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# Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time





# A Prayerful Thought on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Wednesday, February 2nd

Those who have grown old in wisdom and age must be very dear to the Good Lord. The aged were among the first to whom the Father revealed his Son. Mary brought Jesus to the elderly Zechariah and Elizabeth and now he who is the light of revelation to the gentiles, casts the warmth and radiance of his light into the lives of the elderly Simeon and Anna. Old age is a special time of blessing from the Lord. It is a time of slowing down in order that we might: "Be still! And know that I am God…" Psalm 46:11. Who says that "starość nie jest radość?"

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM-Polish 11:00 AM Holydays: As announced

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00 PM

First Friday: Exposition at 5:00 PM Benediction at 6:30 PM Mass at 7:00 PM

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:00 PM Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM **Baptisms**: Arrangements must be made at the Rectory prior to the Baptism. Parents must be registered.

Marriages: Bride and Groom must come to the rectory at least six (6) months before date of marriage.

Religious Instruction: At St. Vincent Pallotti

R.C.I.A.: Monday 5:30 - 6:45 PM. Sept-May

Parish Membership: Every family in the Parish must be registered. Change of address should be made by calling the Rectory.

Sick Calls: Sick calls at any time.

#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, January 31st

**7:00pm** †Robert Korycinski by family

### Tuesday, February 1st

**7:00pm †**Norb Gurzenda by wife †Vincenzo, Antonina and Sam Badalamenti by family

### Wednesday, February 2nd Mass in Latin

**7:00pm †**Eleanor Babinski by Kosteki family

†Premina Narduzzi and Poor Souls in Purgatory by Murray family †Irene Pokrzywnicki by Ann Maynard

### Thursday, February 3rd

7:00pm Living and Deceased Members of the Kramarczyk family †Nina Vitale, Giovanna and Benedetto Manzella by sister and family

### Friday, February 4th

7:00pm First Friday Intentions Saturday, February 5th

**5:00pm** †Alexandra "Alice" Alicki by daughter Donna

### Sunday, February 6th

9:00am †Mary Rzadca by children 11:00am 60th Wedding Anniversary of Larry and Betty Kuczera by Victoria Bilski

### Sanctuary Light

Jan 31st thru Feb 6th

 †Premina Narduzzi and Poor Souls in Purgatory by Murray family

### **Fatima Light**

Jan 31st thru Feb 6th

- 1) Special Intention by Carol
- 2) †Eleanor Babinski by Kostecki family



#### For the Week

February 1st, Tuesday
6:30pm Perpetual Help Novena
February 3rd, Thursday
7:00pm Mass Blessing of Throats
February 4th, First Friday
Adoration, see below for times
February 5th, First Saturday
12:00 noon Polish Heritage
Klopsy Class/Meat Balls
3:00pm Confessions
Selling Super Windfall Raffle
Tickets (OL of the Angels) after
weekend Masses

### Eucharistic Adoration First Friday, February 4th

Begins 9:00am with Exposition; Ends with Benediction at 6:30pm followed by the 7:00pm Mass.

I need you! Come and spend an Hour with Me!

Jesus Christ

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Are ready for pickup at the Rectory for those who requested them.

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Between 8am and 1pm

I will pick up\_



There will be a **Festival Meeting** for all interested on: Saturday, **February 12th at 11:00am** in the Social Room. Hope to see all there!!!



#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 5th

5:00pm Dennis Lemanski

Sunday, February 6th

9:00am Adam Rogowski 11:00am Jim Figurski Saturday, February 12th

5:00pm Dennis Lemanski

Sunday, February 13th

9:00am Marian Rogowski 11:00am Kristina LaCourse



### Jan 17th - Jan 23rd

Weekly Offering \$ 5,961.00 Online Giving \$ 1,381.00 Total: \$ 7,342.00

Bóg Zapłać! God Bless You!

Sick List: Please remember Derek Kaunelis, Sean DeWitt, David LaForest, Judy Kuncaitis, Mary Amore, Robert Zak, Megan Wright, David Nowak, Judy VanBoxell, Fernando Montero, Tim Stacy, Thomas Petsuch Jr., Marie Williams, Rev. George Kowalski, Mary Petty and Rev. Dan Zaleski in your prayers.



# Easter Ham and Kielbasa sale coming soon!

Check the bulletin for further details.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Pilgrimage of Prayer

Detroit's Assumption Grotto Church At 13770 Gratiot Ave. will be

hosting the all-day pilgrimage on **February 11th**, **her feastday** from **7am to 9pm**. A plenary indulgence granted by Pope Leo XIII can be obtained. For more info please go to...

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# Stronica Proboszcza

# The Pastor's Page

January 30<sup>th</sup>, MMXXII Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Month of the Holy Name

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### Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus! Praised be Jesus Christ!

# CANDLEMAS QAY

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 40th day after Christmas day. For people of Polish descent who faithfully observe their ethnic customs, it is the last day of the Christmas Season. This holy time of year always comes to an end with a very important Church Feast, The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. On this special day we commemorate Mary and Joseph bringing the child Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the first time, 40 days after His birth. According to the ancient Law of Moses, every Jewish mother was excluded from attendance at public worship for 40 days after giving birth to a boy child. Mary fulfilled this command of the law by presenting two pigeons as a sin offering and through the prayers of a priest was purified from the ritual uncleanliness associated with childbirth. This feast day, therefore, was formerly called the Purification of Mary.

Today the feast is commonly known as Candlemas Day because of the blessing of candles which takes place at the beginning of Mass. The lighted candles are carried in procession in church to remind us that it is Jesus Christ who is the true Light of the World, a Revelation to all the nations and the glory of the People of Israel.

In Poland this day is called *Matki Boskiej Gromnicznej* which is translated literally as *Mother of God of the Thunder Candle*. The candles blessed this day are called *gromnicy* or *thunder candles* because they are kept in the home for use especially in time of thunderstorms to protect the house from being hit by lightning. They are also a protection against other natural calamities such as floods, fire and drought. The blessed candles are also lit at the bedside of the dying to protect the individual from Satan, and to light the way to heaven. It was believed by many that at the time of death there was a contest for the soul of the dying between angels and the devil.

At the Seminary in Orchard Lake there is a beautiful painting hanging in one of the halls which depicts Mary walking at night through the snows of the Polish countryside, carrying a large candle in her hands as if it was a sword. At her feet wolves can be seen running fearfully away from her and from the small cottages of the townsfolk she is protecting. Polish legend says she walks across Poland with her gromnica aglow, protecting homes and farm animals from many packs of hungry wolves, that prowl about looking for prev during the harsh Polish winters.

Even though we do not live in rural Poland but rather in the modern city of Wyandotte, on this occasion I encourage us all to invoke the Blessed Virgin for her help and protection on one of her special feast days. May Mary continue to protect each one of us from the dangers that roam the dark streets of our city at night during the remainder of this winter.

# February 2nd is also Ground Hog Day!

So many folks who are not Catholic or who are not up on Catholic spirituality and liturgy think that the big event of the second day of February is Groundhog's day and they forget all about, or worse have never even heard of the presentation of the Lord in the temple or the purification of his holy mother Mary. So...here is a bit of background information on the origins of this observance, since the whole nation will be mistakenly focusing its attention on this furry little creature!

The ancient Celtic people divided the year differently than we do now. For them, February 1<sup>st</sup> was the first day of spring. The first day of May, August and November marked the beginnings of the other seasons. That way of dividing the year makes a lot of sense in Northern Europe, where the change in the length of days is dramatic.

February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of St. Brigid in Ireland and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Candlemas Day are associated with folklore about the arrival of spring, or at least the arrival of lengthening of days.

German farmers say that on Candlemas the badger interrupts its winter nap to check the weather. If the day is sunny, the badger sees its shadow and gets scared, and then goes back to hibernate for six more weeks. The bright, cold days of winter aren't over yet. But...if the day is cloudy, the badger cannot see its shadow. That means hibernation is over and the cloudy, warmer weather of spring is about to arrive. Good news for the farmers! German farmers who immigrated to Pennsylvania did not find badgers. They decided that groundhogs would provide the spring forecast instead. So on Candlemas Day we wonder if the groundhog will see its shadow or if spring is coming soon.

I don't know about you, but my hope is that "Punxsutawney Phil," the name given to the official groundhog used in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania each year to formally observe this custom, will be met by a cloudy day on Sunday and that a beautiful springtime here in the city of Wyandotte will not be so desperately far away as it seems today!

### Monday, January 31st - the Feast of St. John Bosco

To call others to Christ, John Bosco used everything he could think of, even acrobatic tricks and tightrope walking. His cleverness stood him in good stead. Many young people learned about God because of the care they received from John.

"Giovanni" Bosco was born in 1815 in a small village of the Piedmont region of Italy. His father, a peasant farmer, died when John was only two years old, leaving the family very poor. It was his mother Margaret who provided him with a good humanistic and Christian education. When young John went away to the seminary at age 18, even the clothes on his back had been donated by people from his village. John decided that his ministry would be in Turin, the closest city to his village. Turin was becoming an industrial town. Teenage boys would leave their poor families in the countryside and come into town searching for work. In the city these teenagers lived in terrible conditions.

Even before his ordination, John began taking a group of boys out to the country every Sunday for sports, a picnic, song and prayer. For their amusement he performed magic tricks. No one else cared about them. After John became a priest in 1846, he housed boys who had nowhere else to live. This home was called the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales. Then he began programs to train them as shoe makers, tailors and printers. The training protected them from a harsh world they were too young to face.

Many of the boys and young men John assisted were troubled. Often they had experienced abuse or neglect. Somehow, "Don Bosco" as he was known, called forth the best in them by affirming them and treating them kindly. This was considered a very unusual approach to teaching. "Reason, religion and kindness," was his motto. Most teachers in those days thought that children must be forced to learn and punished severely when they didn't. The number of young people in John's care grew even larger. By 1856 he had 150 boys under his care, by 1868, 800! He had trouble finding assistants who understood his gentle teaching methods. In 1859 he began an order of priests called the Salesians and an order of sisters called the Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix. He also started a group of laypeople called Cooperators. All were trained

especially for this work. Today these orders serve in schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and missions all over the world.

## Tuesday, February 1st - Feast of St. Brigid of Ireland

Many incredible and some unbelievable legends are told about St. Brigid. One of the loveliest is that she helps chase away the winter and usher in the spring. Another story tells that, when she was only ten, she would give food and clothing from her household to poor people. She worked as a dairymaid and would give milk, butter and cheese from her master's cows to the needy. Her generosity made her much loved.

Brigid was born near Kildare in Ireland in 453. Her mother, Brocca, a sickly woman, was a Christian and a slave. She had been baptized by St. Patrick, himself. Brigid's father, Dubhthach, was a pagan cheiftan or king of Leinster, and Brocca and Brigid's master. When Brigid was young, she persuaded her Druid master to set her mother free. Brigid felt she could then follow her heart's desire and give her life to God.

Brigid made her profession as a nun to the bishop St. Mel. At this time there were no convents in Ireland, so Brigid founded one, near Kildare. Actually she founded a convent for women and a monastery for men there. She became the Abbess of these religious houses. Here, and at the other communities she would begin throughout her life, providing for the poor was the most important work. "What is mine is theirs," she said.

St. Brigid's simple life of prayer and penance influenced the growth of the church all over Ireland. During her lifetime, her reputation for holiness spread through Europe. When she died in 524, she was buried in Downpatrick, very close to the graves of St. Patrick and St. Columba. This was considered a great honor.

St. Brigid is one of the patron saints of Ireland. Irish farmers pray to the former dairy worker to protect their cattle from harm. Many Irish cottages and barns display St. Brigid's crosses, made of straw. In Ireland she is sometimes called St. Bride, or Mary of the Gael.

### Thursday, February 3rd - the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Lucinius. Blaise is said to have been a physician as well as a bishop. A legend tells that Blaise saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Blaise is now the patron saint of all who have diseases of the throat. On his feast day in many parishes of the United States, people have their throats blessed. It's no surprise that this custom coincides with the peak of the sore throat and flu season. Years ago, wintertime illnesses were very dangerous. Before the discovery of penicillin, a person could die from complications of a sore throat. The tradition of blessing throats began at a time when the church's calendar was filled with blessings for the saints' days. Many of these are no longer practiced, but somehow the custom of blessing throats survived. Two candles are tied in the shape of a cross, and the candles are touched to our necks. We can think of the blessing of our throats as a sign of God's care for every part of us.

# FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, A DAY OF SPECIAL DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Once again, all are offered the spiritual opportunity to grow in holiness by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month. This monthly day is set aside by the Church to publicly practice devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have you ever taken advantage of this opportunity in our parish? Does there always seem to be something else more important to do on First Friday? Please think again! Reconsider your priorities! Some day in the next life EVERYTHING that seemed so important in this life will have no value at all UNLESS it leads us to God! Mass is offered at 7:00 PM. The Holy Eucharist is exposed for adoration from 9:00 AM until 6:30 PM. At that time prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are offered and then Benediction takes place.

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