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Presentation of the Lord
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Year of Discipleship

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD LITURGY

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

Blessing of Candles

Entrance Hymn

Luke 1: 46-48; Psalm 29: 11

P: 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.

P: 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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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24

R: Who is this 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.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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R: Lord, Hear our Prayer

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CLOSING HYMN

Bulletin

Opening Hymn: “Virgin Full of Grace”

PNCC Hymnal 261

Virgin, full of grace, Mother of our race, our protection,
O Mary. Our nature reading, in our name pleading, pray
for us, O Mary.

Queen most highly blest, gather to your breast, those in
peril, O Mary. Our consolation from your high station,
Pray for us, O Mary.

Mother, Maiden fair, see our anxious care, ease our
hardships, O Mary. Our sorrows banish, make weeping
vanish, pray for us, O Mary.

Virgin Mother dear, look with pity here, Grant us
healing, O Mary. Hope of the dying, hear now our
sighing, pray for us, O Mary.



Closing Hymn: “Mother Most Gracious”

PNCC Hymnal 263 verses 1 & 2

Mother most gracious, guardian of the people,
May cries of orphans, ‘waken you to mercy;
(Exiles of Eve, to you we cry, O Mary
Have mercy on us, may we cease our wand’ring.)

Whom should the children turn to in their suff’ring?
Only to you, the most beloved Mother;
(Your heart is open, open to all peoples,
Open so warmly to the most afflicted.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 3, 2019 **Presentation of the Lord Blessing of Candles and Throats**

Confessions	8:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Thomas Muse Int. Art & Dee Dee Eagan; + Edward Michael Piekielek (12th Ann.) Int. Steffania Piekielek	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Bible Class	6:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 P.M.
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Sunday, February 10, 2019

Ordinary 5

Mission Collection

Confessions	8:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+ Donald Gabauer Int. Josie Gabauer; + Edmund Adamek Int. David & Sandy Kost	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
+ Ted Balawajder Int Bob & Janet Yonek	

PNU Branch 132 Meeting

Branch 132 will hold a special meeting on February 17th for the election of officers for 2019 and the election of one delegate to the 31st PNU General Convention. All Branch 132 members should attend.

Today's Sunday Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Yellow Team

Ushers: G. Jobs & J. Lawrence

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Youth Team

Usher: T. Kleckner & L. Ruozzi

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

Pierogi Sale This Week

Upcoming sales dates are Feb 8; Feb 22; March 8; March 29. Let Steffi know if you can help on any of these days. Call 412.359.9663 if you're available. Prep Wednesday late afternoon; Thursday and Friday.

Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas

Normally today's liturgy would be the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, but the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord, (also called Candlemas) is very important and this liturgy has been transferred to today. This is the day when the purification of Mary takes place in accordance with the Jewish Law after childbirth. This is also the day when Jesus was presented and dedicated to God. Two prophecies of Jesus were made about His future. This celebration concludes the liturgical Christmas Season. In accordance to Church Tradition, candles are blessed prior to Mass. Parishioners would bring candles from home or buy candles at the Church. These specially blessed candles would be lit in the homes during storms or during times of personal needs during the year, reminding the faithful that Christ is the Light of the World and His light overcomes the darkness found in the world.

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. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. 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 Mass today.

Discipleship

What does it mean to be a “disciple” of Jesus? If we are going to make disciples, we need to know what that is. The standard definition of “disciple” (noun) is someone who adheres to the teachings of another. It is a follower or a learner. It refers to someone who takes up the ways of someone else. Applied to Jesus, a disciple is someone who learns from him to live like him — someone who, because of God’s awakening grace, conforms his or her words and ways to the words and ways of Jesus. Or, you might say, as others have put it in the past, disciples of Jesus are themselves “little Christs” (Acts 26:28; 2 Corinthians 1:21).

The four Gospels give us the definitive portrait of Jesus in his life on earth, and if we really want to know what it means to be his disciple, the Gospels are likely where we start. John’s Gospel shows us three complementary perspectives on what it means to follow Jesus, each patterned after Jesus himself. Building from John’s profile, we could say that a disciple of Jesus is a *worshiper*, a *servant*, and a *witness*

Most fundamentally, to follow Jesus means to worship him exclusively. This is at the heart of Jesus’s ministry on earth for those who worship him in spirit and truth (John 4:23–24). Which means, as it did in her case, we shouldn’t be so quick to change the subject. If we will follow Jesus, we must worship God — through Jesus, because he is our Mediator (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5), and Jesus himself, because he is God (John 10:30; 20:28–29).

To be continued

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.

REFLECTING: 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.