



# Saint Philomena Parish - 1898

## Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

### **Parish Staff:**

Reverend Paul A. Castellani, Pastor

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### **Online Giving:**

[osvhub.com/stphilspa/funds](https://osvhub.com/stphilspa/funds)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Contact the Parish Office

### **Parish Registration:**

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesday following the 8 a.m. Mass

### **Novena in Honor of St. Cyril**

Friday following the 8 a.m. Mass

### **Perpetual Novena in honor of Saint Philomena**

Saturday following the 8 a.m. Mass

### **Sacramental Life and Catechesis:**

To arrange for Baptism, Marriage, RCIA,  
Communion Calls & Sick Calls, contact the Office

### **Mass Schedule:**

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Vigil on Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

#### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Vigil 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

#### **Holy Days with no Obligation:**

8:00 a.m.

#### **Confession:**

Monday 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. in Chapel

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays following the 8 a.m. Mass

Rosary 5:00 p.m.

#### **Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays 5:30 p.m.

**Legion of Mary** The Legion of Mary meets in the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

# SAINT PHILOMENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The fidelity that one has can be seen in many different ways—the Love between a husband and a wife, an oath that one takes before taking religious orders—**BUT THE GREATEST ACTION OF LOVE AND FIDELITY IS BETWEEN GOD AND US—HIS PEOPLE.** In the first reading we hear how the Israelites state their fidelity to God as Joshua challenged them before they were to enter the promised land. *“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt.”* Paul shows a parallel between a spousal relationship and the radical love between Christ and the Church. *“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there were some of you who do not believe. Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him.”* Christ; in the Gospel reminded those who were with Him that His words were Spirit and Life for those who stayed with Him and continued to be His disciple. And Peter in his profession of faith after being asked: *“Do you also want of leave? Simon Peter answered Him, Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* **The immense love God has for each of us—His people it helps us to show and share that love of God to others in return. This is our opportunity to recommit ourselves to deepen our love and knowledge of our God—to recommit with fidelity to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul A. Castellani

Pastor

**Please Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed,  
Especially**

Francis McGowan

### **Gluten Free Host**

If you are a parishioner who needs a Gluten free host please let the priest know before Mass.

### **Readings for the week of August 22, 2021**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday - St. Rose of Lima**

**8:00** Richard Whalen

*Flame of Love Cenacle 3:00pm - 4:00pm*

*Confessions 4:15pm, Rosary 5:00pm, Benediction 5:30pm*

**Tuesday - St. Bartholomew**

**8:00** Eleanor Tyndall

**Wednesday - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz**

**8:00** Mildred & Joseph Curley

**Thursday**

**8:00** Next Soul to be released from Purgatory

**Friday - St. Monica**

**8:00** Lucille “Lucy” Verruni

**Saturday - St. Augustine**

**8:00** Yolanda M. Mirarchi

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat. **5:15** Charlotte O’Hara Doyle

**7:30** Albert & Carolyn Castellani

**10:00** Dolores Griffin

**12:00** Michael & Veronica Duvak

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

*We will be collecting school supplies of pencils, red and blue pens, plain 2 pocket folders, glue sticks, rulers, yellow highlighters, crayons, etc. to help our students attending St. Cyril/St. Philomena School. You can bring your donations to the rectory or place them in the back of the church.*



### Catholic Trivia Contest

**The first one to submit the answer by email after 6:00 P.M. on Sunday evening will be the winner.**

The email address is [stphilomenaparish@rcn.com](mailto:stphilomenaparish@rcn.com)

The winner for 15 August is Joanne Harris with the answer of Our God’s Brother & the Jewelers Shop

The winner for 22 August will receive a gift card to Colonial Kitchen

**What did St. Brendan the Navigator found in Ireland in the 6<sup>th</sup> century?**

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Scrip is available for sale on the front porch of the Rectory (enter through the vigil candle chapel) on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon. You may drop off your request and payment before Mass and pick up your scrip cards after Mass.

**Due to the busy vacation time period, the scrip office will be closed on the following days:**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**  
**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

### SCHEDULE FOR STREAMED MASSES

*Saturday, August 28 5:15*  
*Sunday, August 29 10:00*

*Saturday, September 4 5:15*  
*Sunday, September 5 12:00*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY

Requests for food donations are being temporarily suspended until further notice due to changes in our food storage location and procedures. Restoration of requests for food donations will appear in a future church bulletin.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
**3:00 PM**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**WATCH FOR THE FLYER**

### Help Wanted

*We need your help to keep the beauty of the grounds here at St. Philomena. We need a group of gardeners or just maybe someone who wants to learn who knows so much more than myself. Please contact the rectory if you are able to help at 610-622-2420. Thank you for all that each of you do for the parish and community.*

*Fr. Paul*

### *Pray for our Parishioners Serving in the Military*

US Army, Specialist Rosanna Sallom, US Army Stephen Zwolak, Richard Basilio Jr. 3rd Infantry Army, Pvt. Ryan McCullough, Chief Warrant Officer, Larissa Zwolak, US Navy, Matthew Gaynor, US Army, Capt. US Army Specialist Kevin Michael Haggerty, Lt. Brian Province, US Coast Guard, SSG. James J. Bygrave USAF, Air Force Justin Mickle, US Marine, Capt. Dustin Chubb

### *Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish*

Nancy King-Pantelone, Jackie Waldt, Howard Gaynor, Paula Kucich, Scott Stierheim, Mary Jo Bradley, Dorothy Walsh, Benjamin Froelich, Donald P. van Krieken, Elaine Fairweather, Ava McLin, Michael Kelly, Laura Szarewicz Pelzar, Pasquale Pantaleone, Joseph Vancelette, Josh Rudolph, Lou Ruffo, Dolores Kelly, Anna Wilson, Maryann Waldt, Alan Abbonizio, Evelina Moffa, Paul Rudolph, Bill Brock, Infant Arielle Worley, Theresa Sherwin, Neal Pizzano, Jacinta Maughan, Jack McElhinney, Thomas Flynn, Roseann Kenney, Bob Flounders, Kate Carroll, Mary Susan Riley

*As we continue day to day with the current Situation in our lives, we face many effects that Occur that we may feel discouraged, angry, Lonely. Here are some references from the Holy Bible that We can all read and see how we can overcome these feelings and see the presence of our God.*

When we are feeling:

**Despair:** Revelation 16:10-11; *"The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. Its kingdom was plunged into darkness, and bit their tongues in pain and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their works."*

**Perseverance:** 1 Corinthians 15:58; *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

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