

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) 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>

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: 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.

Formed.org Parish Code: Z4NTN

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9 AM - Noon

December 3, 2023 – The First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64: 2-7

A wish for Yahweh to come down from heaven and help cleanse the nation of its guilt and sins.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul thanks the Lord for all the gifts the community has received. He asks for His help in keeping them firm in the faith.

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus warns His listeners to be alert, for no one knows the time of the Lord's return. Watchfulness regarding the Kingdom of God is essential.

Reflection:

As we begin Advent, Isaiah reminds us that God is already disposed towards us for, he tells us, God is both a loving parent and our redeemer. God has been and still is, inclined towards us with a listening ear. God is a caring parent ready to hear our plea for forgiveness and our prayers of hope for renewal of mind and spirit this Advent.

So we ask ourselves:

- This Advent, what do we hope for ourselves?
- What hopes do we hold for our family?
- What would we like to see happen in our world?

Readings for the Week – December 3, 2023

Monday, December 4, 2023 Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 7, 2023 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 8, 2023 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday, December 9, 2023 Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, December 10, 2023 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30
11:30 Cyrenian Society

Monday, December 4, 2023

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

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
10:00 James S. Sloan

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

Thursday, December 7, 2023, Memorial of St.

Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
6:30 Florence DiFrancesco
10:00 Dennis Windish
7:30 pm (St. Joseph, Vigil Mass)

Friday, December 8, 2023, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30
10:00 Mass at St. Joseph
7:30 pm (Pres)

Saturday, December 9, 2023,

8:00 Herb Gress

REMEMBER OUR SICK

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

Joseph Affet, Sonny Andris, Matthew Balent, Bill Bambery, Debbie Chakler, Joanna DeNofa, Charles and Donna Frush, Bob Gottschalk, Stanley Grey, Fred Henderson, Carol Jean Hertkorn, Mary Hillenbrand, Brian Hinchey, Stanley Hrynko, Russel Kahny, Joey Lanzi, Donna McGonigle, Bill Mahoney,

Angelo Maiale, Norah Mason, Eileen Myer, Mary Ellen Murphy, 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



Quotables

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you."

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

"If God can work through me, He can work through anyone."

~St. Francis of Assisi

"First let a little love find entrance into their hearts, and the rest will follow."

~St. Philip Neri

Theology Trivia

1. Which of the four Evangelists is the patron of physicians?
2. Who was the "Beloved Apostle?"
3. Under what title is Our Lady Patroness of the USA?
4. On what solemn feast did Gabriel, the Archangel, appear to Mary?
5. Who translated the Scriptures into Latin? (Answers on p. 4)



Pres Events, 12/03– 12/09		
	Parish	School
Sun., 12/03		
Mon., 12/04	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel, 3-5 pm	Second trimester begins.
Tues., 12/05	Rosary, 6pm, Chapel; PREP, 6:45 - 8:05	School Mass, 10 am
Wed., 12/06		
Thurs., 12/07		Advanced Band Concert, 7 pm
Fri., 12/08	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM, No School	
Sat., 12/09		H&S Ice Skating Party

Tabor Home Sunday

Next Sunday is **Tabor Home Sunday**. The Tabor Home is consistently in need of toiletries. You can imagine the challenge of keeping 46 men and women supplied with these items! The desired toiletries are: liquid body wash, soap (no bar soap), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, and deodorant. Please donate full size items. We also welcome all socks and underwear donations.

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 Philadelphia, support our parish by visiting 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, can receive a steady avenue of support.

Fall 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 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. It takes a few minutes of pre planning and a smidge of discipline, but the payoff is great!!!! 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.

ONGOING...

Eucharistic Revival: phillyeucharisticrevival.org

Young Adult Groups & Events: phillyyam.org/events

Events for Teens: <https://phillyomy.org/events/>

Answers to Theology Trivia

1. St. Luke
2. St. John
3. The Immaculate Conception
4. The Annunciation/March 25
5. St. Jerome

Advent at Presentation BVM The Giving Tree



Because of the popular response to the Giving Tree over the past 40 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.



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.

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 7-8, flower donations need to be made by Dec. 19th. If your donation for the flowers comes in after Dec. 17, your info will appear later. Please print clearly. Thanks.



Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Online Advent Resources



<https://advent.bustedhalo.com/>



<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/calendars/childrens-advent-calendar/>



Matthew Kelly's Best Advent Ever
<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

PRESENTATION BVM SCHOOL

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

Grants and scholarships are available!

105 Old Soldiers Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012

Visit us at www.presentationbvmschool.org

Tours available every Tuesday and Thursday.

More Info: (215) 379-3798 or visit the website.

Hope and Light at the End of Life

The Sisters of Life have produced a series of beautiful, short videos offering hope, truth, and guidance for those facing the end of their life. Consider watching them in order to be equipped with words of hope and counsel for those we love and consider sharing them with others!

"The end of life can be scary. It is a time that can expose us to new depths of vulnerability, uncertainty, and difficult questions. How do we live it well? Where do we find the peace and security we desire on a road we will all one day travel? Whether we are facing a terminal diagnosis, discerning end-of-life care, or supporting a loved one in the last chapter of life, we find the strength to live it well by placing our trust in God. Both in life and in death, God has a plan for each of us. God has revealed Himself as Emmanuel, God-with-us. Whatever the end of life may bring, we are never alone. Love Himself will be with us, to strengthen, guide, and light our way forward." Watch the series at <https://sistersoflife.org/end-of-life/>

Pray For My Priest

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Spiritual Motherhood Adopt a Philadelphia Priest Today!

With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, we seek to provide each priest with a Spiritual Mother, who will commit to anonymously adopt him and pray for him and his vocation as long as she lives. In the spirit of holy detachment, the spiritual mother knows who her priest son is; however, he will not know her identity until her death. The spiritual mother will have a hidden, spiritual connection with her priestly son, as Mary had with Jesus. The Philadelphia Commitment Form can be found at: <https://stmariagoretti.net/spiritual-motherhood/>. Complete the form and submit it for Spiritual Adoption.

Questions? Contact

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Maria Richardson, marichar@comcast.net ~ 215-721-6559

Early Submission Deadlines

Due to the approaching holiday season, entries for the bulletin will need to be submitted earlier than usual. Here are the dates:

12/10 bulletin, entries due Monday, 12/4

12/17 bulletin, entries due Monday, 12/11

2/24 bulletin, entries due Sunday, 12/17

2/31 bulletin, entries due Friday, 12/22

Please drop off entries at the rectory or email them to:

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Rummage Sale Results and Thanks!

The final count is in! We made just under **\$3400** at the Fall Rummage Sale! **Thanks** to **all** who **donated** items and to **all** our **customers** who found their **treasures** at the sale.

We would never be able to pull this off without the help of **many dedicated volunteers**. Thanks to:

- **Pat Skiendzielewski**, our fearless leader, who moves into the church hall the Sunday before every Rummage Sale and stays the week. We'd be lost without her!
- the **many volunteers** who pound the floor of the hall all week long putting out donations and then staff the sale.
- **Nicole Herbert** and her **fine-tuned team** who not only run the kitchen so well but also provide us with great shopping music!
- **Kathy Hurst and her family (Sinead, Patrick and Michael)** who came in at noon on Saturday to help us clean up. By that time the volunteers are pooped and the thought of packing up a couple hundred pounds of leftovers is overwhelming! But the Hurst family gave us a much-needed shot of energy. As the volunteers packed boxes and bags, Patrick and Michael, under Kathy's direction, stacked them for shipment. Clothes hangers were organized into totes ready for the next time. Tables were folded and stacked, and the hall was set up for school on Monday.
- **ALL** our volunteers for all you did to make this sale a success



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Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

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Calendars can be purchased at school,
at the Scrip office or after Mass on the weekends.

If you are interested in selling/buying calendars,
please contact Bill Boyce at
wboyce@presbvmschool.org

Thank you for your support!

High School Commendations

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students in the First Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Archbishop Ryan H.S.

Second Honors:

Kimberly Donnelly '24; Thomas Fala '25

Father Judge H.S.

First Honors:

Shane Gennett '27; Ryan McCutcheon '27

Second Honors:

Joshua Bowers '27

St. Hubert H.S.

Second Honors:

Riley McGlinchy '27; Emily Welsch '27

Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.



~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

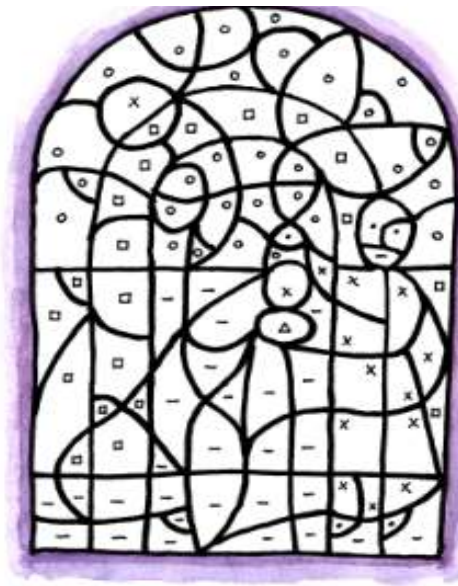
Answers to fill in the blanks: know, then, servants, each, watch, therefore, you, led

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready. Here's someone waiting for his master to return...

Use this code to colour the picture in:

- DARK BLUE
- ◻ GREY
- BROWN
- SKIN COLOUR
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- ▲ RED

Saint Francis Xavier

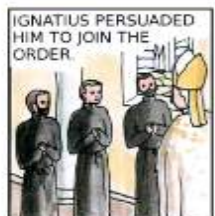
December 3



FRANCIS WAS BORN IN XAVIER CASTLE IN SPAIN IN 1506. HE HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD.



AT AGE 18 FRANCIS WENT TO UNIVERSITY IN PARIS. THERE HE MET ST. IGNATIUS, WHO WAS STARTING THE JESUIT ORDER. "We need missionaries."



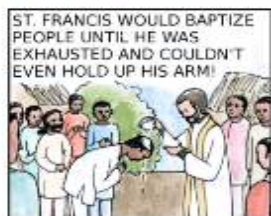
IGNATIUS PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN THE ORDER.



AFTER WORKING IN THE HOSPITALS, FRANCIS WAS SENT TO THE FAR EAST.



IN INDIA HE TAUGHT THE FAITH, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN. "God loved us so much..."



ST. FRANCIS WOULD BAPTIZE PEOPLE UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED AND COULDN'T EVEN HOLD UP HIS ARM!



HE ALSO WORKED IN JAPAN, BUT JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A TRIP TO CHINA HE FELL ILL. HE WAS TAKEN ONTO AN ISLAND AND DIED THERE AT AGE 46.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER ONLY WORKED AS A MISSIONARY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE FAITH! HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT FRANCIS THAT GOD WILL HELP BRING MANY PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH WITH YOUR HELP TOO!

Immaculate Conception Word-Find


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See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

December 8th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.



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