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Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am — Noon

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday

4:00 pm 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am - Noon

Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:15 pm Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

> January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Every February 2nd on the Church's liturgical calendar is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (known also as the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or even sometimes colloquially as the feast of "Candlemas").

The feast takes place forty days after Christmas, in commemoration of the fact that according to Old Testament law, if a woman gave birth to a male child, the child was to be circumcised on the 8th day of his birth (which corresponds to the January 1st Hold Day on our calendar), after which the mother was to wait another 33 days until a sacrifice could be offered in the temple for her "ritual purification," thus adding up to 40 days after childbirth (see Leviticus 12 for the Scriptural description).

Therefore, acting in obedience to Old Testament law, St. Joseph and Our Blessed Mother go to Jerusalem on the fortieth day to offer this sacrifice of purification, which would have also been the first time that the infant Jesus is brought to the temple. This is why we read in Luke 2:22: "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

While in the temple, St. Luke recounts the beautiful scene of the elderly man Simeon, who had been told by God that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah. Upon finally seeing the infant Christ, he takes the child in his arms and makes the famous declaration:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, <u>for my eyes have seen your salvation</u>, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, **light for revelation to the Gentiles**, and glory for your people Israel.

On account of Simeon's calling Christ the *"light"* for revelation to the Gentiles, we have a tradition, dating back centuries, of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. So much so, that the blessing is actually built into the beginning of the Mass on February 2nd, almost like how the blessing of palms takes place on Palm Sunday at the start of the Mass. The Mass is also special because it begins with all the people holding congregational candles (which we will provide), sort of like at the Easter Vigil.

I will be using the occasion to bless the altar candles and sanctuary lamps that we will use throughout the year. But **if any parishioners have personal/home devotional candles that you would like blessed, now is your chance!**

Feel free to bring your own candles to Mass:

Wednesday, February 2^{nd} – 12:10pm Mass preceded by simple blessing of candles or in the evening Wednesday, February 2^{nd} – 7:00pm solemn chanted Mass preceded by blessing of candles and a short procession.

The blessing will take place before each one of the two Masses, *but I highly recommend coming in the evening* (if you can make it) to see the full ceremony, and the beauty of the church decorated for an evening candlelight Mass!

The following day (Feb. 3rd) is the Feast of St. Blaise, which, following upon the blessing of candles on the previous day, uses candles for the traditional "Blessing of Throats."

I will plan on blessing throats during Mass on Feb. 3rd, and then immediately following all Masses next weekend (Feb. 5th and 6th).

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary, *Fr. Van Lieshout*

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Richard Brugger, Margaret Fien and all of our deceased.



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — Clara Robinson Requested by — Grandson, Zeb



2022 Diocesan Public Policy Weekend Feb. 12 &13

Care for the Marginalized through an Equitable & Just Budget

The pandemic has been emotionally hard on all of us, unfortunately it has been harder on some than others. Did you know that overdose deaths have increased by 38%. Over 40% of people have reported mental health concerns. To make matters worse, as this need has spiked, providers have been unable to maintain the critical staff who can provide assistance. We are asking the Governor and New York State to invest in our behavioral health providers by including a long-delayed COLA increase and a \$500 million investment in workforce development, service and support in the Executive Budget. We are hoping that this will permit service providers to continue this most vital service. Jesus preached the need to care for one another — we cannot leave people going untreated in their time of most need!

Learn more, and sign the petition for an Equitable and Just NYS Budget at https://www.dor.org/petition/

Pray the rosary for the families of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please feel free to join us at 3:00 pm on Saturdays. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary"



Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester In residence: Rev. Daniel White, Secretary to the Bishop

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Parish Offertory Support January 22 & 23, 2022

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$5,228	\$7,600	\$-2,372
Current Fiscal Year	Goal	Variance
\$229,782	\$236,900	\$-7,118

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Bernie Beisheim, Rick Campoli, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D'Amato, Dcn. John Giugno, Karen Hyland, Sr. Janet Korn, Lucas Marone, Dolores McAvaney, Fr. Tom Mull, Janice Moroz, Frank Palermo, Jeff Piazza, Rosemary Piazza, Barbara Sojka, Sharon Swartz, Bentley Vega, Dawn Wells

St. Pauly Textile, Inc. Thank You

Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and warm this winter. We're happy to report that 2021 was a record year. Over 40 million pounds of clothing was donated to our clothing sheds — That's over 200,000 pounds of clothing collected every business day!

Every clothing shed is an important part of the big picture. Here are some numbers to show you the impact our own shed (Located at the Cathedral) made in 2021....

- 35,636 pound of clothing were donated to our shed in 2021.
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 6,565 people all over the world.
- Based on this volume of clothing, our organization received \$1,425.

Thank you so much for the partnering with us . We truly appreciate all the support you continue to give to the clothing shed program.

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Paul Textile, Inc.



If you would like to schedule a mass for a deceased love one, please call or stop by the office. The offering is \$10.



Saturday, January 29, 2022

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41 2:30—3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Donald Stevens—Daughter

Sunday, January 30, 2022—Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4 - 5, 17-	-19, 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30
7:00 am	For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am	Benito Scarpa—Donna & Herm Colon
11:15 am	Jack Shaw Dcn. Mike Kristan
8:00 pm	Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, January 31, 2022—Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; MK 5:1-20 11:30—Noon Confessions 12:10 pm Intentions of Micky Culhane—Sr. Joan

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

2 Sm 18:9-10, 12b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43 7:30 am Priests of our Diocese past and present—Parishioner

Wednesday, February 2, 2022—The Presentation Of Our Lord

Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3211:30—NoonConfessions12:10 pmIntentions of Anthony Joy—Wife, Joyce7:00 pmSolemn Chanted Mass with Fr. Van Lieshout

Thursday, February 3, 2022—Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13 11:30—Noon Confessions 12:10 pm Miguel A. Reyes—Ann & George Brown

Friday, February 4, 2022

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29 11:30—Noon Confessions 12:10 pm Carol McCue—Thresy Joseph 4:45—5:15 pm Confessions

Saturday, February 5, 2022—Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34 2:30—3:30 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Julie Gilman—Robert & Kathy Zimmerman

Sunday, February 6, 2022—Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11
For the people of the Cathedral Community
Michelle Wegener—Kathy & Bob Zimmerman
Marco Gallelli-Mother Sandra & brother, Gianluca
Solemn Compline w/ Fr. Van Lieshout

Next Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 5 — May 29, 2022

Please input your not available dates into the ministry schedule pro system for the next Liturgical schedule. The deadline to input you not available dates is by **February 14** or call Michele at the office at 254-3221.



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