

**"Your words, Lord,  
are spirit and life"**

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – "C"**

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**January 26, 2025**

*102<sup>nd</sup> year of service/100 years of the rectory building*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 1/26/25 – III Sunday in Ordinary Time – Music Scholarship Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +John Stabinsky, of. by parents.

- *Confirmation Class.*
- *Removing Christmas trees.*
- *Collection for the Music Scholarship Program.*

**Next Sunday, February 2: Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord; IV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 26 – Jan Cegielski; January 27 – Mark Fried; January 30 –

Jiselle Macaro.

Communicating means having the courage to speak to the people closest to us. We can't speak to the world if we don't first try to build relationships with those who are already part of our lives.

**I Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

**II Reading:** I Corinthians 12:12-30

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll He found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to Me, for He has anointed Me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then He began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**March 2 – Annual Parish Meeting**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE**

**SICK** – especially for: Jean Keim – Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine

Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*. Dolores Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen. *Shenandoah Manor* – Betty Brazausky (A-14).

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

**March 15 – Seniorate Lenten Spiritual Retreat – Hazleton, PA???**

**April 20 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Choir Members; Pani Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**THANK YOU very much** to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** and his associates for cleaning our parking lot from the snow!

**NOW and ICE ALERT** – During winter days, please remember that we do **not cancel** our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth. **WARNING** – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the wintertime during bad weather conditions, please use the front porch entrance; the back porch could be full of ice all the time.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

**KINDLY REMINDER** – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2025**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

**“Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people”.**