

# HOLY MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Oreland, Pennsylvania*



## MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES  
Anticipated Mass on Saturday  
4:30 PM

Sunday ... 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
WEEKDAY MASSES  
8:30 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

CONFESSION  
Saturdays—3:30—4:00 PM

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## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN STORMS

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth  
safeguard us in your love and mercy  
and grant us abiding confidence in your providence.

Send your Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at  
the Creation of the world, to console those who suffer  
from storms in our country.

May your Son, who walked on the waters, and calmed the  
fears of His disciples, grant Peace and Tranquility once  
again in our day.

Bless your children in distress and bestow your grace on  
those who respond, even now, to the needs of their  
brothers and sisters.

May your Spirit cleanse our hearts from sin  
and help us to serve You in serving others.

We place all our hope in Your mercy  
to bring us at last, safely home to You.

Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN



September 24, 2017

Mass Intentions

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 25

8:30 Andrew Michael Naessens by Family

Tuesday, September 26 ... Saint Cosmas & Damian

8:30 Bill Hoffman by Frances

Wednesday, September 27 ... Saint Vincent de Paul

8:30 Christine Wilson by Jim & Pat Jackson and Family

Thursday, September 28 ... Saint Wenceslaus,  
Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:30 Genie Markey by Ed & Peg McGlinchey

Friday, September 29 ... Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 William J. Witaconis by wife Kathy & Family

Saturday, September 30 ... Saint Jerome

8:30 Alice Leahy by Mary & David Bradley

### SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Weekend of September 30 & October 1, 2017

4:30 PM — Lector: John Borrell

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Laura Dell, Bill Riley & Jean Kriz

**Altar Servers:** Meara & Ethan Bechtel

8:00 AM — Lector: Domenico Varone

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Mike Archie, Joe Lendvay & Andy Trainer

**Altar Servers:** Emma & Harrison Nolen

10:30 AM — Lector: Mary Grebis

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Fran Kazmierczak, Teresa Fullen & Tung Li

**Altar Servers:** Mary Faith DeCarlo & Joe Li

**PARISH REGISTRATIONS** Catholics should be officially registered in a parish. Please contact the parish office to register or to update your family information. You can also register in the Sacristy after any Mass.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Parents must attend the Baptism Preparation Class held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory to register. The date will be scheduled only after preparations and paperwork are completed.

#### SACRAMENTAL SPONSORS

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation must be practicing Catholics and must meet the requirements established by Canon Law. They can be found on our website. Contact the Parish Office to request a Letter of Eligibility,

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekend of September 16 & 17... \$4,210.00

E-Giving ...\$520.00



### The Story of Saint Philomena Part 6 My Kingdom is in Heaven

"... My father had to accept the request of Emperor Diocletian and I was brought into his presence. Initially, he treated me with respect and affection and made promises to me, but to no avail. Then he proceeded to threaten me, but again without any success in obtaining what he desired. In a moment of angry fury he ordered me to be locked in the prison in the basement of the palace. There I was chained, hands and feet, in an attempt to persuade me to marry him. It was through the influence of my infernal enemy (the devil) who controlled the cruel and lustful heart of the emperor, that he so strongly demanded this marriage. At times he would bring me some bread and water, and try to tempt me against purity, but my divine spouse continued to give me strength.

I continually and completely entrusted myself to Jesus and His most pure Holy Mother. After thirty seven days in prison, the Queen of Heaven, surrounded by a dazzling light, and holding her Divine Son in her arms, appeared to me and said: 'My child, You will bear this imprisonment only three days more, and after a total of forty days, you will be released from this horrible place of pain.' Her welcome words filled my heart with joy, but then the Queen of Angels added: you will be exposed to terrible tortures for the sake of my Son. At this news I fell from joy into complete anguish as I saw myself being tortured to death, but the Queen of Heaven exhorted me, saying: Have courage my child, are you unaware of the love that I bear to you? My beloved child, you are called Lumena, it is a pledge of that love, as it is like my name, and that of my Son. As your divine Spouse is called the Light, Morning Star, Sun, and I myself am called Aurora, Star (of the Sea), the Moon in the fullness of its brightness, and Sun. Fear not, I will stand by you in all your trials. Now nature, whose weakness humbles you, asserts its law.'

'This is a difficult time in which human weakness humiliates you. But in the moment of combat, you will receive the strength of grace to support you. And your own Guardian Angel, who was also mine, who is Gabriel, whose name signifies strength, will come to your aid. He was my guardian on earth, and I will send him to support you, my dearest child.'

These words of the Queen of virgins gave me courage again, and then the vision disappeared, leaving my prison filled with a heavenly perfume. I experienced a joy which was something indefinable, something not of this world.

*To be continued . . .*

#### 2017 MASS INTENTIONS

There are a few Masses available for this year. Masses for this year can be scheduled Monday to Friday from 9 am until 3:30 pm at the Parish office. The **2018 Mass Book** will be available to reserve a Mass for a loved one (living or deceased) starting the week of October 2 to 6 from 9 to 12 Noon at the rectory.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Those who are sick: Jack Keenan**

*(Names will remain on this prayer list for one month. Please call the rectory to add someone.)*

**For all police, firefighters and those who serve in the military:** Lt. Jeff Womelsdorf, U.S.M.C.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All classes, grades 1 - 7, are held on Sunday mornings from 9 AM to 10:15 AM. (September—May)

### PREP CALENDAR 2017-2018

- September 24, 9AM—PREP class meets. Parent meeting in the Church Hall at 9 AM

A complete listing of dates that PREP meets is on the parish website, under the PREP link. Starting with October, PREP will meet the first three Sundays of the month. There will be assignments given for the fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month. Also, students will be asked to attend various parish devotions or activities in lieu of attending classes every Sunday. All of these events together will equal the required amount of time required by archdiocesan standards for PREP.

- In order for this new routine to work, attendance in class is all the more important those times the class does meet. Additionally, homework assignments must be completed thoroughly and on time.
- It is our hope that this change in schedule will allow families to be more actively involved in the faith formation of the children through greater flexibility to participate in the parish community.
- A more detailed explanation of the schedule and requirements will be presented at the parent meeting on September 24.
- Finally, please remember that we are offering a program for children from potty-trained through kindergarten. If you have already registered your child(ren) for this, you can use the same form as regular PREP. For grade level indicate CGS.

### MARTIN SAINTS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Martin Saints Classical High School is seeking to fill a secretary position with a volunteer. Ideally the person could give two hours a day but the arrangement can be flexible. This person will need to obtain clearances as required by the archdiocesan Safe Environment guidelines. For more information about the school see [www.martinsaintsclassical.org](http://www.martinsaintsclassical.org).

### HOLY MARTYRS PRAYER LINE

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Jean Kriz 215.836.1348 or email [jkriz304@gmail.com](mailto:jkriz304@gmail.com).

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.”

Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

### AID FOR FRIENDS COORDINATOR NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to coordinate keeping the Holy Martyrs freezer stocked with frozen dinners for shut-ins served by Aid for Friends. You would be responsible to let parishioners know when more dinners are needed and to get the trays for preparing the dinners from the office in Northeast Philadelphia. You might also organize occasional cook-ins to prepare a large number of dinners at one time. To volunteer or for further information call Robin Costa at 215-572-7169.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 24

Bereavement Group Meeting  
9 am—Fr. Szal Conference Room

### Monday, September 25

Irish Dancers Practice  
5:30-8 pm—Parish Hal

### Wednesday, September 27

Diet Group  
5 pm— Fr. Szal Conference Room  
Respect Life Monthly Meeting  
6 pm—Fr. Szal Conference Room  
Music Ministry Rehearsal  
7 pm —Church

### Thursday, September 28

Faith Sharing on the Sunday Readings  
9:30 am — Fr. Szal Conference Room

### Saturday & Sunday, September 30 & October 1

Shepherds of Bethlehem Wood Carvings available for purchase after all Masses this weekend in the church vestibule.

Blessing of Animals  
12 noon —front lawn of rectory

### Wednesday, October 4

Rescheduled Respect Life Meeting  
6 pm — Fr. Szal Conference Room

## THANK YOU!!!

- To all those who volunteered their time, talent and energy, the parish is most grateful for all you do when you are called on to help out.
- To all who came, and enjoyed our annual carnival thank you for your support.
- To the following sponsors, without their financial support this would be most difficult to run:

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Lower Chapel of Our Lady  
Celebrant: Fr. Jason V. Kulczynski



## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LaSalle High School-Wyndmoor

Open House, October 1st 11 am to 2 pm

8th Grade Entrance exam-October 28th 8:30 am.

For questions or information contact the admissions Office at  
215.402.4800 or admissions@lschs.org.

## NEXT WEEKEND

Shepherds of Bethlehem will be in the parking lot displaying their olivewood carvings that are available. Every purchase helps support the families living in Bethlehem bringing jobs and hope. Your purchase also supports the School of Joy which teaches children with learning disabilities.

Shepherds-Bethlehem.com

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Martyrs Grief Support group which has existed for over 15 years will help you understand the grief process and offer coping skills to manage your loss. It will meet Sunday, September 24 and October 8 & 22 at 9 am in the Fr. Szal Room. For information, please call the rectory 215.884.8575.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

**Holy Martyrs Music Ministry** will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All Parishioners 10 and up are welcome to join. Janet Gries at 267-253-5743 or holymartyrs-music@gmail.com. **Come Try Us Out – No Experience Necessary**



## END OF LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

October 10th 6—9 pm

Jack Francis Caterers—Complimentary Buffet

Speakers include: Rev. Louis Bellopede

An estate attorney, representative of Calvary Cemetery  
& a financial planner

Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, call Tim Seiders  
215.699.6993.

## TEAMING UP TO DROP POUNDS

The Trevoze Behavioral Modification Program Chapter at Holy Martyrs will be accepting new members. The group meets every Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the lower level of the church. Cost of the program is \$2.00 per week. Our first meeting of the season will be Wednesday, September 27. Please contact Ruth Boylan at 1215.284.5641 if interested in joining.

## S.V.D.P. ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Don't forget when cleaning out your closets...

**November 2 ... 9 am to 2 pm**

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## RESPECT LIFE ACTIVITIES

### Pro-Life Crosses

Starting tomorrow,, September 25 running through the month of October (which is Respect Life Month), 59 white crosses will be placed on the rectory lawn. Each cross represents 1,000 aborted babies since the inception of Roe vs. Wade.

### October

Life Chain October 1, 2017 ~ Abington Hospital

Holy Martyrs 2nd Annual Respect Life Forum

October 18, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

There will be several speakers addressing the issues most vital to the protection of life in our world. More details to follow.

### November

Spiritual Adoption Weekend ... November 11 & 12

Monthly Meeting ... November 15

### December

Christmas Wreath & Swag Sale Weekend ... December 3 & 4

Monthly Meeting ... December 20

## CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap will consecrate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the 11:00am Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. All clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are invited to this momentous event in the life of our local Church.

To learn more and find resources to spiritually prepare, visit: [archphila.org/fatima](http://archphila.org/fatima). All are encouraged to prepare spiritually for this consecration by participating in the traditional practice of a 33-day preparation process using one of these resources:

St. Louis de Montfort's *Preparation for Total Consecration (en español)*

Fr. Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory* preparation process (*en español*)

33 Days to Morning Glory can be accessed through our parish subscription to FORMED.org.

To register, visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) with a web browser. Click on Register (lower right of page). Enter Parish Access Code: M7QYEN. Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later).

*To prepare for 33 days prior to our Archdiocesan consecration date of October 15, preparation began on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.*



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**SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAM**

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Saturday, November 11, 2017

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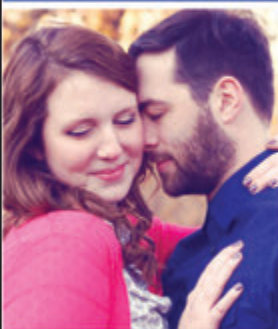
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