

✠ ♦The Presentation of the Lord ♦February 2, 2025♦ ✠

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

This feast also called Candlemas has its origin during the First Century in Jerusalem and then was celebrated in Rome in the middle of the Fifth Century. This Feast comes 40 days after the Celebration of The Joyful Solemnity of The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For any other reasons, this Feast is no more well-celebrated in our churches, as required by the rules of this Mass. Normally, a Blessing of Candles and Procession take place and those participating in the Celebration carry each an unlighted candle. The Priest, wearing a Cope that he will remove and change in Chasuble before getting to the altar, approaches with the Eucharist Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers and blesses the candles that they will then light. (all the candles used in church and/or homes during the year are blessed). Then, the Procession will start with all, and the Antiphon, "Behold, our Lord will come with power to enlighten the eyes of His servants, Alleluia," will be sung, or with another appropriate song. Each person carries a lighted candle to the church for Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC and Coordinating Teams will meet on Tuesday February 4th at 6:30pm in the OLA hall. Ann Marie Cawley from the Diocesan Office for Parish Life will share information regarding membership in a Coordinating Team and how we can proceed in planning action steps to bring the Pastoral Plan to life.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SML ONLY

SML Shed, Attic, and Boiler Room are in terrible, undesirable and messy conditions. A pure fire hazard. We started the project of cleaning up these spaces and are putting in the hall (by the windows on the parking side) all materials of mostly Christmas and Halloween (some have not been used for over 30 years). Please stop by and take what you can use. What is leftover will be thrown away. For this project, we have until Wednesday March 5, 2025, the beginning of Lent to stop by the hall and pick up whatever we find there.

SP POTATO PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

The sale will take place this Friday, February 7 with pick-up from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Orders can be placed starting Sunday February 2 to Thursday February 6 at noon. One order is 3 pancakes for \$6. To place and order call 570-563-1622. If nobody answers you can leave a message. You can also follow our Parish's NEPA CATHOLIC Facebook's Francine's Famous Potato Pancakes Event page for more info. You can come pick up some pancakes even if you haven't placed an order, but it's better, safer, and surer to place the order.

FEB. 7 POTATO PANCAKE SALE

For the next potato pancake sale Francine will need eggs, flour, oil and frozen diced onions from Schiffs. We appreciate all donations. Call 570-563-1622.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today we celebrate the World Day of consecrated life. In his letter instituting this World Day For Consecrated Life in 1997, Pope John Paul II wrote that it is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels," as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire the offering of themselves to the Lord". Please, pray for those who have consecrated their life to serve God.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND
AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN
TRAFFICING**

February 8 was chosen by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace along with the International Union of Superior General and designated as the annual day to reflect on the experiences of the victims of this tragic and awful reality.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AND
NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

February 9 is the World Marriage Day, and February 7-14 is the National Marriage Week. Every year, we celebrate the World Marriage Day on the Second Sunday in February. This celebration honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family which is the rock of a society. Congratulations to ALL husbands and wives. Every year, we celebrate the National Marriage Week, which is the perfect opportunity for couples to reflect on their marriage and for communities to support healthy marriages, and to pray for ALL marriages.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

February 8 & 9

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh

9:00am (SML) Pat Wall

11 am (SP) Chris Stutzman

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay

9:00am (SML) Danny Williams

11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Judy Zipay

9:00am (SML) Len Nash

11 am (SP) Maria Perez

Altar Servers

11am (SP) Corinne Flynn

Shadow – Emma Evans

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb 4 – PPC & Coordinating Teams mtg. at OLA, 6:30pm

Feb 7 – Potato pancake pickup at SP from 4:30 to 6:30pm

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

NEWS

Feb 9 – Class

Feb 16 – No Class

Feb 23 Class

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Feb 9 – Class

Feb 16 – Off Presidents Day Weekend

Feb 23 – Class

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOAGIE SALE

The Knights hoagie orders for Superbowl Sunday orders can be picked up after the Masses on Superbowl Sunday weekend February 8th & 9th.

PARISH INFORMATION REPORT FIVE YEAR PARISH LIFE TREND

This weekend in the bulletin of each church there will be an insert of the Parish Information Report. For that church. Extra copies of all our Parish Information Reports will be available at all churches. Among many other items, information about the numbers of Mass Attendance, baptisms, first holy communions, confirmations, funerals, deaths, etc.....

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (February 4) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Dolores Rysz

By Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Kruczek

Wednesday (February 5) St. Agatha, Virgin &

Martyr

8:00 am (SP) Marrazzo & Riccardo Families

By John & Pat Abbiate Marrazzo

Thursday (February 6) St Paul Miki &

Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am (SML) Johanna & John Petranachak

By Tom & Geri Walsh

Saturday (February 8) The Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Richard J. Rutkowski

By Pat Webster

Sunday (February 9) The Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Thomas & Anne Janoski

By Lisa Janoski

11:00 am (SP) Pat Webster

By Sue, Gary, Linda & Family

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS)

SP Weekly \$ 1,297.00 Loose \$ 83.00 LA FIRE \$ 885.30

OLA Weekly \$ 1,375.00 Loose \$ 1.00 LA FIRE \$ 479.00

SML Weekly \$ 1,660.00 Loose \$ 54.00 LA FIRE \$ 329.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

St. Patrick lost one of our parishioners, Pat Webster. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her loved ones.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick, “a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind” (Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, May 13, 1992,3).

Pope John Paul II chose this day, February 11, Feast Day of Our Lady Of Lourdes because Lourdes is the place where people go every year looking for healing.

POWER OF THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

“If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy”. St John Vianney.