

... solitary, Marian-focused penance. They founded the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) in 1233, dedicated to serving God and Mary, particularly in her sorrows, following a shared vision.

5. Bl. Elizabetta Sanna (Feb.17) Collaborator of St. Vincent Pallotti. Grew up very poor and was left stranded in Rome when she was unable to travel on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. *Became ill and spent her time helping those in need. *Considered the mother of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. * She knitted clothes, gave money to the poor and orphans and founded two houses with St. Vincent Palotti. * Her life was centered in prayer, offer spiritual guidance to many, and was the living example of a missionary disciple of Jesus.

6. Bl. Fra Angelico (Feb. 18.) Italian Dominican friar (15th Century) * Great painter Joined the Dominicans and continue with his art as well as with piety and charity works. *Considered one of the most successful painters of the Early Renaissance period. *Famous pieces: *The Madonna of Humility* and the *San Marco Altarpiece*. His life can be a model for us, revealing that we can live our faith while being incredibly successful in our career—leaving a lasting impact on the world through our vocation.

7. Sts. Jacinta & Francisco Marto (Feb.20) Siblings that together with their cousin Lucia, witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, six times in Fatima (Portugal) in 1917. They were asked to pray for sinners, and pray specifically for the conversion of Russia. The siblings both died of influenza in 1919 and 1920 respectively, and were canonized by Pope Francis in 2017.

8. St. Peter Damian (Feb.21) Italian monk (988) *Lost his parents at a very young age. His brother was left in charge of him, but treated him poorly. Once Peter was old enough to tend swine, a priest, who was the archpriest of Ravenna, noticed the neglected Peter and undertook him to be educated. From this brother, Peter may have adopted the surname of Damian. In school, Peter became a master and a professor. He was frequently fasting, praying and wore a hair shirt under his clothes. Peter then resolved to leave the world and became a monk. In 1043, Peter became the Prior of his order. He even countered Henry IV of Germany who sought to divorce his wife. On travels towards Rome, Peter was struck sick with a fever in a monastery. Eight days later, with the monks praying around him, Peter died in 1072.

7. Chair of St. Peter Apostle (Feb.22) *Celebrated to remember the words that Jesus said to the Apostle Peter; "You are Peter, and on this rock I shall build my Church." The chair serves as a symbol of authority, particularly of the Papacy, in which it further emphasizes the role of both a teacher and pastor.

8. International Day of Mother Language (Feb.22) Celebration to promote linguistic diversity, multilingualism, and cultural heritage. Started in 1999, by the UNESCO to commemorates the 1952 Bengali Language Movement activists killed in Bangladesh, while advocating for their language.

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring St. Vincent Place collecting canned goods for people in need.



Please consider signing our Petition at the back of the Church. Help us to protect those vulnerable suffering from Mental Illness not to be considered for the Maid Program that will offer assistance to end their life!



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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat. - 8:30am - Bilingual - 4:00pm - English
	Sun. - 9:30am - English - 11:00am - Polish

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Announced Masses

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before & after Mass

Baptism: Meet with Fr. Boguslaw
Instructions required

Marriage: Contact Office at least eight months before desired date
Instruction required

Children's Sacraments:
Contact Fr. Boguslaw

Hospital Visits: Notify Nurse at hospital to call "Priest on Call".

Home Shut-ins: Contact Parish Office

6th. Sunday Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026 -Year A

Each of us makes a daily choice between good and evil. No human act remains indifferent. Our freedom lies in our ability to do good, and to put it into practice every day. The commandments were and are the furthest boundary, which we must not cross under pain of mortal sin, or the loss of life and freedom. By reaching this "boundary," we can listen to the warning voice of our conscience. If we ignore this voice of conscience, it becomes increasingly rare and weaker. To avoid evil, it is essential to do good, which is love, faithfulness, and truthfulness. O Lord, guide and direct me for Your name's sake. We know that You want to dwell in righteous and sincere hearts, so we pray: Make us a worthy dwelling place for You. Let us remember that it is we who choose between good and evil. Moreover, God knows every human action. He himself knows our actions and has not permitted anyone to sin. God wants people to choose the path of life, and God always helps us to follow this path. "Blessed are those who seek God"; who "walk in the law of the Lord; ... who keep his teachings and seek him with all their heart." At the center of the second reading is the Cross – the wisdom of the Cross can only be understood by a mature person, tested in hardship and faith. We recognize the Cross as the only true way of life. Jesus came to fulfill God's will. Then Jesus speaks of a new justice, or perfection, of which God himself is the unsurpassable model. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). Jesus teaches what this new, greater justice is and what it consists of. Jesus begins with the fifth commandment: "You shall not kill," and ends with loving your enemies. Jesus emphasizes that the external, visible act is not credible, but the inner attitude, the human heart, is. May this sacrifice purify and renew us. May it obtain eternal reward for those who do God's will. Lord, do not disappoint our hope. Amen

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Readings: (a) O God, lead us and guide us with your law of love, so we may become worthy of Your grace. To save us, be a protector of our family and our stronghold. By your grace we desire to prepare a dwelling pleasing to You in our hearts. **(b)** Our freedom which we received from the Creator obligates us to choose good over evil, and to develop our humanity. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord. The Lord is for them an example of a perfect Man. If this world is in a bad state, it is people who have made it so! The psalm says: God give me discernment that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart! Jesus stressed that we ought to pay attention not only to our actions, but to our inner motives, too.

FROM CHURCH AND PARISH

1. From the Office: (a) We have our new Website! **holyfamilyssm.com** There are still a few wrinkles to be adjusted, please give your feedback to the office, if possible with details of the problems you encounter. We are in close communication with the team that offers technological support from the company, eCatholic. Thank you for your patience. **(b)** Would you like to put some information in the Announcements? They will be read towards the end of each weekend Mass to inform about a future Committee or a Parish related activity of general interest. The deadline to include your message will be Thurs. by 10 a.m. before the Bulletin and Announcement will be printed. Please contact the office. **(c)** We would like to remind you that Father Boguslaw is available the first Thursday of the month to visit homebound and sick parishioners. Please notify the office.

2. FROM THE VATICAN: LENT SEASON —From February 18 to April 4, 2026—It is the yearly celebration to prepare the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation of the greatest Feast of the Liturgical Year. We use the first forty days to pay closer attention to God's Word to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Easter. We reflect on the consequences that sin as well as the virtue of penance to recognize and atone for our faults and offences against God. We are all encouraged to plan to RECONCILE with God, through Confession. These are some of the actions we could perform : fasting, abstinence from meat, prayer, almsgiving throughout the 40 days of Lent—beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) and ending before the Easter Vigil (April 4, 2026)

3. FAMILY DAY (Feb.16) Every 3rd. Monday of February—This is an opportunity to gather families together and to be encouraged to renew our life together, strengthen friendships, form new ones, and to cultivate an appreciation for the importance and goodness of family life. For us, Catholics, deciding to have a family brings also the responsibility of becoming a living example for our children, sharing our faith, values and morals. In our Christian faith, it is crucial to support or kids in their education, but also to expose them to the symbols, protocols and ceremonies that accompany the receiving and celebrating the different Sacraments (First Baptism, then Reconciliation and Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony or in some cases Religious Life, and Anointing of the Sick).

4. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Feb.17) 13th-century Florentine merchants—Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amadeus, Hugh, Sostene, and Buonagiunta—who left the world to live in...

ANNOUNCED WEEKLY MASSES

Mon. Feb. 16 FAMILY DAY

9:30 a.m. + Henryk Łoza - zam. Żona z dziećmi

Tues. Feb.17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order -Bl. Elizabetta Sanna

9:30 a.m. + Stanisław Bratek by J. Krukar

Wed. Feb. 18 ASH WEDNESDAY-Bl. Fra Angelico

9:30 a.m. St. Francis School Mass

11:00 a.m. + Józef Slowik zam J. Krukar

6:30 p.m. For all parishioners

Thurs. Feb. 19

9:30 a.m. + Mary Toś by the Polish Choir

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Fri. Feb. 20 Sts. Jacinta & Francisco Marto (from OL Fatima apparition)

The hour of God's mercy & day of atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world

3:00 p.m. Xavier Walton-Arcilla for his Baptismal day by Laurie & Tom

Sat. Feb. 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor

8:30 a.m. + Tomasz Toś from Barbara Toś-Pipoli

4:00 p.m. Good health and thanksgiving for Deacon Larry in all his years of work from our Parish Council

Sun. Feb. 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Yr. A-

Chair of St. Peter Apostle- International Day of Mother Language

9:30 a.m. + Gilda & Tullio Gualtieri from Laura & John

11:00 a.m. + Mary Toś zam. Żywy Różaniec

Daily Readings Feb. 16-22

Mon. Feb. 16 James 1.1-11; Ps 119; Gospel Mark 8.11-13

Tue. Feb. 17 James 1.12-18; Ps 94; Gospel Mark 8.14-21

Wed. Feb. 18 1st Reading Joel 2.12-18; Ps 5; 2 Reading 2 Corinthians 5.20-62; Gospel Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

Thur. Feb. 19 Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Ps 1; Gospel Luke 9.22-25

Fri. Feb. 20 Isaiah 58.2-9a; Ps 51; Gospel Matthew 9.14-15

Sat. Feb.21 Isaiah 58.9b-14; Ps 86; Gospel Luke 5.27-32

Sun. Feb. 22 1Reading Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7; Ps 51; 2Reading Romans 5.12-19; Gospel Matthew 4.1-11

Pray for the sick:

Richard, Judy, Angus, Patty-Anne, Deacon Larry, Joan, Lillian, Alice, Rita, Mike, Anna, Fred, Yvonne, Sister Norma, Lucrezia, Kristina, Frances, Carmen, Nisha, Ralph, Richard, Ruthann, Marcel, Mary, Dustin, Cathy, Margaret, Dominic, J.P., Erich, Rosemary, Susan, Alicja, Stanley, Agostino, Janina, Mariola, Alessio, Vince, Alfonso, Hans, Christine, Ted, & all those who request prayers.

February – Pope's Prayer Intention:

Let us pray for children with incurable diseases and their families that they receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Luty – Papieska intencja modlitewna:

Módlmy się za dzieci z nieuleczalnymi chorobami i ich rodziny, aby otrzymały niezbędną opiekę medyczną i wsparcie, nigdy nie tracąc sił i nadziei.