:15 pm (RMR)	
Fri., 12/28		
Sat., 12/29		

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.

~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!

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JESUS

BE WITH YOU THIS

CHRISTMAS

and throughout

the year

COLLECTION AMOUNTS	
December 16, 2018	
December 9, 2018	\$7,395
December 2, 2018	\$5,107
November 25, 2018	\$4,537

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

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



Early Bulletin Deadline

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

For Fun!

The Digital Story of the Nativity'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkHNNPM7pJA&t=3s>

Ans. to this week's "Sacraments."

1. Anyone 2. Permanent 3. Bishop 4. The Most Blessed Sacrament
 5. Thanksgiving 015 p. 3

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

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.



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.

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 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

A Mission Story from the Pontifical Mission Societies

Have you ever heard of Mount Kilimanjaro? It is the tallest mountain in Africa! Only a few short miles away from this prominent landmark, is the Mother House for the Holy Spirit Sisters, in Moshi, Tanzania. This missionary religious order was founded for teaching, pastoral care, nursing and social work. In Tanzania, God inspired them to hear the cries of the poor and abandoned children of Moshi. Responding to God, on the 50th Anniversary of their founding, the Holy Spirit Sisters opened the Sun of Hope Village Orphanage. The Sun in the orphanage's name has come to represent another day in the lives of each of these children.

Children from miles away, most without even a pair of shoes, arrive at the orphanage with just the clothes on their back. The orphanage, opened now for two years, has become their home. Twenty children are taken care of here and the number is growing, each and every day. Their future is looking bright, *like the Sun*.

Through the Missionary Childhood Association, the Holy Spirit Sisters are able to feed the children, care for them, and teach them about Jesus! The children celebrated their first Christmas, working together to make their very own Christmas Tree. They received one of their first Christmas gifts, and each child received a new uniform! Pray and sacrifice for children like those in Moshi, Tanzania, and around the World.



Through your prayers and generosity, you can give a gift of joy to a child, like those in the Sun of Hope Orphanage, in 1,111 Mission Dioceses around the world.

Will you help?

Especially in this **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION** in Philadelphia.

A gift of \$35 helps provide food, care and an Education, including \$5 for a mid-day meal.

Perhaps you can offer \$80 for two children with a bit more to help the Sisters make room for more children.

Anything you are moved to send will bring such great **joy – and hope** to a child half a world away.

St. Genevieve Parish Pro-Life Lecture

The pro-life community rightfully focuses on Roe v. Wade, but whether Roe is reversed or not, our pro-life goal won't be achieved unless we convert the culture, the work primarily of the laity. The lecture will focus on the role of the laity and offer suggestions on the ways we can best work to convert the culture, especially on life issues.

Speaker: Marie Joseph, Founding Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation & Women's Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

When: Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7 pm

Where: St. Genevieve Parish Church, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031

More Info: St. Genevieve Rectory-215-836-2828
or rectory@stgensparish.com



Theology: "Sacraments"

1. Who can baptize in an emergency?
2. What kind of deacon can be married?
3. Who is the ordinary minister of Confirmation?
4. What is another name for the Eucharist?
5. What does the word *Eucharist* mean? (Answers on p.3)

