



Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg
225 North Second Street
West Newton, PA 15089



FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ~ PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekends Saturday at 4:00pm

Sunday at 11:00am

Weekdays Tuesday at 8:00am

Wednesday at 8:00am

Confessions .. Saturday at 3:00pm

... Appointment - Call

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Presentation of the Lord

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm **Mass Neal Genemore** by Joe & Paula Klocek

Sunday, February 2

11:00am **Mass Alma Zima** by Terry & Dawna Rapsack

Monday, February 3

8:00am **Mass at Church of Saint Anne**

Tuesday, February 4

8:00am **Mass Alex Romonosky** by Family

Wednesday, February 5

8:00am **Mass Gail Eckhart** by Peggy Delduca

Thursday, February 6

No Mass

Friday, February 7

8:00am **Mass at Church of Saint Anne**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8

4:00pm **Mass Tony DeMarchi** by Dennis Balenovich

Sunday, February 9

11:00am **Mass Ralph & Anna Scanga** by Beneccio Family

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion..... are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Minister Schedule

Sat. Feb. 1 (4:00pm) Lector: Diana Janitor
Euch. Minister: Ginger DeBlasio

Sun. Feb. 2 (11:00am) Lector: Christina Null
Euch. Minister: Aleta Keegan

Sat. Feb. 8 (4:00pm) Lector: Bill Hughes
Euch. Minister: Ann Page

Sun. Feb. 9 (11:00am) Lector: Stan Materkowski
Euch. Minister: Darlene Schehr



If you need to schedule a Mass or place something in the bulletin (meetings, events, etc.), please email me at

mdaversa@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Do not use *dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg*. I will not get your email. You can also place an envelope in the offering box or call my cell phone (724-331-7465)

I will try to get back to you in a day or so.

..... Michael Daversa

WEEKLY OFFERTORY FOR 1/19/2025

Offertory: \$1,613.00

Monthly: \$0.00

Loose: \$50.00

Candle: \$47.00

Accent: \$20.00

First Offering: \$10.00

Funds to Diocese = \$0.00

Funds Available to Parish = \$1,740.00

Budget Requirements\$4,500.00

Deficit.....\$2,760.00

PLEASE CONSIDER donating your time or your talent for the upcoming year. We are in search of Altar servers, either children or adults. Consider cantoring or reading at Mass or joining our Pastoral Council. Any questions, please call (724) 872-6123

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Volunteer Clearances

Please visit the Diocese of Greensburg website (www.dioceseofgreensburg.org) and click on "schools" then "clearances" for a list of requirements. If you need further assistance, please call the office at 724-872-6123 and ask for Dan Landini.

Please consider using this for your donation. Once registered, you can use this for all of your donations. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office (724) 872-6123



PATHWAYS continues at Holy Family on Monday, February 17 from 6:30pm till 9:00pm. The next class focuses on Church History. There is no charge so please plan to attend.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in our parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about two holy people, Simeon and Anna, who meet Jesus at the Temple. Both Simeon and Anna see that Jesus is special. They have waited their whole lives for this moment. Simeon praises God and calls Jesus a "light for revelation to the Gentiles." This points to Jesus' mission to save not only Israel but also all nations. On Candlemas, the Church invites us to remember that Jesus brings light to our lives. Like Simeon and Anna, we are called to recognize Jesus in our world. We also look to Mary and Joseph as examples of faith and obedience. This weekend, February 1 and 2, you are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed during Mass. These blessed candles are then used throughout the year, especially during storms or difficult times, as a reminder of Christ's light and protection.



Your presence here makes all the difference.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a day that holds great significance in the life of Jesus and in our own lives as well. In the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40), we hear about Mary and Joseph bringing their baby Jesus to the temple, following the customs of their faith. This act of presenting Jesus to God is a beautiful reminder of the importance of dedicating our children to the Lord.



When Mary and Joseph arrived at the temple, they encountered Simeon and Anna, two faithful individuals who had been waiting for the Messiah. Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the light for all people, bringing hope and salvation. Anna, too, praised God and shared the good news with others. Their joy and recognition of God's presence teach us valuable lessons about faith and devotion.

One of the key lessons from this feast is the importance of bringing our children to God. Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple, we are called to present our own children to God through our prayers, our example, and our love. It is essential for us as parents and guardians to nurture their faith and help them understand the love of God.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the young parents who bring their children to Mass on Sundays and during special occasions. It fills my heart with joy to see children in church. They are the future of our faith community, and their presence is a sign of hope. I understand that children may talk or play during Mass, and honestly, that doesn't bother me. It shows that they are alive and learning about their faith in a loving environment.

However, I do feel a sense of concern when I see adults talking among themselves inside the church. We come to church to be in communion with God, to pray, and to listen to His Word. It is a sacred space where we should focus on our relationship with the Lord. When we engage in conversations that distract us from the Mass, we miss out on the opportunity to connect with God and to fully participate in the worship.

Let us remember that our actions set an example for our children. When they see us engaged in prayer and worship, they learn the importance of being present to God. We have the responsibility to create an atmosphere of reverence and respect in the church, not just for ourselves but for the little ones who are watching us.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, let us commit ourselves to bringing our children closer to God. Let us be models of faith, showing them how to pray, how to listen, and how to love. Let us also remember to honor the sacredness of our time in church, focusing on our relationship with God and encouraging our children to do the same.

May we all strive to be faithful like Simeon and Anna, recognizing God's presence in our lives and sharing that light with the next generation. Amen.

Matters of Sexual Abuse - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1 800 932 0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.