

The Work of the People

The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is rooted in everyday life. In faithful observance of the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they met the righteous Simeon and the prophet Anna, for whom Temple worship was part of everyday life. God rewarded the fidelity of Simeon and Anna by allowing them to see the one who was Savior and to hold him in their arms. When the ceremony of presentation was completed, Mary and Joseph and Jesus returned to their hometown. There, they created a home and a family life. There, Jesus grew up, becoming strong and wise, and the grace of God was upon him.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2, is also called Candlemas Day. According to Luke's account of the Gospel, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah in the Temple and declared him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). This sparked the traditional blessing of enough candles to last an entire year. This led to candle processions in churches and in the streets, which became known as "Candlemas."

In today's Gospel, we hear echoes of the other two readings: purification, sacrifice, the Lord coming to the Temple – light. Simeon, echoing themes first voiced in the Old Testament, proclaims Jesus as a light for the Gentiles and glory (another image of light) for Israel. There is also the note of purification and refining with reference to the child's destiny: "for the fall and rise of Israel" (Luke 2:34) and the revelation of the thoughts of human hearts.

The reflection today is by Sr. Gail Fitzpatrick, OCSO, who is a member of Our Lady of Mississippi Abbey in Dubuque, Iowa, where she served as abbess from 1982-2006.

"St. Luke's scene of the Presentation in the Temple is like a living mystery play. Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Simeon, and Anna – the 'main characters' – are changed forever by a moment of grace. This mystery play continues to unfold in our own lives.

Several years ago, our eighty-six-year-old senior sister lay close to death. All the community had gathered in her room to pray with her. When the time for Compline (Night Prayer) approached we prepared to go to church to pray the Office, leaving a few to watch with our dying sister. Then our youngest sister piped up: 'let's sing Compline here! Sr. Augustine loves Compline; she sang it with both sides.' (She would sit in the back of church and sing with both choirs!) So we began monastic night prayer, gathered around Sr. Augustine's bed. When we came to the Canticle of Simeon, her breathing gently slowed, and then stopped. She who had given no sign of being aware of our presence was very conscious – and her final act was to make her

own prayer the prayer of Simeon: *Now, Lord, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.* Our sister had so imbibed Simeon's joy and sense of fulfillment that she could embrace the letting go of dying because she, too, knew salvation.

Simeon, Anna, and Sr. Augustine lived in hope. They believed, they waited, and when Jesus appeared, they recognize the moment of fulfillment – God's now – and became prophets.

We, too, are called to participate in this mystery play of life – to recognize Jesus in the most unassuming guises, let our life be changed forever by the encounter, and so become prophets in our own time."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Monday: 2 Sm. 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13/Mk. 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm. 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3//Mk. 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm. 24:2, 9-17/Mk. 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs. 2:1-4, 10-112/Mk. 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir. 47:2-11/Mk. 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs. 3:4-13/Mk. 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is. 58:7-10/1 Cor. 2:1-5/Mt. 5:13-16

OPEN HOUSE

Seton Catholic School is holding an Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Pre-School thru grade 8. Scholarships available, all faiths welcome. Call 814 336-2320 with questions.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and peaceful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

"Jesus, help me to bring your peace into my day."

YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To reduce the cost of mailing a report, if you want a year-end statement of your annual contributions to St. Anthony of Padua or St. Bernadette, PLEASE CLIP THIS FROM THE BULLETIN AND RETURN IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020.

Name: _____

(Please Print)

WORSHIP

Monday, February 3
8:00 am + Peggy Weidner (Ginger (Weidner) & Dick Kester)

Tuesday, February 4
8:00 am + Living & Deceased of PNA Lodge 1540

Wednesday, February 5
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, February 6
8:00 am + Paul & Duane Hale (Joan Rembielak and Phyllis & Bob Wronko)

Friday, February 7
8:00 am + Margaret (Peg) Styborski (Stacy Mott)

Saturday, February 8
4:30 pm + For Living & Deceased of Leandro/Silva Families (Silverio S. Leandro Family)

Sunday, February 9
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Stanley Giewont (Frances Giewont)

9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
(Except Holy Days)
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, February 4
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, February 8
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, February 9
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8- 4:30 PM
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Tom Hobson/
Judy Kingston
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/
Theresa Douglas/Don Marteeny
Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 8:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sada/J. Weagraff/K. Weagraff
Lector: J. Drda
Ushers: S. Sada, Sr.
Altar Servers: I. Levis

STEWARDSHIP

1/27/20

Offertory	\$362.00
Maintenance	5.00
Votives	162.00
Catholic Comm.	50.00
TOTAL	\$579.00

CSA: Pledged - \$9,275
Paid - \$8,995

THANK YOU - THANK YOU

The Events Committee members wishes to sincerely thank all parishioners who helped make St. Anthony of Padua Cash Giveaway and Game Night a big success. To those who donated baked goods and theme baskets, worked in the kitchen preparing and serving food, and operating the games of chance, we are all very appreciative of everyone's efforts!

2232 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Men's Conference on February 29, 2020 at Our Lady of Peach Parish in Erie, PA. Registration materials can be picked up in the gathering space.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 1:38 Women's Conference will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Check-in begins at 8:00 am and the program runs from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. The day concludes with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Registration materials can be picked up in the gathering space.

FREE GROCERY DELIVERY TO CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS!

Giant Eagle in Edinboro is offering curbside pickup & delivery starting Feb. 11, 2020. The Cambridge Springs delivery days will be Tuesdays: 1:30 - 3:00 pm and Saturdays: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Steps are simple—1) navigate to GiantEagle.com/Cambridge, 2) shop for groceries and add items to your cart, 3) choose a time slot to pick up your groceries, pickup is at the Cambridge Springs Senior Center, 4) pay online with a credit card or Paypal account, 5) relax and enjoy having your groceries delivered to a convenient local location. CurbsideExpress.com. Questions? Watch the helpful how-to video called "Customer Help Video" in the lower left corner of the site.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, February 3. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE

Mon. Feb. 3 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg
Sun., Feb. 9 - Holy Name Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,369.00
Maintenance	429.00
Catholic Comm.	221.00
Reimbursement	2,742.46
Rental	425.00
Candles	9.00
Donation	200.00
Initial Offering	55.00
Baked Goods	73.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Latin Mass	261.00
CSA	90.00
TOTAL	\$5,879.46

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$24,247 Paid: \$23,927

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
