

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Solemnity - Presentation of the Lord - "A"

Uroczystość Ofiarowania Pańskiego
Solennità - Presentazione del Signore

February 2, 2020

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, February 2nd – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

- Confession.
- Blessing of candles and throats.
- Collection for Missions.
- Benediction and Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

MONDAY, February 3rd – Weekday

Holy Mass, intention for: Father Joseph Mazurkiewicz, his family and Parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in Mt. Pleasant, PA.

TUESDAY, February 4th – *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. **Florence Daniels**.

WEDNESDAY, February 5th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Victoria Plichta on her 16th Birthday.
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

FRIDAY, February 7th – **First Friday of the month**

Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, February 8th - *Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 9th – **V Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Alexander Grochowski, of. by Ms. Agata Oleksiak with Pyzik and Grochowski Family from Poland.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11)

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

I Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

GRADUAL (Psalm 48:10-11)

V. O God, within Your temple we ponder steadfast love.

R. Like Your name, o God, Your praise reaches the ends of the earth. Your right hand is fully victorious.

II Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 49:6b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **February 23 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!**
- **Ash Wednesday – February 26**
- **Palm Sunday – April 5**
- **Easter Sunday – April 12** – the liturgy begins at 10:00AM?...

SCHEDULE OF FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES: begins at **6:00 p.m.**

March 4 - Trinity ECC

March 11 - St. John the Baptist Polish PNCC

March 18 - First UM Church

March 25 - Zion Lutheran Church

April 1 - St. Joseph the Worker Parish RCC

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Father Joseph Mazurkiewicz**, his family and Parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in Mt. Pleasant, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 5 – Victoria Plichta (16th).



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean - Edward Jurewicz. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda (309); ***Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA*** – Marie Demnitski (223); ***Shenandoah Manor:*** Helen Menzyk (D14).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. Come as a Guest – **Leave as a Friend**.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

PNCC 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.**

FEBRUARY – Simeon and Anna in the Temple: PIETY, COMPASSION. Luke 2:22-28

Reflecting question: Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and told others in the Temple about Him. Can you come up with 2 practical ways by which you can do the same?

Schedule: Soup, Sandwich & Sermon or Wine and Cheese Gathering – Adult Education.

“Simeon and Anna Encounter Jesus

In keeping with the law of Moses, just forty days after Jesus’ birth, Joseph and Mary made the five-to-six-mile journey to Jerusalem for Mary’s purification and to present their firstborn to God. This would not have been an unlikely scene in Israelite culture, but the person the young family met upon arrival at their destination makes this trip to the temple stand out.

Simeon's Encounter

We know that Simeon was elderly, and the Spirit—the same one that revealed to him that he would see the Messiah before his death—was upon him and led him to the temple grounds that very day, into Jesus’ presence. As Jesus’ parents brought their newborn to present him to God, Simeon took the infant Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel”.

Simeon had waited for many years, patiently, to meet the Messiah, and he remained righteous as he grew older. What the Spirit revealed, the Spirit led him to see in the flesh. Mary and Joseph marveled at Simeon’s words and he blessed them.

Anna's Encounter

According to St. Luke, she was an 84-year old widow, and unlike Simeon, she was not prepared to die. Rather she was a driven woman, ready to bear witness to what she had seen. St. Luke doesn’t tell us much more about her aside from the names of her tribe and father, but we know Anna was the first woman to understand fully and proclaim the good news, and the only woman explicitly described as “prophetess” in the New Testament. She “did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day”. Such devotion to spend her waking hours in spiritual discipline!

Having encountered Jesus, Anna was full of praise, was ready to speak, and was driven to make Jesus known in her community.

Our Response

The response of godly people toward encountering the Messiah in the New Testament was praise. We see this response in Simeon and in Anna, and we in turn must ask if we see this response in ourselves. In this season, let your response to Him be praise, whenever you encounter Him. **How do Simeon’s and Anna’s encounters with Jesus inspire you?”**

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.