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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2025



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the QR code.

Physical Donation: Please make all checks out to
Triumph of the Cross, not TOTC or Holy Rosary.



We are truly grateful for
your continued and faithful
generosity. Thank you!

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday: 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Vigil 5:15 p.m., 7 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

Confession | Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office. In the event of an emergency, please
call the Parish Office & press the number for the emergency line
when prompted.

Baptism | Confirmation | Matrimony | Holy Orders

Please refer to the back of the bulletin & contact the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions

Schedule for February 2 - February 9

at Triumph of the Cross Catholic Parish

SUNDAY, February 2 | Presentation of Our Lord

4:00 PM Vigil (2/1) - *Jim & Sue Stanko 65th Wedding Anniversary by Family*

8:30 AM - *Ted & Mary Ann Stolarczyk by Emily Blanda*

10:00 AM - *Myrtle A. Minto by Mike & Kathleen Krivoniak*

11:30 AM - *Colleen Witkowski by Family*

5:30 PM - *Tony Pasquarella by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Lynsky*

February 3 | Monday: Weekday

5:15 PM - *Herman Castner by Family*

February 4 | Tuesday: Weekday

5:15 PM - *David Stasiulewicz by Ann Iachini*

February 5 | Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin

7:00 AM - *Robert Frankhauser by wife & daughter*

February 6 | Thursday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM - *David Szydowski by Karen & Willie Paul*

February 7 | Friday: Weekday

7:00 AM - *Robert Franckhauser by wife & daughter*

February 8 | Saturday: Weekday

8:30 AM - *Llelia Buffone by Shirley Guida*

SUNDAY, February 9 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Vigil (2/8) - *People of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Angela by Clara Turnbaugh*

10:00 AM - *Tony Pasquarella by Della & Mary Jo Rinaldi*

11:30 AM - *David Szydowski by Annette & George Smith*

5:30 PM - *Darene Waszkiewicz by Rich, Bonnie, Laura, & Susan Ehringham*



Memorial

In Memory of

David Szydlowski

by Nick & Mary D'Anniballe
for Triumph of the Cross' Building Fund

Sacraments

Baptisms: Please find the registration form at the bottom of our website under parish forms. Visit triumphofthecross.org. Catholic Faith Formation Baptismal Classes are offered 4 times a year. The next class is scheduled for March 1, 2025 at 10a in the Marian Room.

You may also call the office for an appointment.

Weddings: Six month preparation is required. Coordinate wedding date with Fr. Matthew.

Pre - Cana: Spring 2025 weekend dates to be determined.

Funerals: Please schedule with Fr. Matthew before publishing dates & times.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Communion to the Homebound: Please call the parish office.

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 8am - Wednesday 8am in the Adoration Chapel

Morning Prayer:
Wednesday - Friday at 6:40am

MONDAYS

Novena of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal
after 5:15pm Mass

WEDNESDAYS

FLAME OF LOVE

Rosary devotion for those family members who have left the church. Every Wednesday in the Adoration Chapel from 9a - 10a. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Rosary - Wed & Thurs after 7:00am Mass

In Sinu Jesu -

Thursdays at 6pm in Adoration Chapel

SATURDAYS

Rosary - before 8:30am Mass

First Saturday Devotion

8:30am Mass, 9:15 am Rosary & DVD in Marian Room

Hour of Prayer for Clergy & Vocations with Confessions

last Saturday of each month after 8:30am Mass

Please keep in prayer...

Catherine Arlotta Kucala	John Sanchez
Margo Hernandez	Amy Calopy
Larry Swaykus	Jim Stanko
Landyn Strosnider	Sue Stanko
Laura	Jake
Dawn	Elaine Gregor
Margaret DeFranks	Melissa
Karen Hanzel	Eric Rogers
Marnie Maley	Bro. John Vyszanski
Christiana Achebe	David DiBartolomeo

Pray for the Clergy of the Diocese of Steubenville

Monday

Rev. Anthony Batt
Dcn. Mark Erste

Tuesday

Rev. Timothy Childers
Dcn. Randy Redington

Wednesday

Rev. Nicholas Ginnetti
Dcn. Richard Adams

Thursday

Rev. Peter Afoenyem
Dcn. Tom Maedke

Friday

Rev. William Cross
Dcn. Ben Gessler

Saturday

Rev. Timothy Huffman
Dcn. Randy Redington

and all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Please call the parish office for prayer requests.



CERTIFICATES FOR CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For those of you who had children who received their Confirmation or First Communion, please come to the parish office to pick up their certificate. Thank you!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Sundays at 11:15a, in the Marian Room

Theme:
Foundations of Morality

Please contact **Stephen Johnson**, our Director of Evangelization & Discipleship if you have any questions.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS CHOIRS

The Triumph Parish Choir and Youth Choir are looking for new members! The Parish Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00p. The Youth Choir rehearses Fridays from 3:30-4:30p. Contact Director of Music Lucas Rauch at music@triumphofthecross.org for more info or to sign up!

Interested in cantoring at Mass, *especially on Saturdays*? Contact Lucas Rauch through the music email for more information!



U p c o m i n g E v e n t s AT TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

CONNECTING TOGETHER

A smile, a hug, a phone call, a helping hand. These are the blocks that can help build our parish family into a beautiful and vibrant community of faith. **Connecting Together** offers many opportunities to reach out and help build our parish. Consider visiting a lonely nursing home resident or a homebound parishioner. Perhaps you could help a young mom with her little ones, help one of our elderly with a small home project, or join the prayer connection team. There are so many needs! Please consider how you can help.

For more information, call Ana McGurn at 740-317-4825

CWC SUPERBOWL BOARD

Our Catholic Women's Club will be selling squares on their Super Bowl board for \$10 each after Mass today. The proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for our First Communicants.

Prizes will be based on the score at the end of each quarter.

1st and 3rd quarters - \$50

Halftime - \$100

Final score - \$300

Thank you for your support!

SUPER SUPPER CLUB

Get to know your community with a once-a-month potluck dinner party
Groups of eight-ten people
Couples and Singles welcome, rotate hosting each month.

Fall and Spring seasons

New groups established each season for more info call or email
Annie & Kyle McKenna (412)366-5342,
annieLmckennajmj@gmail.com

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S GROUP

Our very own Alex Hart & Kateri Walters are looking to revamp our parish women's group! **Please scan the QR Code** to let us know what day works best for you *once a month*.

Your input is valued.

We'd love to have this group thrive with the beautiful women of the parish
-- of all ages!



TAX FORMS FOR 2024

Please Scan the QR Code below to request your tax form for 2024.

Thank you!



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PRIEST RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Throughout their lives, our priests have dedicated themselves to guiding us in faith, serving our parishes, and attending to our spiritual needs. They have been there for us in our moments of joy, sorrow, and growth. Now, it is our turn to support them in their time of retirement.

Your generosity helps to ensure that our retired priests receive the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service to God and His people. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to the ***Priest Retirement Collection on the weekend of February 8th and 9th.***

Please make your check out to Triumph of the Cross and put "Priest Retirement Program" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of those who have given so much for us.

UPCOMING ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

For those who have received First Communion and older—as well as those who are currently serving as Altar Servers—we are planning to have an Altar Server Training session. We will have a light luncheon at 12:30p in the Marian Room, followed by the training at the church on Sunday, February 16th. Also, special training will take place for those interested in being Thurifers (for incensing). If you are planning to attend, please contact Chuck Macpherson at 740 632-0163 or by email:

ministry@triumphofthecross.org OR Luke

Stetson at 740 512-6628 or by email: luke@stetsonbrothers.com .

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

for February 8th & 9th, 2025

Mass	Deacon	Lector	Altar Server	Nursing Home
Saturday, 4:00 PM	Deacon Gessler	Virginia Garrison (1) Carole Sheerbaun (2)	William Beatovich Shya Garcia <i>Volunteer</i> <i>Volunteer</i>	
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Deacon Adams	Marita O'Brien (1) James Hostetler (2)	Katelynn Daugherty Paul Ohnimus Jayden Yirak Andre Yirak	Marianne Belback Regis Belback Ed Lloyd Sherry Sherrin
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Deacon Adams	Ana McGurn (1) Joe McGurn (2)	Luke Bryan Zach Bryan Gabe Coen Liam Coen	
Sunday, 11:30 AM	Deacon Redington	James Harold (1) Teresa Harold (2)	Hunter Kirkpatrick Joseph Wherry Francis Wherry Bernadette Wherry *	
Sunday, 5:30 PM	Deacon Redington	Joshua Leasure	Benedict Gan Gabriel Gan <i>Volunteer</i>	

Note: * Changes are in italics. ** Indicates Ordinary Minister

Should you need a replacement: When circumstances permit, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please use the resource of Ministry Schedule Pro (either by web site or phone app) in order to request for a "swap". Any further questions or concerns should be directed to Chuck Macpherson: ministry@triumphofthecross.org or contact him by phone-- 740 632-0163. Thank You.

DPSC UPDATE

From the Pastor's Desk

Because of your incredible generosity we are currently projected to meet 127% of our Diocesan Parish Share Campaign goal. I would like to remind everyone that everything over 100% comes back to the parish without being assessed. We currently have 972 households registered at the parish & only 175 have participated so far. Imagine how the needs of our parish could be met if more than 18% of our households participated.

How to Donate:

You can go to the Diocese of Steubenville website at diosteub.org to donate online or stop by the parish office to get a donation card.

Thank you!

CONTRIBUTIONS

January 25 & 26, 2025

Regular: \$5,522.00

Votive: \$243.00

Loose: \$1,358.00

Soup Kitchen: \$252.00

School Support: \$70.00

Building Fund: \$140.00

Thank you for your support of our parish!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

BJKM Elementary

(740) 264.2550

BJKM Junior High School

(740) 346.0028

Catholic Central High School

(740) 264.55348

*Did you know you can find a calendar
of events for each school on our
website?*

*Visit steubenvillecatholicschools.org,
select your school from the menu bar
and scroll to the bottom of your
school's page!*



LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH

Let us continue to pray for
surrender, trust, & guidance in
all of our hopes & desires as our
parish continues to grow &
flourish. You can join us in
praying the Abandonment
Rosary daily.

OUR PARISH IS GROWING...

We have had **53 new families**
join since the beginning of
2024!

If you or someone you know is
looking to join our parish,
please stop by our Parish
Office or our website for our
registration form. Thank you!

THE LIFE OF CHRIST THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY

Join Kimberly Hahn as she leads a Women's Bible Study focused on the
infancy narratives of Jesus.

Two options, every Tuesday from January 28 - March 4

10a at Kimberly Hahn's Home (no RSVP required)

718 Bellview Blvd Steubenville, OH 43952 **or** 7:30p at The St. Paul Center

(RSVP Required) 1380 University Blvd Steubenville, OH 43952

Email events@stpaulcenter.com



IMMACULATE HEART FUND & CHRIST THE TEACHER DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Important points to remember:

The IHF application is done through FACTS, and only through FACTS
CTDSF application is made via a simple one-page application (see
attached). However, applicants must provide verification of income, of
which there are two options, applying to IHF via FACTS is one of those
options.

These two scholarship programs are designed to assist families AFTER
other state scholarships (Ed-Choice) have been sought.

Please email the church office at office@triumphofthecross.org to
receive an email with application instructions & attachments.

NEIGHBORS IN CHRIST BED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A YEAR ROUND PROGRAM

One of our Works of Mercy Teams is spearheading a project to help our
neighbors transitioning from residency in the shelters sponsored by Urban
Mission in Steubenville's downtown area to more independent living in
our community. When folks move from the shelter to their new home they
are provided by Urban Mission a few household items and bedding. One of
the greatest needs is a bed (frame and mattress) for these people and
sometimes their children. Our parish (and other parishes who will be asked
to join us) can help with this effort! We can help those experiencing the
overwhelming stress and fear of moving from the shelter into an empty
apartment. You may also use the code here below or go to:

<https://www.osvhub.com/triumphofthecross/forms/neighbors> to give or
make your check out to Triumph of the Cross and put "bed program" in the
notes. Any amount is welcome. You do not need to be in the position of
buying a whole bed to help.

Let us assist our neighbors in need and
let them know the care and provision of Christ!





Lectio Divina for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you with minds made pure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
(Collect, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy

Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -- and you yourself a sword will pierce -- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.



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When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. For what am I waiting? What consolation do I need?

You yourself a sword will pierce -- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. What parts of my heart do I hide from others? What pain and struggle do I need to bring to the Lord?

She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. With whom have I shared the joy of the Gospel? How do I share this joy?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

(From Psalm 24)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

On this World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, pray for those who are discerning their vocation.

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