



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

5:00PM Carmela & Al DeMarco req. by Julie & Anthony Amodeo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30AM Dominick Evangelisto req. by Frank & Katherine Biasini

11:00AM Frank & Antonio Mazzella req. by The Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

9:00AM Charlie Weed req. by A Friend

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

9:00AM Lincoln Morehead req. by John, Irena, Adam & Ola

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

9:00 AM Barbara Roser req. by Bernadette Murphy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

9:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

9:00AM Mary Noonan req. by Bernadette Murphy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

5:00PM Dominick Valentino req. by The Palmieri Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:00AM Jennie McClain req. by MaryAnn & Anthony Farkas

9:30AM People of the Parish

11:00AM Catherine Scilla req. by the Mackey Family

We would like to welcome all of our visitors to St. Mary's Parish. It is so good to see so many of you here with your families!

If you would like to continue to worship with us throughout the year or if you are new to the area and are seeking a church to attend, please take home a bulletin with our information on the cover.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to join us and become an active member here. Please call the rectory office at 845-236-4340 if you would like to register.

DIVINE MERCY MEETING

On the first Sunday of each month, the Divine Mercy Group will meet in the side room of St. Mary's Church. The Chaplet will be sung at 7:30.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung every first Saturday before the 5:00 Mass.

The second Sunday of the month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited in Our Lady of Mercy.

On the third Sunday of each month, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited at 10:40 AM.

For more information on the organization's Mission Statement please contact, Jovita Kanz at friends06@icloud.com

WE ASK YOUR HEALING PRAYERS FOR...



healing prayers for all in our parish who are ill or recuperating from an illness. We also ask your prayers for family members who may be caring for spouses or parents who are elderly and unable to live alone.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



family and friends.

We ask your prayers for Helen Lia, who recently passed into eternal life. May God grant Helen His eternal rest and give peace and comfort to her

TITHING REPORT

January 25/26: Total \$3944. 124 envelope users contributed \$2415; non-envelope users, \$1529.



We realize that Mass attendance will be scarce in the event of bad weather but we ask you to please try to make up what you would have donated if you were able to attend. Unfortunately, as with everyone else, our bills keep coming in. As always, we thank you for your consistent generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Despite the setbacks with cancelations and delays, our program is now in "full swing" again. Please continue to read the bulletin for upcoming events.



As we prepare our 2nd graders for First Holy Eucharist in May, the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this month on February 5th for Mrs. DeSantis's Class and February 12th for Mrs. Santora's Class.

Parents are reminded on that date to please bring their children to St. Mary's Church at 4:30.

Reminder No Classes on February 17th.

With the **cold and flu season** upon us, we remind our Ministers of the Eucharist as well as our parishioners to use discretion when you are receiving from the Chalice, as well as offering the peace. You may bow or wave to your "neighbor" as a sign of peace, if you feel you may be "coming down" with an illness or are not feeling well. Thank you





The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen Christ of the Lord. He came in the spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus...he took Him into his arms and blessed God...”

How many times have we been to the celebration of a baptism. As a child is presented to the Lord, he is not just baptized, but the same Lord who was in the temple for Simeon, comes to the child and those present for this wonderful meeting.

Rather than attend and pray during the baptism, try to realize that there is new life being born before our eyes. The person becomes a dwelling place for God, to begin a life long journey as a disciple. He leaves the church a temple of the Spirit, who moved Simeon also to be there with Jesus' parents. Rather than take Him into our arms, may we take Him into our hearts and present Him to the world in which we live.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

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THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides parishes that are most in need with the resources they require to minister to all the faithful. Most recently, the *Cardinal's Appeal* extended assistance to 33 parishes for operational expenses, which included beautiful and safe spaces in which to gather for fellowship and prayer. The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides funding for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese, which provide students with a competitive, Christ-centered education, preparing them to become tomorrow's leaders. This work continues to evolve with academically rigorous programs in 198 schools and a recently expanded special-needs program, all thanks to your generous gifts to the *Cardinal's Appeal*. Each family in our parish will be given the opportunity to make a pledge to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* campaign and help us achieve our goal. Many of you should have already received a letter from Cardinal Dolan requesting you to help this worthwhile cause.

Did you know that *that Vince Lombardi, best known as head coach for the Green Bay Packers was a 4th degree Knight?*

In addition to coaching football at West Point and being an assistant coach with the New York Giants, Vince Lombardi was the head coach of the Green Bay Packers in the 1980's. Coach Lombardi brought his Catholic players to Mass while on the road. He also served in a number of community leadership roles, including chairman of the Cancer Fund and president of the Wisconsin Mental Health Association in addition to being a 4th degree Knights of Columbus member. For more information about the Knights, please contact Grand Knight Dane Mannese at 845264-3636 or at palletguys@aol.com.

MARLBORO / MILTON SENIOR TRIP

Think Spring! The following trips are planned:

March 19th – Clove Creek Dinner Theatre, Fishkill - \$62
A Matinee Comedy – Lunch included

April 16th – Resorts World Catskills, Monticello - \$30
“It's Gambling Time! \$25 free play - \$15 food

May 12th – Hunterdon Hills, Hampton, NJ - \$62
A Comedy with Joyce Dewitt – Lunch and dessert
Buffet included

June 9th – The Brownstone, Patterson, NJ - \$62
Variety Show – Family Style Lunch with
2 complimentary drinks

For further information call Mary Martin at (845)389-6575.
Please leave a message if there is no answer.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE
ST. LAWRENCE RETREAT CENTER
BEACON, NY

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend February 21-23 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center. Their website is www.beginningexperiencehv.org. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration, please call Rosemary (914)645-7223 or Janice (845)490-7466.

GO FUND ME

Our parish member Charlie Kanz belongs to the Hyde Park Knights of Columbus #6111, they are starting go fund me for Charlie and Jovita's daughter, Shania. More information will be in next weeks bulletin, but if you have questions now you may reach out to Charlie or Jovita.

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