

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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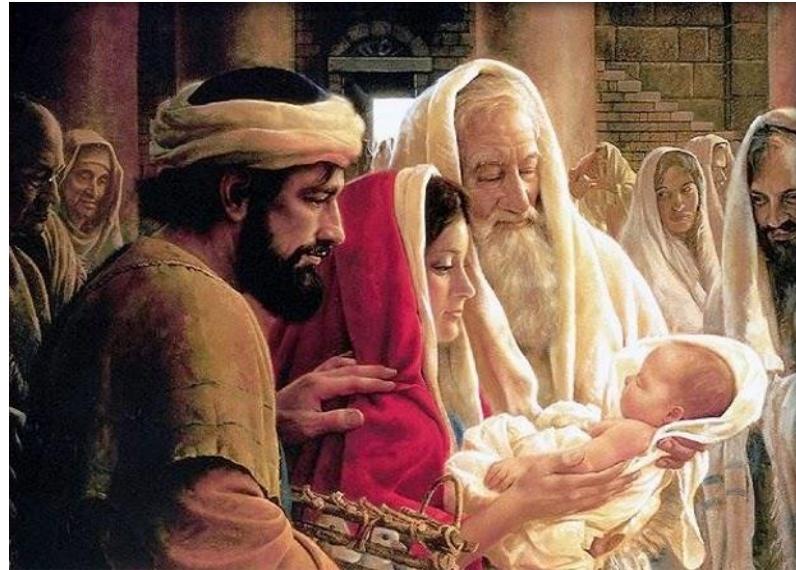
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## Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020



**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

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### TODAY

10:45 am – SOCL Classes

11:00 am - St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal

ANS Meeting following 9:30 mass (see announcement)

### MONDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

NO Bible Study

### THURSDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### SATURDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please submit all annual reports by **February 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup> week's drawing held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>!!! \$100.00 Connie Tellep; \$50.00 Lisa Soloski, Chuck Bilinski; \$25 ANS Society, Debbie Godek, Ann Loew, Betty Kull.

### *Lectors:*

**2/2** – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – E. Hughes & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**2/9** – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – B. Seliga & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**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 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Candlemas. 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 Song of Simeon - (“Lord, lettest now thy servant depart in peace .... for mine eyes have seen thy salvation ....), *which the Cathedral Chorale will render for us today in a very creative, non-traditional setting.* Celebration of the feast dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. This feast was known as "Candlemas." 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*

**VALENTINE DANCE 2020** – The annual Valentine Dance sponsored by the YMS of R will be held on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the St. Stanislaus Youth Center. The cost for this event will be \$37.50/person or \$75.00/couple; B.Y.O.B. – with beer and soda provided. The buffet dinner will be from 7:00 - 8:00 pm followed by music and dancing provided by THE WANABEES until 12:00 am. For tickets and information for this event please contact Jake Stankowski @ 570-341-0986. Hope to see everyone there for a night of fellowship, dancing and delicious homemade food. *Help with setup on Sunday afternoon, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as well as Friday evening, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be greatly appreciated.*

**TROPHIES** – Many trophies have been placed in the Cathedral's lower auditorium in many places for many years for many athletic endeavors. Our parishioners are invited to see them, review the events for which they were awarded and, if so desired, take them home as a remembrance of the special occasions they signify. Parishioners are invited to do this through the end of February after which the remaining trophies will be archived.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** – The **first-floor apartment** at 1115 Pittston Ave. is available for rent. Anyone interested please call Ed Borek at the Parish Office 570-961-9231.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **fruit snacks** on Sunday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Feb 2** – Michael Umerich; **Feb 3** – Jake Stankowski, Kylie Patrick; **Feb 5** – Gloria Makowski, Mary Coloma; **Feb 6** – Jacob Gerardi, Joanne Edwards

**FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL** – **January 30<sup>th</sup>** – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli

***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

**Tuesday, February 4**  
8:30 am – Mass of the day

**FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME** – Paul Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Michael Golembeski, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Frances Loss, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chet Nezelkewicz, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.