

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 2, 2020 – Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Suzanne Valerio (3rd Anniversary of death) – requested by Lisa Valerio

Monday, February 3, 2020 – Feast – St. Blaise, bishop and martyr

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – Weekday

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – Feast – St. Agatha

Thursday, February 6, 2020 – Weekday

Friday, February 7, 2020 – Weekday

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – Weekday

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – Septuagesima Sunday

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Bernie Minakowski – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

2/16/2020 † Elizabeth Boyk (56th Anniversary of death) – requested by Leon Boyk & Family

2/23/2020 † Frank & Bernice Samiec

3/1/2020 † Genevieve Hutchens – requested by Julie & Cliff Brown

3/8/2020 † Jan Pełka (11th Anniversary of death)

3/15/2020 **OPEN**

3/22/2020 † Tadeusz Citko – requested by Bill Quilty

3/29/2020 † Helen Misiewicz (100th Birthday) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/5/2020 **OPEN**

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday – reserved for all our deceased relatives

4/19/2020 † Joseph & Maryanna Statkiewicz

† Helen & Thomas Misiewicz

† Deceased members of Statkiewicz Family – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz

4/26/2020 † Dominick Jeblonski – requested by Matulewicz, Kunciw and Jeblonski Families

5/3/2020 **OPEN**

5/10/2020 Mother's Day – For All Mothers

5/17/2020 **OPEN**

5/24/2020 † Bernard Minakowski - requested by Jeff & Donna Spotts

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed & Florence, Kapuscinski, Estelle McKee, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman.

If you like to add somebody to this list please let us know.

FAITH SHARING

Today's feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

In the first Reading the prophet Malachi speaks of the Lord suddenly coming to Jerusalem to purify the lax, lazy and indifferent priests of His Temple as silver is purified by fire.

The second reading proclaims Jesus as our Eternal High Priest of the New Covenant, who offered himself on the altar of Calvary, the only pure priestly sacrifice that could please God. He replaces the former priesthood.

The Gospel describes how Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented Mary and the baby Jesus in the Temple of God for the mother's purification and the Child's "redemption." It also describes the Holy Family's encounter with the old prophet Simeon and the holy old widow Anna.

CANDLE BLESSING

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

In accordance with the Old Law, Mother Mary presented her first-born Son in the temple and was ritually purified. Receiving the Child Jesus, Simeon prophesied that he would be "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles". Because of this, light and candles play an important role in the Mass on this feast day.

THROATS BLESSING

Tomorrow, February 3, we celebrate the feast of Saint Blase, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blase has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blase is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The individual throats blessing will take place at the end of the Mass, right after the final blessing.

SIX NEW (OLD) CANDELABRAS FOR THE FUNERAL MASSES

Since the end of June I was working on the old candelabras which I have found behind the altar. They were all covered by rust, dirt, paraffin and paint. Maybe some of you can remember them being in use during funeral Masses many years ago. I decided to give them a second lives. After cleaning them, polishing them by hand and mechanically and painting they look good again and hopefully they will serve for us for many years. One parishioner paid for the paint to restore them. Now these candelabras need six pillar oil candles. Searching the web I found nice candles made and available in Poland. The total cost of 6 oil refillable candles including shipping will be around \$400. To compare, the price of just one similar candle in the USA is around \$180. If there is some family/families/individual who would like to sponsor those candles for St. Valentine's Parish, please let me know.

ALTAR CANDLES

Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer.

During Holy Mass we light the candles for the greater glory of our Lord, but we light them also in our prayer intentions, so for ourselves as well.

For years we paid a lot of money for the candle oil cartridges. They are very expensive, and not easy to be found. The suppliers know that we have to purchase them anyway and they take advantage on churches. The box of 36 disposable cartridges is \$180-300 plus shipping, depends on supplier and state. One cartridge last for 5-6 Masses. We light 14 candles for each Mass, so you can easily calculate how fast we have to buy another box. I tried to drill a hole and refill them by syringe with much cheaper lamp oil but it can be done only twice until the wick inside is worn down.

We have to be wise and look for savings. There is a solution for it – the refillable cartridges used all over in the European churches. The cost of 14 of those will be approximately \$300 including shipping.

Is there any generous family or individual who can help us to make this improvement? We can also make a second collection few times until we get the needed amount.

ST. VALENTINE'S FEAST DAY

St. Valentine is the patron saint of our Parish. To honor him, we will celebrate a special Mass on **Sunday, February 16, at 9:30 AM**. We will pray for all those whom we love. There is no better gift than receiving the Holy Communion and offering it for the beloved person.

After the Mass all are invited to our church hall for coffee and something sweet. We hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends.

CEMETERY

Please remove any Christmas decorations from the graves of your relatives until February 16, 2020. After this date all remaining items will be trashed.

FLOWERS DONATED

Big thanks to the Family of † Edward Krystofolski for donated flowers in memory of Edward.

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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