

Reflection

It has been forty days since Christmas when the true Light came into the world. On this day we celebrate the Light being brought into the temple to be ritually dedicated to God's service. Just as the light of a single candle is a great consolation in the darkness, so too each simple act of service becomes hope for a weary world.

+ Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel His people. +

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, 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! This Feast is about Jesus, the light of the world, who dispels the darkness of sin and death. 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!



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR



We celebrate his feast on **Friday, February 3rd**. St. Blaise 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. Blaise is,

therefore, a sign of faith in God's protective love for us and for the sick in our midst.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – is observed 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.

**St. Bartholomew Ladies Guild
MARDI GRAS CAVATI & POLENTA DINNER**

Monday, February 20th at 6:30 pm

at

*Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
29 Walnut Grove Ave., Cranston*

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tickets available from Ladies' Guild members, at the Parish Office, & after all weekend Masses.

No Tickets Sold at the Door - No Take-Out Orders

LOOKING AHEAD

February 20 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner

at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

March 12 – Daylight Savings Time

April 2 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Easter Sunday

April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23 – Confirmation at

Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul

A Prayer For Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their world on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen

MASSES FOR

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, January 30

7:30 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, January 31 – St. John Bosco

7:30 am – Ann Marie Morena & Husband, Manuel Morena
by Robert & Donna DiMartino

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners
5:30 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Thursday, February 2

7:30 am – The Presentation of the Lord

Friday, February 3 – St. Blaise

7:30 am – Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw – 29th Year Remembrance
by wife & family
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

LORD’S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm
Intentions of Parishioners

6:30 pm
Mass in Spanish

Sunday, February 5
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am
Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am
Mass in Spanish

11:30 am
Intentions of Parishioners



**Sanctuary Candle &
Altar Bread & Wine:**



Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw

+ Died in Christ +
Gloria J. Saritelli

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

Thank you for your generosity

- February 5 - Major Repair Fund
- February 12 - Extraordinary Parish Expenses
- February 19 - Utility Fund
- February 22 - Ash Wednesday
- February 26 - Second Collection

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

**Weekend of
January 21 & 22, 2023**

1st Collection \$3,703.00
2nd Collection: \$1,310.00

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In Memory Of

Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw