

"Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord"

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Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord – “C”
Uroczystość Ofiarowania Pańskiego
February 2, 2025
102nd year of service/100 years of the rectory building

Events for the week:

Sun., 2/2/25 – Presentation of our Lord – Scout Sunday

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

- *Confession.*
- *Blessing of candles and throats.*
- *Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*
- *Collection for missions.*

Mon., 2/3/25 – Weekday – St. Blaise of Sebastea

1:00PM – Audit of books

Wed., 2/5/25 – Weekday

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Thu., 2/6/25 – Weekday

Holy Mass, intention: God’s blessing and fruitful ministry for the PNCC Clergy.

Christ is our Light. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas reveals the Christ Child as the light of the nations. His light dispels darkness and gives hope to all those who walk in the shadow of death. Come let us adore Him.

I Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

II Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the Law required, he took Him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’ As the Child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this Child: He is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’ There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now

Fri., 2/7/25 – First Friday of the Month
Holy Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Litany.

**Next Sunday, February 9: Solemnity –
V Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for
+John David's family.

➤ *Confirmation Class.*



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-I4).

eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the Child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and He was filled with wisdom; and God's favor was with Him.

FUTURE EVENTS

February 16 – Pre-Lent season begins

March 2 – Annual Parish Meeting

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.

“Non-church goers would not feel at home in heaven”.