



Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to His temple to be a light for all the nations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

4:00 PM Carol Robinson, 1st Anniversary, requested by Her Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, February 2

8:30 AM Therese Miller, 21st Anniversary, requested by Her Family

10:00 AM Francis K. Connors, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family

11:30 AM Monica Garcia, requested by Her Family

Monday, February 3

8:30 AM Richard Drenga, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Wife & Children

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 AM John Burns, 7th Anniversary, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Fernand Aube

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 AM Mary Anne Templeman, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Richard & Lucy Discenza

Thursday, February 6

8:30 AM Carmine DelGuercio, Sr., 3rd Anniversary, requested by His Daughter-in-Law, Maria DelGuercio

Friday, February 7

8:30 AM Beth Hunt

Saturday, February 8

4:00 PM Andrew Boylan, 37th Anniversary, requested by Daughter & Grandchildren

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM Raymond Cross, Sr., 6th Anniversary, requested by His Wife & Children

10:00 AM Emil Morin, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Family

11:30 AM Willer Bedoya, + Birthday Remembrance, requested by The Family

5:00 PM Helen, 1st Anniversary, & Joseph McGovern, Sr., 19th Anniversary, requested by Their Family
John Batchelder, + + Birthday Remembrance, requested by His Wife & Daughters

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4 PM

Altar Servers: Abbey Hutchison, Abigail Morre

Reader: Paulette Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 AM

Altar Servers: London Adams, Connor Casey

Reader: Cathleen Bastible

10 AM

Altar Servers: Noah Amaral, Calae Vieweg

Reader: Ben Howes

11:30 AM

Altar Servers: Tony Torres, Jade Ríos, Alysse Ríos

Reader: Cofradas

5 PM

Altar Servers: Morgan Gagnon, Maya Guillotte

Reader: Religious Education

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary prayer line: for prayers call or text Betty, 563-0592, or Marguerite, 531-5648.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the upstairs Church will burn from 1/25/20 to 2/7/20, in Memory of Megan Elizabeth Pelli, 13th Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad, Jen, Jon, Sam & Toby.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE in the downstairs Church will burn from 1/25/20 to 2/7/20, in Memory of Normand Gingras.



If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful altar flowers, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.



PRAYING TOGETHER is one of our greatest privileges at St. Mary's High School. Each school morning we gather in prayer. We would be honored to pray for you! Please email your prayer request to kjaszek@stmsaints.org or call the school at 568-5692.

The 5 p.m. Sunday Masses follows the CCD schedule. The next Masses are February 9 and 23.

WE STEWARD OUR TREASURE

JANUARY 25 & 26

370 Envelopes: Total in Envelopes: \$9,255.00

Loose Cash: \$608.06 - TOTAL: \$9,863.06

Advancement Envelopes: \$674.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers, all the sick in our parish, our families and friends. Please also pray for our beloved deceased: Virginia McCarthy, Mary Jane McCarthy, Joanne Janik, Dorothy Mongeau and Jesus Otero Marrero.

If there is a two-hour delay or school is cancelled there will not be an 8:30 AM Mass that day.

“WHAT DO WE PRESENT TO HIM?”

REFLECTION BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

Presentations are nothing new to us. They come with the calendar. In the sports world, we have presentation of the Super Bowl trophy. This leads to the Stanley Cup for ice hockey, and the World Series award for baseball. In between, we have the movie world's Oscars and TV's Emmys and Broadway's Tonys for the best in entertainment. There are tournaments galore, foot races, horse races, marathons and contests of all kinds, not to omit graduations at all academic levels, in which the various winners are each presented with an award of some kind to mark their achievement. We know about presentations.

Today, however, we come together to celebrate a presentation unique in world history: that coming of the Christ Child into the earthly house of His Father. Yet, as Luke describes it, there are echoes of the humility that we first observed at His birth. Mary and Joseph walk into the great spaces of the grand Temple in Jerusalem, dwarfed by its columns and surrounded by whispered voices. There are no trumpets sounding, no applause heard, and certainly no choirs of angels proclaiming the news. Instead, just two elderly people, humble themselves and holy as well, who come close to the saintly family with powerful witness of their own. Simeon is relieved and happy to have reached the time when he could see in Mary's arms the Messiah he had prayed to see before his death. Following that, he gave “permission” to the Lord as Promise Keeper, by his beautiful prayer which is now prayed nightly in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Beside him is Anna, smiling eyes behind the wrinkles of her eighty plus years and the wisdom gained from prayer and

fasting, who also thanks God for this Child. Evidently, a group of onlookers had gathered, as Anna speaks to them of the Child as the one who would end their wait for the redemption of the city and nation.

The Holy Spirit, working through St. Luke, wanted us to know about this momentous but quiet Presentation largely lost to the wide world. What could be His reasons? I can think of four. **First**, to see the humble obedience of Mary and Joseph to the demands of their religion's laws. It seems logical to ask: Do you all know the six precepts of our Church? Do you respond with humble obedience?

Secondly, the Holy Spirit wants us to notice that God does indeed keep His promises. We may doubt Him at times, often because He has a different timetable from ours. **Thirdly**, there is an unspoken plea here to respect our elders. There are jokes about aging all over the place, a lot of them cute, but they become harmful when they lead to disregard for the wisdom and fidelity of age. Who better to reach out to youth and make a presentation of the value of hope?

Fourth and finally, there is that subtle reminder in this feast that prayer and fasting are just the right combination to help us attain that ever elusive holiness that lets us present ourselves to Christ our Lord. We have come this Sunday to a place of Christian worship because it has replaced the Temple of Jerusalem that is no more. Here in our parish church Jesus presents Himself to us in the miraculously transformed bread and wine. What do we present to Him? Think it over. Here's a follow up question for the week: If God now seems far away, who made the first move?

Who among us is hungry?

The Meals Ministry here at St. Mary's will celebrate its 10th anniversary this April. We deliver about 70 meals each second Sunday of the month. There are over 60 volunteers who work to keep this ministry running smoothly. If someone you know is in need, please call Bob and Vicky Stoops at 413-562-5835.

TROOP 109 BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 109 will be holding their annual Bottle and Can Drive on March 7th next to the Super Phipp's sign in the plaza. Bottles and cans can be dropped off at the big scout tent near the big Super Phipp's sign on March 7th, and this year the scouts will also have a collection trailer parked in the Elementary School parking lot in late February (details to be announced in coming weeks) during Mass hours. If you have a large volume, the scout can arrange for pick-ups.

Sharon Olson will **REPAIR YOUR ROSARIES for FREE**. You may drop them off at the rectory for her and we will call you when they are repaired.

Are you looking for a way to make a concrete

difference in someone's life? St. Mary's Parish is looking for people who are willing to spend time with homebound parishioners who are lonely, elderly, suffering or sick. You don't need to have a professional background, but you do need a willingness to listen, be empathetic, and offer reassurance that our community has not forgotten them. St. Mary's will train you to visit these people in their home, in the hospital or in a nursing home and take them the Eucharist *if they desire that*.

To learn more about this volunteer ministry, contact Pastoral Minister Michele Suhocki at 413-562-5477, ext 144, or msuhocki@stmsaints.org. It may be just the thing for you.

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Here am I; send me!” - Isaiah 6:8

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in maintaining the sanctuaries, altars, and sacristies. Services could include washing/ironing of church linens, general cleaning, or some sewing. *Please call the rectory and leave your name and number.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, February 3

6 pm Folk Group Rehearsal - Upper Church

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Lower Church

Wednesday, February 5

9 am Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 am Bible Study, Center

5 pm Benediction - Lower Church

7 pm Bible Study - Center

Thursday, February 6**HALF DAY OF SCHOOL**

6:45 pm Women's Prayer Group - Lower Church

7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Upper Church

7 pm El Camino Youth - Center

7 pm Encuentro Juvenil - Center

7 pm Ultrella - Center

Saturday, February 8**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - ALL WEEKEND****RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES****Sunday, February 9**

8 am Meals Ministry - HS

10 am 4th Grade Mass - Upper Church

10 am Little Church - Lower Church

10:45 am Coffee Hour - HS

5 pm Youth Mass - Upper Church

6:15 pm CCD - HS

*Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!***CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC
FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM**

Next weekend, Samar Awwad, representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem, will sell crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. These items also make great gifts for sacraments, weddings, birthdays and holidays.



CCD CORNER

ST. PEREGRINE MEDALS: (Patron Saint of cancer patients) with prayer cards can be picked up at the Parish Center or the rectory. Please stop by during office hours. These blessed medals were donated by a special parish friend!

“LITTLE CHURCH” –*Sunday School is Cool!* For young children, which is held every Sunday in the lower church during the 10:00 Mass. Come by any time to visit and meet the other children and families! You can watch the Mass on the “big screen” if you stay with your children.

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Classes will be held in the upper Church. Boys and Girls, third grade and older are invited to join. This is an important ministry in our church and an honor to serve the Lord. Please attend two classes. If you would like to serve and are not available on these days, please call the CCD office or rectory to make other arrangements.

Monday, February 10	2:30-3:30 PM
Monday, February 10	4:15- 5:15 PM
Monday, February 24	4:15-5:15 PM
Wednesday, February 26	4:45-5:45 PM

SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated February 9, at the 10:00 Mass. Boys and girls, all ages, are invited to attend and participate. Please call the CCD Office, 568-1127 to respond. The Parish Coffee hour will follow

PARISH COFFEE HOUR: Come over to the High School on Sunday, February 9, after the 10:00 Mass for a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate! The donuts are always fresh and we will have fresh baked goods from our 4th grade CCD class. Nancy Dansereau and friends will host!

4TH GRADE MASS: The children in 4th Grade are invited to participate in Mass on February 9, at the 10:00 Mass. The children are invited to *greet, read and bring forth the offertory gifts*. Please look for the information in the mail!

CHILDRENS' MASS BOOKS: As you enter the church there is a basket with Mass Books in English and Spanish for children. Please take one so your child may follow the prayers, understand the Mass and say the responses. When Mass is over, return the books so they will be there for you the following week. Thank you to the Beltrandi Family for their generous donation!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: St. John the Evangelist Parish will hold Adult Confirmation classes for adults who have not made their Confirmation. These classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sundays, February 23, March 8 and 22, April 5, and 19, and May 3. These classes will be held in the lower level of their Parish Center. To register, please call the Office of Religious Education, 562-5484, or email jbagge@stmsaints.org.

Have you hugged your kids today?

ATTENTION

Home-Bound & Eucharistic Ministers

Please log who you are bringing Holy Communion to going forward in 2020. There is a **log-in sheet** in the **Upper Church** and **Lower Church** in the *Sacristy* where you place your **pix**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I want to make sure we are not missing any home-bound parishioners who would like a visit from a priest for sacraments. Questions may be directed to **Pastoral Minister: Michele Suhocki**, msuhocki@stmsaints.org, 413-562-5477, ext 144.

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the rectory at 562-5477. God may be omniscient, but we could use a heads up to stay connected!

Feast of St. Blaise This Weekend

In celebration of the feast of St. Blaise, we will have the Blessing of Throats this weekend, February 1 and 2. We ask through the intercession of St. Blaise that the Lord will free us from any disease of the throat and any other illness. The presider for each Mass will invoke a general blessing and if you want to stay afterwards you may approach him (or one of the ministers) for an individual blessing.

PARISH ADVANCEMENT FUND

Happy New Year! St. Mary's is busy updating and renovating our church, rectory and parish center. The patio, elevator, chair lift and heating system are just a few projects we are replacing or renovating. If you would like to support these ongoing projects, please place a donation in the green and white Advancement envelopes found in your envelope packet and mark **"CHURCH."** Many thanks for all your help and support! Please contact our Director of Advancement, Robin Jensen, with any questions at 568-1160 or rjensen@stmsaints.org. You can also donate online at <https://stmarysofwestfield.com> and note it is for our Church.

♥ **St. Mary's Women's Prayer Group** ♥



Are you looking to connect with other women from Westfield? Are you seeking a wel-coming community that has prayerful conversations every week? You are invited to join us every Thursday night from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Lower Church (*use the church entrance facing Bartlett St.*). Each week we read, and study the upcoming Sunday Gospel. We pray for each other, our families and our community. *No experience needed.* All materials provided. *Everyone is welcome!!* For further information, please contact Michele Suhocki, pastoral minister, 413-562-5477, ext 144, msuhocki@stmsaints.org. Look forward to meeting you!

PLEASE DON'T PASS ON YOUR COLD: We share a lot of things as part of a Catholic parish family, but one thing we don't want to pass on is a cold. Eucharistic Ministers are taught to wipe the chalice with a clean part of the purificator. The chalices are washed with hot water and soap after every Mass. Still, if you have a cold or do not feel well, please refrain from receiving from the chalice. It is not required to partake of both species (bread and wine). Either contains the fullness of Jesus' presence. If you are not receiving from the chalice, it is customary to make a bow when you pass by as a sign of respect. Also, during these winter months some people choose to make the sign of peace through a wave or a bow rather than shaking hands. It is sometimes awkward to adjust, but a courteous wave back is a friendly response.

**GET
IN
THE
GAME!**

The teams for **Super Bowl LIV (54)** have been determined ... and it's going to be a match-up between **the Chiefs and the 49ers** facing off in the big game, **this weekend!** While **none** of us will be on the field in Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, **each** of us can play a big role in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** right here at St. Mary's.

Parish youth volunteers will accept monetary contributions, following all Masses this weekend, to benefit the ongoing mission to *"Feed the Hungry"* carried on by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary's. In this time of lavish Super Bowl parties, we ask that you please be most generous in responding to their appeal. Checks are welcome and should be made out directly to St. Vincent de Paul.

Our prayer: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Mardi Gras Dinner/Fundraiser



Please bring your appetites to the High School gym on Saturday, February 22nd, after the 4 o'clock for our Mardi Gras dinner. We have room for 100 people so get your tickets early. Tickets will be sold on the weekends of February 1 and 2, and February 8 and 9 after all the Masses. There will be a choice of 3 entries and a kid's meal of Mac and Cheese and corn.

- 1) Pernil - Puerto Rican roast pork and rice
- 2) BBQ chicken breast, roasted potatoes, and corn
- 3) Stuffed manicottii with Father John's famous sauce, corn, and a tossed salad.

All meals will include: Soup, roll, dessert, coffee, tea, water. Beer, wine and soda will also be available. Your kind and generous donations will be the "cost" of each ticket. The money raised will be shared between the St. Vincent de Paul society and the Meals Ministry. Thank you for your support!

