



When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." *Luke 2:22-32*

Mass Intentions

This Weekend

Saturday February 1 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
 4:00 PM RIP Pitou Archambault
 By: Louie & Sue Tomberg

Sunday February 2 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
 10:00 AM RIP Lawrence E. Dunn Jr.
 By: Phyllis Wertz

Daily Masses

Monday February 3 No Mass

Tuesday February 4 No Mass

Wednesday February 5 7:00 PM RIP Michael Shaughnessy
 By: James & Ryan Jones & Sean Doyle

Thursday February 6 No Mass

Friday February 7 No Mass

Next Weekend

Saturday February 8 3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary
 4:00 PM RIP Rita Nowotny
 By: Sharon & Jim Williams

Sunday February 9 9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary
 10:00 AM RIP Michael Shaughnessy
 By: Sean Doyle & James Jones

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 or 2:22-32

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3/Ps 86:1-6/
 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps)1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Parish Support

WEEKLY GOAL \$2000.00

Weekend of January 25, 2020 & January 26, 2020

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 1791.00
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 922.00
<i>Loose Donations</i>	\$ 869.00
<i>Votive Candles</i>	\$ 24.25
	\$ 1815.25

Latin America Collection \$353.00

Last Year's Offertory Collection
January 27, 2019 \$ 1251.50

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Lector: Thad Guild
 EMHC: Bill O'Connor
 Greeters: Marlene O'Connor, Charlie & Betsy Bashaw

Sunday February 9, 2020

Lector: Jackie Ronning
 EMHC: Jim Aldrich
 Greeters: Mary Bousquet, Marty McDonald & Betsy Mercier

Saint of the Day ~ Saint Joan ~ February 2nd



St. Joan de Lestonnac was born in Bordeaux, France, in 1556. She married at the age of seventeen. The happy marriage produced four children, but her husband died suddenly in 1597. After her children were raised, she entered the Cistercian monastery at Toulouse. Joan was forced to leave the Cistercians when she became afflicted with poor health. She returned

to Bordeaux with the idea of forming a new congregation, and several young girls joined her as novices. They ministered to victims of a plague that struck Bordeaux, and they were determined to counteract the evils of heresy promulgated by Calvinism. Thus was formed the Congregation of the Religious of Notre Dame of Bordeaux. In 1608, Joan and her companions received the religious habit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux. Joan was elected superior in 1610, and many miracles occurred at her tomb. She was canonized in 1949 by Pope Pius XII. Her feast day is February 2. **Patron:** of abuse victims, people rejected by religious orders, widows

Pray for Healing and Comfort

Especially for: Constance Burns, Carole Zinter, Deacon John Blicharz, Georgette Savoy, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr. Fr. Al Dagnoli, Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hinds, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippo, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hinds, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Frank Anderson, Kathy Mcarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elysse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**

The Presentation of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles. Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Lenten Retreat ~ Accompanied on the Way

Retreat day for all Parish Ministers 9:30 am to 3:00 PM. A Lenten Retreat day for anyone who works for or

ministers in the parish including: Administrative assistants, bookkeepers, religious education leaders, maintenance personnel, music directors, parish volunteers, ushers and other parish staff. Retreat facilitated by the Diocesan Department of Evangelization & Catechesis.

3 Locations with Dates

Saturday, March 7, Immaculate Heart of Mary Williston
 Wednesday, March 11, Ascension, Georgia
 Wednesday, March 18, St. Stanislaus, West Rutland
 This is a free retreat to register please call Valerie Peck 846-5813 or go to vermontcatholic.org/retreats

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.



Knight of Columbus #753

A special thank you to the men and women who helped run this past weekend's free throw competition and congratulations to the winners. Starting at the beginning of Lent, we will be hosting our annual children's coloring contest and the 40 days, 40 cans drive. Have a wonderful week. For more information on how to join the Knights of Columbus please call Grand Knight, Tom Ronning (603) 313 - 8839.



Catholic Life Conference



Coming **March 21, 2020** to the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield! The Catholic Life Conference is preparing a fabulous day for all Catholics, men and women, young and old, alike. Featuring speakers Scott Hahn, Hudson Byblow, and Trish Short, plus a full children's program including the performance of the famously wacky duo, Popple. Conference cost is \$50.00 for adults and \$15 for students and children, with a household maximum of \$150. Register at www.catholiclifeconference.org or pick up a brochure in the church to mail in your check. Get ready for a day to fill you up and change you forever!

On this day in 1887 ~ Fun Fact

History goes that the Roman legions brought the Candlemas tradition to the Germans, who constructed the idea that if the sun was out and an animal, in their case a hedgehog, cast a shadow, there would be six more weeks of winter. When the German came to Pennsylvania, they found groundhogs to be similar to the hedgehog used in their tradition. The groundhog was then adopted as the animal who determines the course of the winter season. The official groundhog is named Punxsutawney Phil, who appears from his hole at Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania every year. The first recorded celebration of Groundhog Day, then still known as Candlemas Day, was in the year 1841 in Morgantown, PA. However the first official Groundhog Day at Gobbler's Knob was in February of 1887

