



# Saint Philomena Parish - 1898

## Saint Cyril of Alexandria

### Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 12, 2021

#### **Parish Staff:**

Reverend Paul A. Castellani, Pastor

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#### **Rectory Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 8:30-3:30

Friday 8:30-3:00

**Saturday & Sunday**

**by appointment only**

#### **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

#### **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.

##### **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

# SAINT PHILOMENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dear Parishioners,

What does it mean to follow Christ? To have Faith that everything that we have received has come from God and that we return to Him. When we listen to the readings, we come to know and trust in our God. In the first reading from Isaiah, he declares that he trusts in God to uphold and protect him as he proclaims Him for the people. *"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."* James; in the second reading explains how our good works accompany and demonstrate our faith and trust in our God. *"Indeed, someone might say, You have faith and I have works. Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works."* In the Gospel, we hear Peter confessing his faith in Christ and how he was rebuffed by Christ because he did not yet understand that Our Savior was to die and rise, so that we could be saved. We come to know and believe all that Christ came to give us, new and eternal life by His great sacrifice of the cross. He reminds us of what it means to be a disciple when he tells His disciples: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."* **Through our commitment and profession of faith—through our demonstration of our works that bring Glory to God—WE ARE BEING ALL THAT GOD ASKS OF US—TO BE HIS DISCIPLE AND BRING THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO OTHERS WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS AND SOULS.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Paul A. Castellani  
Pastor



## Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday - St. John Chrysostom**

**8:00** Richard Whalen

**Tuesday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**8:00** Deceased Members of the Hennessy Family

**Wednesday - Our Lady of Sorrows**

**8:00** Living & Deceased Members of the  
D'Elia and Speck Families

**Thursday - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

**8:00** Francis Griffith (living)

**Friday - St. Robert Bellarmine**

**8:00** Paul Reilly

**Saturday - BVM**

**8:00** Special Intentions

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sat. 5:15** Dennis Duffy

**7:30** Magdalene Branyan

**10:00** Nancy Kinard

**12:00** Suzanne Beach

## Gluten Free Host

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



## 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 winners for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of September will be published in the bulletin for the week of 19 September**

**The winner for 12 September will receive a gift card to Dunkin**

**Name a major Christmas tradition in Mexico that involves a nine-day reenactment of Joseph's and Mary's searching for shelter just before Mary gave birth?**

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#### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### **BOOKS OF JOSHUA and JUDGES**

**Bible Study will open on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 P.M., in the Parish Center.**

We plan to meet "in-person," although we were much more confident about that in June than we are now.

Jesus was a Jew. We know that, of course. But sometimes we forget that he was born, raised and "breathed" the world of Judaism. The Old Testament, with its ways, its horrors, its triumphs, its heroes, - these were his theology course.

So, for a few weeks, we shall dive into that world, picking up where Moses left off. The conquest of Canaan, the period of the "judges," - we shall read and digest some of the highlights.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Theresa and Paul Haggerty at [haggerty83@msn.com](mailto:haggerty83@msn.com) or at 610-504-5558.

As we continue day to day with current Situations 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:

**Illness:** Matthew 9:11-13; *"The Pharisees saw this and said to His disciples, Why does your teacher eat with sinners? He heard this and said, Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

**Faith:** Revelation 3:10-11; *"Because you have kept my message of endurance, I will keep you safe in time of trial that is going to come to the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may take your crown."*

#### SCHEDULE FOR STREAMED MASSES

*Saturday, September 18 5:15*  
*Sunday, September 19 10:00*

*Saturday, September 25 5:15*  
*Sunday, September 26 12:00*

#### **September 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In today's Gospel Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

**Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with the Rectory Office...we want to help! To help us help them please donate to our ministry by please using the SVDP envelope in your monthly packet. To consider joining our Society as a full or associate member, please contact Tom Chenoweth at 610-622-0972 and leave a message. God Bless you!**

**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

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