



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ✕ FEBRUARY 2, 2025



- Sat. Feb. 1 4:00pm **VIGIL-THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
Marie Metcalfe by Ron and Marie Natoli
- Sun. Feb. 2 9:00am **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
Donna Durkovic by Veronica and Ed Yanulavich
10:30am Helen Shenk by Tom and Grace Mielczarek
- Tues. Feb. 4 9:00am **FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Dorothy Franceschelli by Tom and Grace Mielczarek
- Thru. Feb. 6 9:00am **SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**
Frank Gubbiotti by Mirabelle Family
- Sat. Feb. 8 4:00pm **VIGIL-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Frederick Knowles by Mary Knowles
- Sun. Feb. 9 9:00am **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Frances Clark by Veronica and Ed Yanulavich
10:30am Mark Cianfichi by St Catherine Staff



Parishioners who are sick and in need of prayers can be added to our prayer list by calling the parish office at 570-842-4995. Please pray for: Margaret Adamiac, Camille Albert, Josephine Amato, Joanne Arredondo, Chelsey Bartro, Michael Bota, Rose Bremer, Reilly Canas, P.J. Cappola, Jane Colwell, Dennis Corbisiero, Marilyn Croak, Jim Dantis, William Delahanty, Scott Demarest, Barbara Derrenbacher, Carole Dougherty, Linda & Bob Earthy, Dan Edwards, Mary Ann Flaherty, Kyle Gemberling, Tyler Hanson, Pat Henes, Marge Imperatrice, James Imtanos, Mary Knowles, Sue Krayeski, Betsy Kressler, Susie LaFave, Tim Lenihan, Viviana Lewis, Donna Jean Marabella, Michael Martino, Stephanie Martino, Tammie Martino, Alice McAfee, Ellie McCauley, Tim McGovern, Carol McKnight, Donald Migliorato, Judy Morris, Paul Natoli, Tom Natoli, Marc Negri, Gioia Palmerio, Victor Panzella, Reed Phillips, James Plosi, Ruth Plosi, Edward Pizzo, Frank Quattrock, James Quinn, Jennifer Quinn, Pam Quinn, Steve Rish, Anthony Romaro, Joanne S., Mark Sallust, Lisa Sarnicola, Michael Sawko, Beth Schuil, Ellen Soloman, Duane Sprovach, Millie Stoia, Luke Stricker, Jason Scott Taylor, Dana Thorne, Skyler Thorne, Jack Tizio, Thomas Tizio, Gregory Tobin, Linda Wahlers, Helen Zerbe, and all the sick of the Parish.

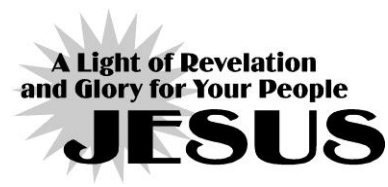
Please call the Parish Office if someone should be taken off the list.



Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

If she has not yet visited your home and you would like Information or to sign up to have the Statue visit your home, please call Pat Manago at 570-848-2284. This is where the statue will be traveling in the weeks to come:

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First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger “to prepare the way” and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus “is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel.” Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

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“The Lord God said: ‘Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming says the Lord.’... For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the people to see: a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.”

How many different names are associated with the celebration of this day – the Presentation, the Purification, Candlemas. It is forty days since we celebrated the birth of Christ, and today we too come to the temple.

We meet Simeon, who takes Jesus into his arms, he speaks in prayer filled words, the joy of his meeting the Lord. Consider for a moment the countless number of people, babies included, who frequented the temple that day. How special, that Simeon recognized Jesus, the light from all others.

May we seek the Lord, recognize His presence in the Eucharist, in our parish family, and become His light for others to recognize.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

