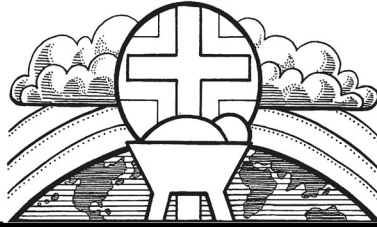


# Parish of St. Sylvester

The Presentation of the Lord  
February 2, 2020



He had to become  
like his brothers and sisters  
in every way.

—Hebrews 2:17a

## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Vigil Mass – Presentation of the Lord**  
4:00 p.m. = Gerri Pandolfo

**Sunday, Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord**  
7:30 a.m. = for our parish family  
10:00 a.m. = Charles Messina  
12:00 noon = Laurie Murphy Keller

**Monday, Feb. 3 – Weekday-4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
[St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop]  
8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_ [BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS]

**Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Weekday-4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 a.m. = Daniel Lee

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
8:30 a.m. = Evelyn and Dolph Bourgeois  
7:00 p.m. = hour of Eucharistic prayer, music & adoration

**Thursday, Feb. 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**  
8:30 a.m. = Lucy and Joseph Repice

**Friday, Feb. 7 – Weekday-4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time;**  
FIRST FRIDAY  
8:30 a.m. = Anthony and Doris Repice

**Saturday, Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani;**  
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS  
AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
9:00 a.m. = The Vitolo Family

**Saturday, Feb. 8 - Vigil Mass-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday –Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. = Wendy Posimato

**Sunday, Feb. 9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday –Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = for our parish family  
10:00 a.m. = Mary Brescia  
12:00 noon = Anthony and Carmela Terruso



## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Jan. 26, 2020 –3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Ord. Time - \$3,979.00  
Reserve Fund - \$ 960.00

Jan. 27, 2019- \$3,006.  
Reserve Fund - \$ 950.

*Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands*



**Staff Sgt. Victor L. Andrea, Jr.** - U. S. Air Force  
**Seaman Daniel Brennan** - U. S. Navy  
**SR Francis S. Cummings** - U. S. Navy  
**SR Michael J. Cummings** - U. S. Navy  
**Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD** - U. S. Air Force  
**Ryan Foley** - U.S. M.C.  
**Alvin S. Joseph II** - U. S. Navy  
**Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore** - U. S. Air Force in Japan  
**Prescod Montgomery** - U. S. Army in Iraq  
**Ens. II Steven Passignajen-Trimble** - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf  
**Samuel Rios** - U. S. Air Force  
**Joseph Somma** - U. S. Marine Corps  
**Lt. Col. Michael Volpe** - U. S. Army-South Korea

*Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.*

**PLEASE PRAY** ... for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, and the home-bound in our parish and in our families. Keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Daniela Agucia, Robert Ballard, Sr., Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maureen De Meo, Maria Erlinger, Robert Forlenza, Thomas Galvin, Rosemarie Garlisi, Robert Golden, John Andrew Hunton, Debra S. Iammateo, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos, Travis Mayhew, John Miles, George Moresca, Delia Murguia, William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell, Sr. Carrie Portu, Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz, Camille Quaglia, Irene Reilly, Eulah Ryan, Paul Sabella, Alice Santamays, John Savarese, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter, Robert Williams

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has recovered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with you and then make room for others in need of prayer. Thank you.*



February 2, 2020  
**Congratulations**  
**Cub Pack and Troop 85**  
of St. Sylvester Parish

Some centuries ago Candlemas Day was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." So if the bright sun "overshines" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. Now, in America, today's Groundhog Day.



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

What a many-faceted day this Sunday, February 2 is! Firstly, it is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. According to Mosaic Law, a new mother was ritually "unclean" for forty days after giving birth. She then entered the temple with her child, bringing an offering—a poor couple who could not afford a lamb brought two turtledoves. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for these rites of purification and dedication as prescribed.

Our Church's Feast of the Presentation began in 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem and was soon celebrated in Rome. In the Middle Ages the feast was called **Candlemas Day** and celebrated with a candle blessing and procession—the Presentation seen as a proclamation of Christ, Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."

As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We received a candle lit from the paschal candle, and the priest said, "*You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom*" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*).

In many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, St. John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in St. Peter's square until Feb. 2.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



Join us...  ...this Sunday

for Hospitality in the Parish Hall, after 10 o'clock Mass

**Feb. 3rd:** feast of **St. Blaise**—long associated with cures for afflictions of the throat—according to legend, he miraculously cured a boy choking to death on a fish bone. **Blessing of throats will take place following Monday's 8:30 AM Mass.**

**Report from our friends @ lifestyles for the Disabled:** Last Saturday's **11 AM Brunch** in the Parish Hall was a **DELICIOUS SUCCESS!**

**260** from our Parish and Lifestyles Families sat down for Brunch. There would have been even more attending if everyone interested had phoned in their reservations in time! However, there will be a 'next time' coming up—so watch your bulletin. Since the weather put a STOP to a tour of the renovated convent building, that will be on the next agenda, too.

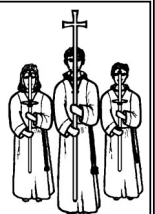


**BRUNCH**

Are you seeking a gift idea—perhaps for a Baptism or an anniversary? Or as a memorial commemoration?

Our parish has just purchased 4 new Altar Server albs/robes [cost: \$50 ea.] which may be personalized with donation or "in memory of" names affixed [just as is done with gifts of vestments].

If this fits your need, please stop in to the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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