

FOURTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 30th

8:30 am - St. John – *in pectore*
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Special Intention by a parishioner

Sunday, January 31st 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – *in pectore*
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, February 1st

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate

Tuesday, February 2nd Feast of the Presentation

8:30 am - St. John – Kenneth Budd by Franciscans

Wednesday, February 3rd Feast of St. Blaise

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
 5:15pm - St. John – Gregory Marcinko by his sister Amy

Thursday, February 4th

8:30 am - St. John – Andrew & Claire Tanych by the Family

Friday, February 5th Feast of St. Agatha

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate

Saturday, February 6th St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30 am - St. John – Mass for the people
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
 4:00 pm - St. John – Caroline del Castillo by Mary Lou Sales

Sunday, February 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - St. John – Randy Mackay by his daughter Michele
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Gerard & Mildred Roy by their children
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Marie & Adam Braun by Mr/Mrs. Reg Haselton
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Feb. 7, 2021	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm K.Gilding 8:00am H. Robertson	9:35am J. Simard	11:30am D. Rooker

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The Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Elizabeth, at 5pm. Please join us!

JANUARY 31, 2021

Parish Events

Jan.	31 st	6:00pm	Confirmation/Ctr
Feb.	1 st	6:30pm	Parish Council (zoom meeting)
	3 rd	6:00 pm	St. J. K. of C.
	7 th	8:45am	2 nd Grade @ FLC
		1:30pm	Family faith Formation (zoom)
		6-7:30pm	NO Confirmation

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$67,360+ **On-Line:** \$45,266.55
Collections & Receipts: January 24, 2021 Reg. Offertory: \$4026.85

SECOND COLLECTION

January 31: Souper Bowl (Helping the St. V. de Paul Society)
February 7: Stewardship

Praying for an End to Abortion

40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday and continues through the season of Lent to Palm Sunday. A group from the Parish is planning to pray the Rosary each day outside of St. John's church, at the monument to the unborn, as a public witness of our support for life. If you would like to help us with this ministry, please contact Vicki Mednick (949) 293-7417.

THE BEST SOUPER BOWL "GAME" OF ALL!

The St. Vincent de Paul annual "Souper Bowl" collection is this weekend January 30-31. Your donation can be placed in the Souper Bowl Pots in the back of the church. For those parishioners who are not attending mass at this time and would still like to donate you can mail your donation to St. Vincent de Paul c/o Sandy Amadon, PO Box 807, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Thank you for helping us help the needy in our community.



Prayer to Saint Agatha for Those Suffering from Breast Cancer

Saint Agatha, woman of valor, from your own suffering we have been moved to ask your prayers for those of us who suffer from breast cancer. We place *N.* before you, and ask you to intercede on her behalf. From where you stand in the health of life eternal – all wounds healed, and all tears wiped away – pray for *N.*, and all of us. Pray God will give us His holy benediction of health and healing. We remember you were a victim of torture and that you learned, first hand, of human cruelty and inhumanity. We ask you to pray for our entire world. Ask God to enlighten us with a "genius for peace and understanding." Ask Him to send us His Spirit of Serenity, and ask Him to help us share that peace with all we meet. From what you learned from your own path of pain, ask God to give us the Grace we need to remain holy in difficulties, not allowing our anger or our bitterness to overtake us. Pray that we will be more peaceful and more charitable. And from your holy pace in our mystical body, the Church, pray that we, in our place and time will, together, create a world of justice and peace. Amen.

February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

THE law of God, given by Moses ..., ordained that a woman, after childbirth, should continue for a certain time in a state which that law calls unclean, during which she was not to appear in public, nor presume to touch anything consecrated to God. This term was of forty days upon the birth of a son ... On the expiration of the term, the mother was to bring to the door of the ... Temple ... an offering to God ... A young pigeon, or turtle-dove, by way of a sin-offering, was required of all, whether rich or poor; but as the expense of a lamb might be too great for persons in poor circumstances, they were allowed to substitute for it a second dove ... Devotion ... to honor God, by every observance prescribed by His law, prompted Mary to perform this act of religion, though evidently exempt from the precept. Being poor herself, she made the offering appointed for the poor; but, however mean in itself, it was made with a perfect heart, which is what God chiefly regards in all that is offered to Him. Besides the law which obliged the mother to purify herself, there was another which ordered that the first-born son should be offered to God, and that, after its presentation, the child should be ransomed ... and peculiar sacrifices offered on the occasion.

Mary complies exactly with all these ordinances. She obeys not only in the essential points of the law, but has strict regard to all the circumstances. She remains forty days at home; she denies herself, all this time, the liberty of entering the Temple; she partakes not of things sacred; and on the day of her purification she walks several miles to Jerusalem, with the world's Redeemer in her arms. She waits for the priest at the gate of the Temple, makes her offerings of thanksgiving and expiation, presents her divine Son by the hands of the priest to His Eternal Father, with the most profound humility, adoration, and thanksgiving. She then redeems Him with five shekels, as the law appoints, and receives Him back again as a sacred charge committed to her special care, till the Father shall again demand Him for the full accomplishment of man's redemption.

The ceremony of this day was closed by a third mystery—the meeting in the Temple of the holy persons Simeon and Anne with Jesus and His parents. Holy Simeon, on that occasion, received into his arms the object of all his desires and sighs, and praised God ... he foretold to Mary her martyrdom of sorrow, and that Jesus brought redemption to those who would accept of it on the terms it was offered them; but a heavy judgment on all infidels who should obstinately reject it, and on Christians, also, whose lives were a contradiction to His holy maxims and example. Mary, hearing this terrible prediction, did not answer one word, felt no agitation of mind from the present, no dread for the future; but courageously and sweetly committed all to God's holy will ... Simeon, having beheld Our Savior, exclaimed: "Now dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word, because my eyes have seen Thy salvation." This feast is called CANDLEMAS, because the Church blesses the candles to be borne in the procession of the day.



***On February 2nd Fr. Lively celebrates
64 Years of Priesthood!
May God bless him for his service!***

Fr. Joseph Lively
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February 3rd: Feast of Saint Blaise

SAINT BLAISE devoted the earlier years of his life to the study of philosophy, and afterwards became a physician. In the practice of his profession he saw so much of the miseries of life and the hollowness of worldly pleasures, that he resolved to spend the rest of his days in the service of God, and from being a healer of bodily ailments to become a physician of souls. The Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, having died, our Saint, much to the gratification of the inhabitants of that city, was appointed to succeed him. St. Blaise at once began to instruct his people as much by his example as by his words, and the great virtues and sanctity of this servant of God were attested by many miracles. From all parts the people came flocking to him for the cure of bodily and spiritual ills. Agricolaus, Governor of Cappadocia and the Lesser Armenia, having begun a persecution by order of the Emperor Licinius, our Saint was seized and hurried off to prison. While on his way there, a distracted mother, whose only child was dying of a throat disease, threw herself at the feet of St. Blaise and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, the Saint offered up his prayers, and the child was cured; and since that time his aid has often been effectually solicited in cases of a similar disease. Refusing to worship the false gods of the heathens, St. Blaise was first scourged; his body was then torn with hooks, and finally he was beheaded in the year 316.

Reflection.—There is no sacrifice which, by the aid of grace, human nature is not capable of accomplishing. When St. Paul complained to God of the violence of the temptation, God answered, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for power is made perfect in infirmity."

February 5th: Feast of Saint Agatha

SAINT AGATHA was born in Sicily, of rich and noble parents—a child of benediction from the first, for she was promised to her parents before her birth, and consecrated from her earliest infancy to God. In the midst of dangers and temptations she served Christ in purity of body and soul, and she died for the love of chastity. Quintanus, who governed Sicily under the Emperor Decius, had heard the rumor of her beauty and wealth, and he made the laws against the Christians a pretext for summoning her from Palermo to Catania, where he was at the time. "O Jesus Christ!" she cried, as she set out on this dreaded journey, "all that I am is Thine; preserve me against the tyrant."

And Our Lord did indeed preserve one who had given herself so utterly to Him. He kept her pure and undefiled while she was imprisoned for a whole month under charge of an evil woman. He gave her strength to reply to the offer of her life and safety, if she would but consent to sin: "Christ alone is my life and my salvation." When Quintanus turned from passion to cruelty, and cut off her breasts, Our Lord sent the Prince of His apostles to heal her. And when, after she had been rolled naked upon potsherds, she asked that her torments might be ended, her Spouse heard her prayer and took her to Himself. St. Agatha gave herself without reserve to Jesus Christ; she followed Him in virginal purity, and then looked to Him for protection. St. Agatha is the patron Saint of breast cancer patients, martyrs, nurses, bell-founders, bakers, and invoked against fire, earthquakes, and eruptions of Mount Etna, as well as several localities.

Reflection.—Purity is a gift of God: we can gain it and preserve it only by care and diligence in avoiding all that may prove an incentive to sin.