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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church 📶

Saturday

8:30 am Church 📶

Confessions follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*

10:30 am Church 📶

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church

📶 = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

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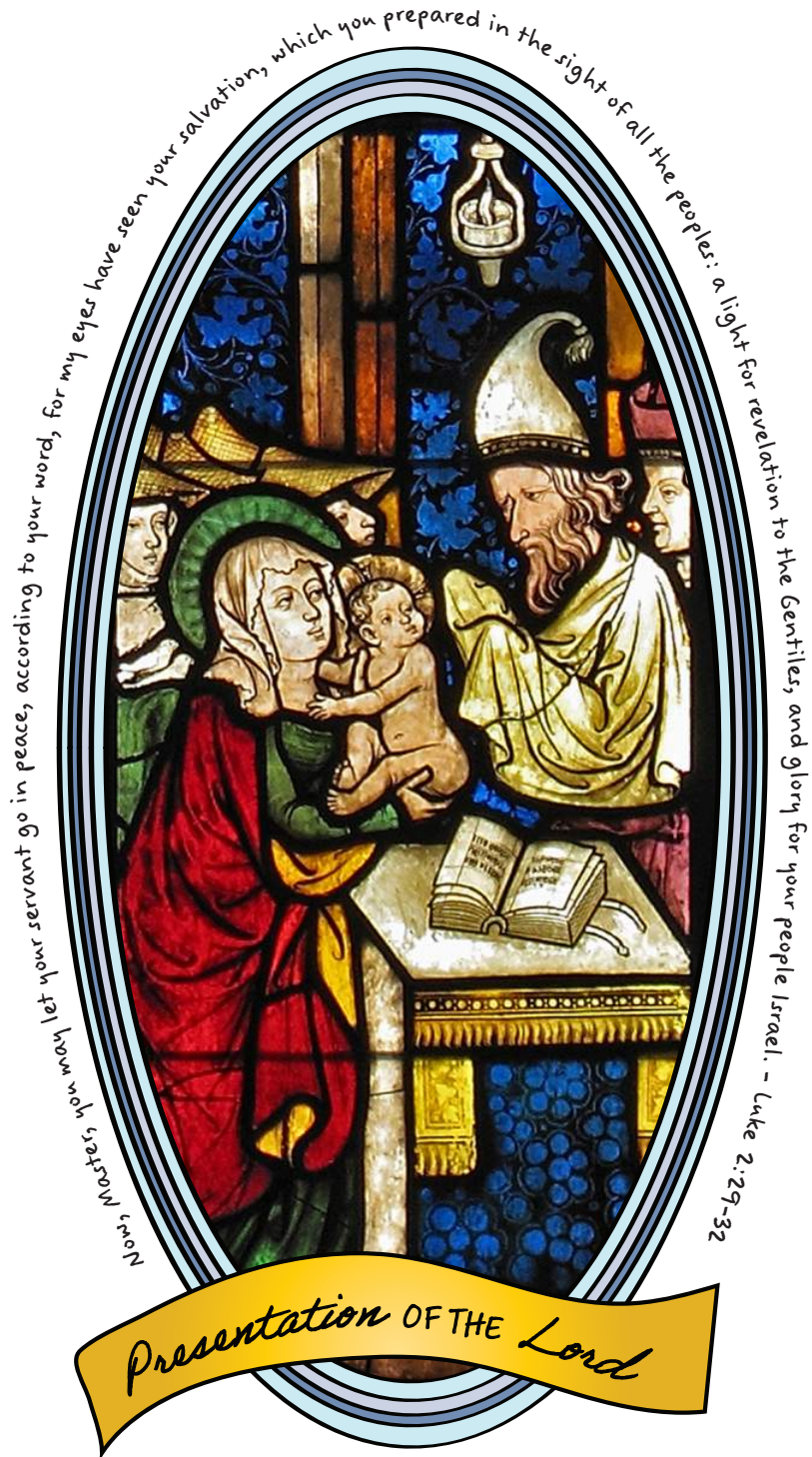
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Presentation OF THE Lord

Mass + Intentions

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Stewardship Reflections...

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

"Y ya que él mismo sufrió la tentación, puede ahora ayudar a los que son tentados." - Hebreos 2:18

Cuando nos unimos a un grupo de apoyo, nos consuela compartir nuestro dolor con las personas experimentan la misma situación porque entienden por lo que estamos pasando. La próxima vez que experimente el sufrimiento, hable con Jesús. Él ha experimentado más sufrimiento que la mayoría de nosotros. Él nos comprende. Además, Jesús nos conoce mejor de lo que nos conocemos nosotros mismos. Solo Él puede llenar el vacío que sientes en tu corazón.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

ANGEL NAPOLEON ARIAS JIMENEZ



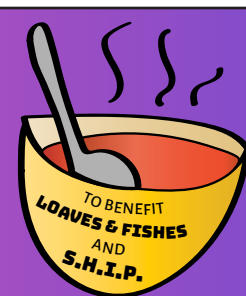
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Saturday, February 1	8:30 AM	† Kowimbany Jorel Olivier Ambouroue † Jerry Dempsey † Rev Thomas J Petrillo † Sr Lois Kikkert, OP † Sr Carol Hoban, SC † Rev James J Reilly † Jerry Dempsey † Tiger Bech Jr
	4:00 PM	† Maria Mezzacappa
Saturday, February 2	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	9:00 AM	† Kathleen Di Chiara
	10:30 AM	† Carlo and Maria Piraneo
	12:00 PM	Celida Valentín
	5:00 PM	† Gerry Smith
Monday, February 3	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday, February 4	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, February 5	7:00 AM	† Joseph and Virginia Antab
Thursday, February 6	7:00 AM	† Judith A Brandt
Friday, February 7	7:00 AM	† Dario Basilone
Saturday, February 8	8:30 AM	† Yung Kim
	4:00 PM	† Patricia Zichichi
Saturday, February 9	7:30 AM	† Giuseppe & Antonietta Martini
	9:00 AM	† Crowe & Reilly Families
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	12:00 PM	† Angel Arias Jimenez
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Imitation of the Holy Family

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, “The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self” (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God’s grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue — **forgiveness**. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to “bear with and forgive one another.” The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family — even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

— Excerpted from The Holy Family models what family life should be, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

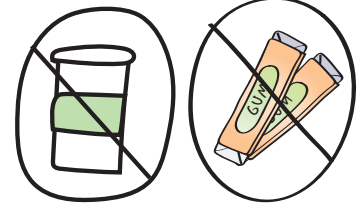
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EDGE

This weekend, our EDGE teens gathered for a retreat all about how everyone can be a Saint and how the Saints can inspire us to live better lives. A special thanks to Brother Pascal from the Salesians who shared his personal journey and was very passionate about our icebreaker activities!



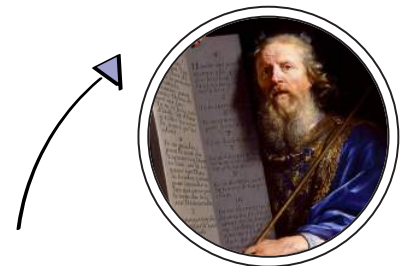
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Thank you for your cooperation.

50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...

5. WHO WAS MOSES?



Moses was the man God chose to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God revealed His name to Moses, and also gave him the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Scripture:
Exodus 3:1-12

Catechism of the Catholic Church: CCC nos 62, 204-09, 2,574-77



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We Are His Witnesses:

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read *We Are His Witnesses*, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read *We Are His Witnesses* and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.



← We Are His Witnesses

Somos Sus Testigos:

UNA CARTA PASTORAL DEL CARDENAL TOBIN

El Cardenal Tobin invita a todos los católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Newark a leer *Somos Sus Testigos*, su carta pastoral que presenta nuevos caminos para el futuro de la Arquidiócesis. Basada en el llamado del Papa Francisco a la conversión pastoral, el discipulado misionero y la sinodalidad, la carta reflexiona sobre nuestro camino compartido de fe y nos llama a abrazar la renovación, la colaboración y la misión evangelizadora. Esta iniciativa plurianual nos guiará en la construcción de un futuro vibrante y esperanzador para nuestra comunidad eclesial. Lea *Somos Sus Testigos* y únase a este camino de fe mientras respondemos al llamado de Cristo a ser Sus testigos en el mundo.



← Somos Sus Testigos

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 783

The Knights of Columbus Council 783 are holding their annual "Right to Life" collection, (traditionally known as The Rose Sale). Contributions can be made on-line at <https://koc783.org/right-for-life> or by check, payable to the Knights of Columbus, Summit Council and mailed to the parish office. (Please note on the memo area; "KOC-Right to Life"). 100% of your donation is distributed to local charities supporting single mothers facing the challenges in choosing to give life and protect their unborn baby. Last year's charities included Mercy House, Several Sources, Life Choices and Birth Haven.

May God Bless You and Your Family!

Knights of Columbus, Right To Life Committee

The Knights of Columbus is a faith based organization for Christian men. Interested in joining or simply receiving additional information on our activities, please contact us directly at 908-227-4945.

COMMUNITY Announcements

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION The Chinese Catholic Apostolate will celebrate the Lunar New Year with a Mass led by Cardinal Tobin on Sunday, February 2, at 2:30 pm in Harrison's Holy Cross Church. All are welcome!

2025 BLACK HISTORY MONTH JUBILEE MASS The annual Black History Month Jubilee Mass celebrated by Cardinal Tobin is scheduled for Sunday, February 16, at 2:30 pm in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The 2025 liturgy will feature Cardinal Wilton D Gregory, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, DC, as the guest homilist.

HISPANIC MINISTRY STUDY NIGHT *Discípulos Misioneros en una Iglesia Sinodal*, presentado por el P Camilo Cruz. 3 de febrero 7:30-9pm. Centro Pastoral Arquidiocesano (171 Clifton Ave, Newark). *Para más información comunícate con: DeaconAsterio.Velasco@rcan.org / Esther.Pardo@rcan.org / 973-497-4335 / 973-497-4571.*



¡Inscríbete aquí!

A Poor Family's Offering

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Malachi 3:1-4 • Messenger of the Covenant
- ▶ Hebrews 2:14-18 • Becoming Like Us to Save Us
- ▶ Luke 2:22-40 • The Presentation in the Temple

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord today marks the trip that Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus made to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill their duty according to Jewish Law. Observant Jews at the time of Jesus' birth followed the tradition spelled out in Leviticus 12:2-8. A mother was considered "unclean" for seven days after giving birth to a son. For 33 days, she was not allowed to enter the sanctuary of the temple. After that, she was required to bring a lamb and a small bird as an offering to the priest. The priest would then sacrifice the animals as an atonement for her sins. Only then was she declared ritually pure again. Those who couldn't afford a lamb and a bird, like Mary and Joseph, could bring two turtle-doves or two pigeons instead.

The language and rituals surrounding uncleanness, impurity, sacrifice, and atonement might seem primitive and archaic to us thousands of years later. Rather than judge them or find fault with such practices, we can focus our attention on the points Luke was trying to make in passing on this story. He is telling us that Jesus was born into a poor family that doesn't have a sheep to spare, nor the money to purchase one. However, this family worked hard to be faithful to their religious practices and to God as they understood him.

Whereas other Gospel writers focus almost all of their attention on male characters, Luke is careful to balance stories of men with stories of women in his life. Elizabeth and Mary were the "stars" of the first two chapters of Luke's Gospel (not Zechariah or Joseph).



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“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.”

Sheepish Question:
God dedicated his only son to our salvation— what is the most important thing that I have dedicated to God?

When Jesus is presented in public for the first time, Luke makes a point of stating that a man and a woman, Simeon and Anna (whom he calls a “prophetess”), both recognize the baby for the extraordinary person he is—the hope of the Jews and a light to the Gentiles (all of whom were not Jewish).

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think about some of the Gospel stories featuring women. Which ones stand out for you? Why?
- 2 Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus as someone who will be a positive force for people across religious divides. Who in modern history can you say the same of? What was it about them that made them appealing to people of different backgrounds?

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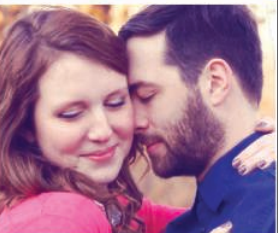
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