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## **Solemnity-Presentation of the Lord** **February 2, 2020**

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**Continuing our Discipleship**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MASS LITURGY**

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| OPENING HYMN  | Bulletin                    |
| PENITENTIAL RITE  | Page 66                     |
| ENTRANCE HYMN   | Luke 1: 46-48; Psalm 29: 11 |
| C: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior   |                             |
| R: For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace. |                             |
| C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  |                             |
| R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  |                             |

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| KYRIE          | Page 67 |
| GLORIA         |         |
| OPENING PRAYER |         |

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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| First Reading  | Malachi 3: 1-4   |
| Responsorial Psalm   | Psalm 24         |
| R: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!   |                  |
| Second Reading   | Hebrews 2: 14-18 |
| Gospel Acclamations.   | Luke 2: 32       |
| L: Alleluia, Alleluia.   |                  |
| R: This is the light of revelation to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. |                  |
| R: Alleluia, Alleluia.   |                  |
| Gospel   | Luke 2: 22-40    |

### **SACRAMENT OF THE WORD LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL**

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| GENERAL INTERCESSION     |          |
| R: Lord, Hear our Prayer |          |
| OFFERTORY                | Page 73  |
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**Opening Hymn: “Come unto Jesus”**

PNCC Hymnal 180

Refrain: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold  
He would save us from this sinful world  
To heaven’s blessed glory untold  
O dearest Lord we come!

Come unto Jesus, Come while you may  
Hear how He calls you, come now this day  
How He does love you, follow His way,  
Gently He calls you come:

Come O my child now, come heed His call  
Give Him your heart, your love and your all  
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall  
Gently He calls you come!



**Closing Hymn: “In Thy Protection”**

PNCC Hymnal #210

In thy protection, Father in heaven,  
Lo we thy children place our life, our all.  
Lord wilt Thou bless us, save us from temptation,  
keep us from danger, lest in sin we fall.

Though all be peaceful, though storms beset us,  
in Thy protection, we shall find our rest.  
Father we pray Thee, humbly we beseech thee,  
deliver us the children Thou has blessed.

## This Week

### **Sunday, February 2, 2020      Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles/Throats**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Holy Mass       | 9:00 A.M.  |
| SOCL            | 10:15 A.M. |
| Fellowship Hour | 10:15 A.M. |
| Holy Mass       | 11:00 A.M. |

### **Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

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| Bible Study            | 5:45 P.M. |
| Chopin Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 P.M. |

### **Thursday, February 6, 2020**

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| Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 P.M. |
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### **Sunday, February 9, 2020      Septuagesima Sunday Mission Collection**

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| Holy Mass  | 9:00 A.M.   |
| <b>+Donald Gabauer</b> Int. Josie Gabauer & Family; <b>+Warren Albeck</b> Int. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Szewczyk |             |
| SOCL   | 10:15 A.M.  |
| SAMBS Monthly Meeting  | 10: 15 A.M. |
| Fellowship Hour  | 10:15 A.M.  |
| Holy Mass  | 11:00 A.M.  |

#### **Today's Sunday Ministry**

##### **9:00 A.M.**

Greeter: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Yellow Team

Ushers: R. DeLong & D. Newcamp

##### **11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti

B. Zaucha

J. Wagner

#### **Next Sunday Ministries**

##### **9:00 A.M.**

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Youth Team

Ushers: B. Griffiths & G. Jobs

##### **11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti

B. Zaucha

J. Wagner

## Presentation of the Lord Word Search

O E G R W L B H R B A X H T M R P J N X  
W T K H J L O U P M E O J V S R H O C Q  
T R V U D K U R T J L F W S E A S G H D  
Y I W M L V C K D Y K V E S M A E Y R X  
R F R C R F R O D J D F E W E S R F I K  
A S W M O Z O A M M E N G S K A H O S B  
U E S H W F Y L T M T S Y C M H A C T A  
R W O P E S H U E A E N U N T Z R F I N  
B A A J H F C P T P A M I S L U I N A N  
E C P N T C C I X H S G O D V H H M N A  
F P T U F K O T P Y R O L R Z T D T T A  
U D P Y O N A I E I O C G Q A F B X L N  
I F F R T L P N V K Z H F A O T O L L D  
Z K C F H E C A N D L E M A S P I C Q S  
C V A D G N O I T A C I F I R U P N V I  
G Y T X I I I M Q E L P M E T V B U G M  
L F M A L P R O N V S J P P Y Q C E A E  
Z T P Y U L D S Z A M T L X H J E N J O  
P J N U A Y M A J F U X Q X S P G D Y N  
C A N D L E S B L E S S E D G Q F B A B

ANNA AND SIMEON  
CANDLES BLESSED  
COMMEMORATING  
FEAST  
GOSPEL OF LUKE  
LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
PRESENTATION  
TEMPLE

CANDLEMAS  
CHRISTIAN  
EPIPHANY SEASON  
FEBRUARY TWO  
HOLIDAY  
LORD JESUS  
PURIFICATION  
VIRGIN MARY



## PNU College Stipend Program

Information and requirements can be found on the parish bulletin board or on the PNU website; [pnu.org](http://pnu.org)  
Applications must be mailed by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the PNU

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

This month let us reflect upon Simeon and Anna in the Temple. Read this month Luke 2: 22-38 and meditate upon piety and Compassion. A Reflection Question we should ask ourselves: how Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and told others in the Temple about Him. Can you come up with 2 practical ways by which you can do the same? Then how can you share the message that Jesus Christ is Lord? Our youth are collecting for the Pre-Lenten Season travel toiletries for the Intercession as part of the February Future Direction's community service. Help is needed to complete the project.

## Presentation of the Lord

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple was a bit like our baptisms. This was the formal dedication of a firstborn boy to the God who gave him life. Like baptism, it symbolized the child's consecration as part of a people of faith moving toward God.

Luke's depiction of what happened when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple is likewise full of symbol and mystery. Prophets like Malachi had promised that the Lord would one day come to the Temple with a power no one could withstand. Luke's story reveals that only saintly seniors recognized the divine visitation in the guise of the infant child of poor, simple parents.

Luke put everything together in this one scene: The parents were fulfilling the law; God appeared in the Temple; the prophets had predicted the coming; the elders celebrated the event. The scene summarized the mystery of God's presence among us: the law, the prophets, tradition and the Temple. And none of it looked like most people would have anticipated.

God does not act on our agenda nor fit the cast of characters we would plot out for the salvation of the world. God doesn't turn the tables; God creates and transforms. As Teilhard de Chardin tells us, God is always at work, drawing everything toward the fulfillment of its reason for being. And that has nothing to do with oppression, lack of freedom, or coercion.

We are all a bit like Mary and Joseph and the families bringing their child to God. We continuously stand before mystery of life. If we are open, we can hear the holy prophets remind us how and where God can be found in it. Like all parents, each of us is called to labor together with God. We may be young, enthusiastic, and optimistic. We might be middle-aged or old enough to have learned that hope is not about expectations but discernment.

No matter our starting point, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord invites us to recognize God's fledgling appearances in our world, to marvel at the mystery and to dedicate ourselves to nurturing it. Simeon promised Mary a broken heart. Anna's joy reminds us that there will also be smiles that almost break our faces and laughter that doubles us over in joy and wonder.

## **Valentine Pork Roast Dinner**

The SAMBS will be hosting a Pork Roast Dinner Buffet Saturday,  
February 15, 2020 4:00 P.M.-7:00P.M.

Adults \$12.00; Children Under 12 \$7.00

Chinese Auction

Tickets call Kathy Trumpe @ 412.664.4591

Walk-In welcomed.

*Chinese Auction Baskets will be graciously accepted*



Daffodil Days, a campaign of the American Cancer Society, has brought cheer and hope to thousands of people through the delivery of daffodils, a symbol of spring. Please support this worthy campaign by ordering daffodils. Judy Waskowicz has set up a table in the narthex with order forms which will be accepted through February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Delivery of the Daffodils will be March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saint Blaise -Blessing of Throats**

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals that were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally, Blaise was killed by the governor. Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies. In recognition of St. Blaise, two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. The annual blessing of Throats will take place after the conclusion of Mass today. Approach the sanctuary for the blessings.

## Presentation of the Lord

**First Reading:** Malachi 3: 1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** 24

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 14-18

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40



**KEY VERSE:** “Because He himself was tested through what He suffered; He is able to help those who are being tested.”

Hebrews 1:18

**READING:** Malachi wrote about the time when the Lord will come to the temple, the Lord whom we all seek. In the Book of Hebrews, we are reminded that while Jesus took our flesh for, He wanted to be like us in all things and experience our human condition fully. The Gospel gives us the account of purification of Mary in the temple which kept to the Jewish Tradition. We also hear of the prophecies of Simeon and Anna concerning the Baby Jesus.

**REFLECTION:** We reflect upon the events of today’s Mass, recognizing that Jesus was like you and me in all ways except one, He did not sin. We are constantly reminded that sin separates us from our heavenly Father that we should strive to perfect ourselves each day. This is a hard task to perform, but by trying to follow our Savior, knowing that He was confronted with the same temptations that we are confronted with, this task is not impossible. What makes our task towards perfection possible is, if we keep the Commandments of God and keeping our God in our daily lives. Too often the Christian hears God’s Words but fails to keep them after they leave God’s home.

**PRAYING:** Heavenly Father, help me to achieve my right status as your servant, following in the footsteps of Jesus; Jesus who is both God and man.

**ATTEND CHURCH EVERY WEEK**