



# Saint Philomena Parish - 1898

## Saint Cyril of Alexandria

### Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 10, 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,  
With courage we can stand up to most any challenges. When we look into the lives of the martyrs, we see how they were willing to die for their love of our God. In the first reading from Wisdom; we hear how Solomon asks for and receives blessings that pale only in comparison to Wisdom herself. "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her." In the letter to the Hebrews; we are once again reminded that: "Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword." The word of our God allows us to know and share our faith—our love—our trust in God, who always shows us that with courage we can overcome all the trails that we encounter. As Christ encounters the young man with many earthly possessions and tells him that he is close to the kingdom of God; but first go and sell those things that are holding you down in this life and follow him, he walks away sad because of those possessions that were keeping him attached to this world, rather than seeing the one that lies ahead. God's call to faithful discipleship promises unimaginable blessings and requires us to have a trust in God's providence that will lead us into His presence for all eternity. We cannot do it alone—for it is only with God that all things are possible. Courage in God allows us to face any challenge no matter what it may be---FOR GOD IS ABSOLUTE LOVE—LOVE FOR US—AND THROUGH HIS WORDS IT ALLOWS US TO BE HIS DISCIPLE HERE AND FOR ALL ETERNITY.

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

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

Loretta De Gaetano

## Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday - St. John XXIII**

**8:00** Annie Buckley

**Tuesday**

**8:00** Deceased Members of St. Philomena/St. Cyril

**Wednesday**

**8:00** Richard Whalen

**Thursday - St. Callistus**

**8:00** Muriel Stubblefield

**Friday - St. Teresa of Jesus**

**8:00** Anne Camm & Baby Dylan

**Saturday - St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; BVM**

**8:00** Paul Castellani Sr.

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat. **5:15** Richard Whalen

**7:30** Boyd Keele

**10:00** Eleanor K. Buckley

**12:00** Barbara M. Godfrey

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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## 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 3 October is Kathy Devlin  
with the answer of Malta**

**The winner for 10 October will receive a gift card to Lowe's**

**What did the Jesuit astronomer and anatomist Christopher Scheiner discover while studying the sun in 1611?**

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### Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights Pierogi Sale

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As we continue day to day with the 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:

**Discouragement:** Exodus 32: 1; "When the people became aware of Moses' delay they gathered around Aaron and said to him; Come and make us a god who will be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what happened to him".

**Strength:** Esther 4:16; "Go and assemble all the Jews who are in Susa, fast on my behalf, all of you, not eating or drinking, night and day, for three days, I and my handmaids will also fast in the same way. Thus prepared, I will go to the king, contrary to the law. If I perish, I perish."

### SCHEDULE FOR STREAMED MASSES

Saturday, October 16 5:15  
Sunday, October 17 12:00

Saturday, October 23 5:15  
Sunday, October 24 7:30

### BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF JUDGES

Bible Study will continue this Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 P.M., in the Parish Center.

This past Thursday, we pulled a switch, because of uncertainties regarding technology (personnel, not equipment). We watched the first episode of *The Chosen*, a well-done mini-series on the life of Jesus, based solidly in the Gospels, while using plausible imaginative material to serve as background.

So, this week, we shall discuss themes and highlights of chapters 11-21 of the **Book of Judges**. The Israelites have taken possession of Canaan, - so now what? Here are some fascinating stories, part of the legacy of our "older brothers and sisters in the faith."

We are meeting "in-person," although because of the current uncertainties regarding COVID, and in accord with CDC guidelines, we ask that everyone wear a mask, at least for now. Some of us may have compromised immunity because of medications, etc.

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

### 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, Mary Devlin

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