

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple. We hear the story of Mary and Joseph carrying the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God. There the elderly prophets Simeon and Anne meet the holy family. They encounter the one for whom they longed. Jesus the Messiah! Today's Feast is about Jesus, the light of the world, who dispels the darkness of sin and death. That is why this is the day traditionally designated by the Church for the blessing of the candles, hence the feast's traditional name: Candlemas Day. May the word of God proclaimed on the feast of Candlemas Day inspire us to bring the light of Christ to a world longing for peace and hope!

FEAST OF ST. BLASE, BISHOP & MARTYR

We celebrate his feast on Saturday, February 3rd. Since the eighth century St. Blase was venerated as the patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat. Before dying as a martyr he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blase is, therefore, a sign of faith in God's protective love for us and for the sick in our midst. **The traditional blessing of throats will take place on Saturday, February 3rd at the 8:00 am Mass.** Touching the throat with blessed candles, the Priest or Deacon pray: *"Through the intercession of St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."*

—SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY—

February 4th – Church Roof Fund
 February 11th – Extraordinary Expenses
 February 14th – Ash Wednesday
 February 18th – Utility Fund
 February 25th – No Second Collection

Please be generous in next weekend's Second Collection for the **CHURCH ROOF FUND**. We are hoping to reach \$2,000.00 each time this monthly collection takes place. Thank you for your support of our church.

**MARDI GRAS CAVATI & POLENTA
BUFFET DINNER**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 6:30 pm
in the Church Hall**

Ticket Donation: \$20.00
 6-12 years : \$10.00
 5 years & under: no charge

No Tickets Sold at the Door - No Take Out Orders
 Everyone is welcome to attend!

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – is observed across the nation on February 2nd to pay tribute to the religious men and women around the world. Please pray in a special way, on this day for our own Parish Priests, members of the Scalabrinian Congregation and for all of the Priests and Sisters who have so faithfully served in our parish over the years.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

February 13th – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
 February 14th – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
 February 16th – Weekly Friday Stations of the Cross begins
 February 24th & 25th – Catholic Charity Appeal
 March 3rd & 4th – Catholic Charity Appeal
 March 11th – St. Patrick Dinner
 March 25th – Palm Sunday & Bake Sale
 April 1st – Easter Sunday
 April 28th – Annual Parish Dinner Dance

Holy Name Society Macaroni Dinner

**Sunday, January 28, 2018
 Dinner served at 1:00 pm
 in the Church Hall**

Donation: \$20 Adults / \$10 Children under 10 yrs.

Reserve your tickets now at the Parish Office or from Holy Name Society members. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Masses for January 29 – February 4, 2018

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.

However the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, January 29th

7:30 am - August & Enrica Franch

No Mass in Spanish this evening

Tuesday, January 30th

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, January 31st

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, February 1st

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, February 2nd

7:30 am - The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 3rd – Saint Blase

8:00 am - Sgt. Steven Michael Shaw by wife & family

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00 pm - Joseph & Cece Dilorio by daughter & family
Phyllis Capaldo by family
Deanna Dilorio by family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, February 4th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Collective Mass**

Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Deceased of Anthony DiPetrillo Family

Deceased of Luigi Tirocchi Family

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Biagio Costigliola – 2nd Anniversary

Sanctuary Candle:

Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Sgt. Steven M. Shaw by wife & family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Marion Cuiccio by daughters

Sgt. Steven M. Shaw by wife & family

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 2nd

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

Saturday, February 3rd

10:00 am – CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years

Sunday, February 4th

2nd Collection: Church Roof Fund

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts -

But Equal Sacrifice.

(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of January 13 & 14

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$4,285

Second Collection: \$2,502.00

Church Roof Fund

+ Died in Christ +

Lucy Almagno

Antonio Calicchia

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of \$50.00. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: (1) This week's bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor) or (2) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) or (3) This week's bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors). Call the parish office if you wish to help.

This week's parish bulletin is sponsored

In Memory Of

Frank J. DiMaio