

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

Dear Brothers & Sisters of Sacred Heart:

Good day! Today the Church celebrates the Presentation of The Lord in the temple. This was indeed the Presentation of all presentations! To an elderly man was revealed the Messiah! Simeon had been waiting and waiting and waiting and finally the moment had arrived. The words he uttered are deeply touching: "Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace..." What a humble man! It wasn't about him...It was only about HIM, our Redeemer. Anna, too, is an inspiration of patience and confidence. She prayed incessantly in that temple. She also knew that this day would arrive! You and I, brothers and sisters, experience presentations of all sorts every day! Let this Presentation of The Lord remind us that we must strive to daily find His Presence in our lives: Within our families' lives, our friends' lives, our coworkers' lives and our Sacred Heart faithful's lives...Lending a hand, an eager open ear, an embrace, a friendly visit- These are the kind of presentations that matter most!!

God bless you all on this holy feast day!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

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.

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***Your Merciful Love, O God,
We Have Received In The Midst Of Your Temple.
Your Praise, O God, Like Your Name, Reaches The
Ends Of The Earth;
Your Right Hand Is Filled With Saving Justice.***

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Today Sunday, February 2nd. There will be a general blessing of the throats as the final blessing at the end of the Mass. The Feast of St. Blaise is Monday, February 3rd

**BLOOD DRIVE
PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020
2PM TO 8PM**

**WALK-INS WELCOME
(SACRED HEART SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)
Please help save a life by donating. The New York
Blood Center along with Sacred Heart ask for your help.**

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS SPECIAL DRAWING FOR

**FEBRUARY 2
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**First Prize: \$1,000.00 - HELEN DZURINKO
Second Prize: \$500.00 - TOM LYONS
Third Prize: \$250.00 - DEBORAH PETROSKY
Fourth Prize: \$100.00 - SAM VARANO**

Many thanks to all who participated!

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Carmel Curley	Thomas M. Greevy, Jr.
Ann Gaynor	Conrad O.
Patricia Cooney	John Kroll
Salvatore Crisafi	Frank C. Monaco
Theresa J. Erp	Andrew Columbia
Rose A. Proto	Salvatore Cambria
Carolyn Jensen	Frank Rimmell
Ann Cummings	Ellen Ronan
Patricia Ann Princi	Larry Kintz
Leonora Janisheski-Deal	
Mildred Elpers	
Josephine Knoerzer	

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the Gym

Monday, February 3

Rel. Ed. Grade 6 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 7 – 7:00pm

Hispanic RCIA – 7:00pm in the Rectory

Novena – Novena

Tuesday, February 4

Rel. Ed. Grades 3 – 5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm

Choir Practice – 7:00pm

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

Wednesday, February 5

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Children's Choir Practice – 5:00pm

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm cafeteria

RCIA – 7:00pm

Thursday, February 6

CYO – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday, February 7 First Friday

SHS early dismissal 11am

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm – Gym

Saturday, February 8

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel. Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am to 11:00am

Rel. Ed. 1st Reconciliation – 12:00pm in the church

Sunday, February 9

CYO Clinic – 1:30pm in the Gym

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time -\$12,345.

Last Year's Collection- \$13,470.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

In this season of colds and flu, please remember that you may give and receive the sign of peace with a simple wave of the hand or nod of the head. No insult is intended if anyone does not want to shake hands.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2020 K of C Free Throw Championship on Saturday, February 8 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Gym.

This is a free competition. Winners of each age group advance to regional competitions. More than 120,000 sharpshooters participate annually in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants are recognized for their participation. For additional information contact Jerry Reilly 845-709-7423/ grandknight@kofc1177.com

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild invites all the ladies of the parish both young and old to their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20TH at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for the First Friday Holy Hour this Friday February 7th the Holy Hour from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

A healing weekend February 21 - 23 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. For info or reservations call Rosemary; 914-645-7223.



"IT IS A POVERTY
TO DECIDE THAT
A CHILD MUST
DIE SO THAT YOU
MAY LIVE AS YOU
WISH."
- BLESSED MOTHER TERESA

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women:

Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

"Have you suffered an abortion?" Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

For Pregnancy emergencies call

Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331

www.goodcounselhomes.org

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

Last weekend we officially kicked off the 2020 Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal here at Sacred Heart. We hope you will prayerfully consider donating. It is only through the generosity of the people of the church that the Church is able to reach out and lend assistance to all those in need. "Your *Cardinal's Appeal* contributions are currently allowing 23 men to attend Saint Joseph's Seminary. Seminary, like any college, costs money – but seminarians are not eligible for the same types of financial aid that students in typical colleges are. Your dollars enable them to become the priests who will lead our parishes into the future." Our appeal goal this year is \$122,500. If everyone would donate even a small amount, we can reach our goal and help some many.

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería.

Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 15 de febrero 2020 a la 1pm. Contactar en la oficina 357- 0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Gail Curtin, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenam, John McLoughlin, Jason Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country in the armed forces especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

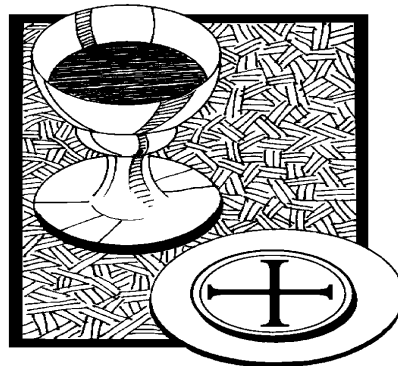
ALTAR MEMORIALS FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of LESTER BERNSTEIN



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones:

Especially:



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Maria & Victor Zammit

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – All Souls in Purgatory

10:00am – Bernard & Bridget Peris

11:30am – Saverio Stillo

1:00pm – Florence & Joe Cavanaugh

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am – Beatrice Greco

9:00am - Marcus Kayal

7:15pm – Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00am – Lester Bernstein

9:00am – McAdams, Maldonado,
Baracskaï & Howards Families

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00am – Marcus Kayal

9:00am – Silvio Zucatti

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00am – Joseph Ginel

9:00am – Joseph & Anastasia Creighton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 First Friday

7:00am – Special Intentions Patricia Brady

9:00am – Renee Oster

9:45am – SHS Mass

1:00pm – Exposition

7:00pm – Holy Hour

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00am – Luckose Muricken

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Elaine & Charles Jock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Special Intentions Suffern Police

10:00am – Special Intention Kenneth Frank

11:30am – Albert & Carmela LaBruna

1:00pm – Nicole Santa Maria

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society