Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass  9:30 am – Contemporary Holy Mass
11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

**TODAY**

10:45 am – SOCL Classes
11:00 am – St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal
ANS Meeting following 9:30 mass (see announcement)

**MONDAY, February 3rd**

NO Bible Study

**THURSDAY, February 6th**

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

**SATURDAY, February 8th**

9:30 am – Confirmation class
10:30 am – First Communion class

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 9th – Septuagesima Sunday**

Holy Mass: 8:00 am Traditional  9:30 am Contemporary  11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

**THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st. Please submit all annual reports by February 7th so that they can be prepared for distribution to all parishioners in a timely manner before the meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Committee, please submit your name to Parish Office. Thank you.

**MASS ADJUSTMENT re: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – On Sunday, March 1st one Mass at 9:00 am will be celebrated at the Cathedral to facilitate a more timely conclusion to the annual meeting. Please make note of this adjustment for this day and plan accordingly.

**ANS UPDATES** – The ANS will hold its monthly meeting & Election of Officers today in the Board Room. New members welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to Mary Lou Crispino & daughter Stacey Shrive for January Altar Care. May the Holy Spirit bestow his blessings upon you both.

**ANS 300 CLUB WINNERS** – Congratulations to the ANS 300 Club Winners 8th week’s drawing held on Sunday, January 26th!!! $100.00 Connie Tellep; $50.00 Lisa Soloski, Chuck Bilinski; $25 ANS Society, Debbie Godek, Ann Loew, Betty Kull.
THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE of the UNION of SCRANTON – This week Bp. Bernard will accompany the Primate to Mainz, Germany. They will join with other bishops and clergy of the Union of Scranton along with invited international guests to a theological conference of the Union of Scranton under the auspices of the German Administration of the Nordic Catholic Church (NCC). Bishop Flemestad, head of the NCC, in his invitation writes the following:

Dear friends!

How are we to survive the present crisis of the Christian faith? In order to survive the present collapse of faith, we have to ask: What are the secularizing dynamics in the Western culture? It makes sense to see the present collapse of Christian faith in connection with the emergence of a new form of society, based on what is usually called “institutionalized individualism”. However, when the individual is “king” religious practice necessarily becomes a private matter, too often rooted in ways and ideas to which Christianity is peripheral.

In the present parish culture we must acknowledge that there are too many half- and half-disciples who attempt to follow Jesus without real commitment. Having identified the problem we must ascertain that the community we are part of promotes the Christian faith and nothing else.

Therefore we must address the spiritual life of the individual as part of the parochial community as St Paul admonishes in the plural: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).

[... ] Thus, this reorientation “back to basics” cannot be done as a nostalgic effort to “restore” an idealized past, but must include a realistic confrontation with the present crisis.

Bp. Bernard and the Primate will be involved in this effort from Wednesday, February 5th to Monday the 10th. On Sunday the 9th, Prime Bishop Anthony, as the Archbishop of the Union of Scranton, will deliver the homily at Mass to the assembled clergy and faithful at the Bernhardkapelle, Erbacher Hof, Mainz.

JESUS’ PRESENTATION at the TEMPLE – CANDLEMAS DAY – This is a solemnity of our Lord celebrated on Feb. 2, also known both as Candelmas. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus’ birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8). The feast is celebrated about forty days after Christmas. According to the account of Lk 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. Simeon’s prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle Nunc dimittis. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. This feast was known as “Candelmas.” Today we bless candles that will be used in the Cathedral throughout the coming year.

A CANDLEMAS MEDITATION: BECOME A LIGHT - Behold then, the candle alight in Simeon’s hands. You must light your own candles by lighting them at his, those lamps which the Lord commanded you to carry in your hands. So come to Simeon and be enlightened that you do not only carry lamps but become them, shining within yourself and radiating light to your neighbors. May there be a lamp in your heart, in your hand and in your mouth: let the lamp in your heart shine for yourself, the lamp in your hand and mouth shine for your neighbors. The lamp in your heart is a reverence for God inspired by faith; the lamp in your hand is the example of a good life; and the lamp in your mouth are the words of consolation you speak.

- Guerric of Igny c. 1070-1157

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