

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 28, 2024**

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS  
1:15 PM ENG  
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

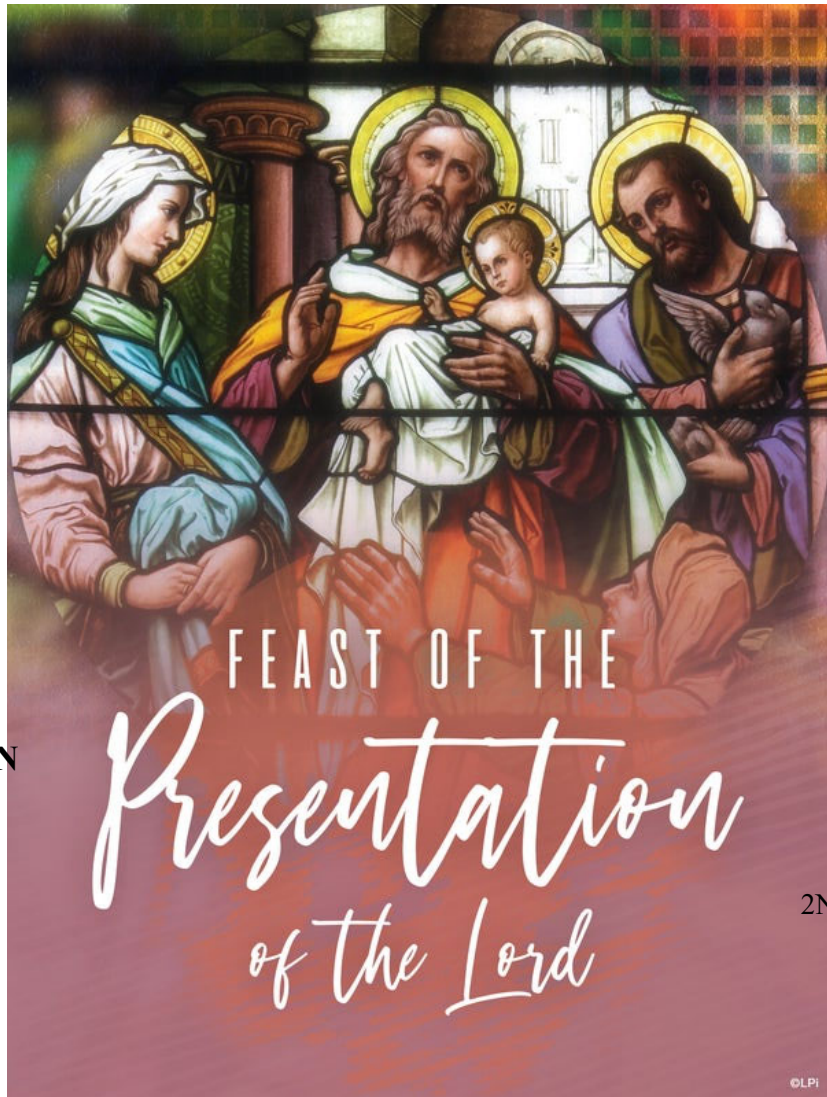
## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS  
4:00 to 4:45 PM  
and  
THURSDAYS BEFORE  
FIRST FRIDAYS  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS  
7:00 AM  
SATURDAYS  
8:00 AM  
SATURDAY  
EVENINGS  
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS  
8:00 & 9:15 AM  
10:30 AM (Polish)  
12:00 Noon

## RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon  
& 1 PM to 4 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

## MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

## PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

## LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER

1ST SAT. AFTER  
8 AM MASS

### Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.  
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

### ST. JOHN PAUL II REGIONAL SCHOOL

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# 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 28, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5:00 pm + Mary and Stanley Sydlowski  
+ Janet, Dillon (A) and Steven Perry  
Blessings for St. Isidore's Altar Rosary Society  
+ Stasia Grabowski / + James De Rosa

### 4TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:00 am + Bertha Stepnoski  
9:15 am + Peter Kruszon  
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
(PL) Birthday Blessings for Ksavery Wasilewski  
W intencji Alex i Jadwiga Radlinski  
O zdrowie i bogoslawienstwo w dniu urodzin  
dla Haliny Jolbrzykowskiej / + Stasia Grabowski  
+ Urszula, Jozef and Feliksa Sawickich  
12 Noon + Carl Pfaff

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

7:00 am + Julie Zotos & Family / + Maryclaire O'Donnell

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

7:00 am For a Return to the Church, Faith and  
Sacraments for Felicja Dorsey Adams  
+ Warren T. Clark

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

7:00 am + Barbara Kobielski / Health for Mary Ann Patricio

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

7:00 am + Joseph Czulada, Sr.  
Blessings and Good Health for Frank and Doris  
Donohue

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

7:00 am Blessings for Dianne Massiello / + Richard Kane  
7:00 pm Rodzina Rozancowa i Radio Maryja

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:00 am + Marian, Chris and Andrzej Rozycki  
Intentions of the Baltera and Errick Families  
Healing for Patricia & Randy Racer / + Helen Anderson  
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased  
+ Frank and Jean Stasiukiewicz  
+ Edward & Helen Sujecki / + Stasia Grabowski  
Blessings for Waclawa Polak / + Diane Stark

### 4TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:00 am + Zielinski Family  
9:15 am + Vincent A. Doroszka, MD  
10:30 am + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy & Roman Wilinski  
(PL) + Irena Szlejter & Paul Andrychowski  
+ Krystyna Terepka (1st A) / + Teresa Lul  
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja  
+ Edward Gorski i duszew ozysecu cierpiace  
+ Kazimierz Sokol / O zgodzie bogoslawienstwo i  
radosc w Rodzinie i gospodarstwie Mirosława i Bogumily  
12 Noon + Peter Kruszon

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Adoration 12 to 1 PM  
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

### Thursday, February 1, 2024

Confession 4 to 5 PM

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats  
at 8 AM and 5 PM Masses

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

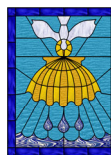
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Corinne Clark  
Rita Harmon*



## BAPTISM

We welcome:  
*Anthony Henry Rus*



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catherine and Charles J. Schy \* Madeline Galka \* Stanislaw Andrzychowski \* Grazyna Pawlak \* Gillen Family \* Christina Donovan \* Blythe Fickenwirth \* Gilbert Lebron, Sr. \* Irene Monahan \* Jody Breitfeller \* Benjamin Gonzalez \* Dominique Tirado \* Diana Perniciaro \* Sammy Brodie \* Bob Rozanski \* Doline Welch \* Joe and William Hiskey \* Sue Brooks \* Cathleen Mickaliger \* Joseph Stepnoski \* James Kenna \* Douglas Clark \* Eleanor Nystrom \* Margaret McCarthy \* Jan Suchta \* Justin \* Mike Smithwick \* Dakota Harmon \* Courtney Altman \* Cole Faller \* Claire Latour \* Halikias Family \* Liana Forstein \* Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini \* Thomas Ryall \* Anne Marie Donlon \* Dorothy Sousa \* Anthony Naglieri \* Thomas McEnany \* Mary Khulman \* Denise Babinski \* Michael Alperti \* Roseanne Murphy \* Barbara Kozlowski \* James West \* Elizabeth Farruggia \* Kelly Wine \* Mary Van Duesen \* Thomas DeGirolamo \* William Berenger \* Daria Quarlena \* Eileen Borchart \* Sheila Nolan \* Tom Wisniewski III \* Jean Reyes Carroll \* Jeffrey Clark \* James, George and Barbara Jaeger \* Ernest and Alex Aponte \* Helen Long \* Michael Miglionico \* Ralph Conforti \* The Barauskus Family \* Hope & Brittany Williams \* John Marion \* Emilia Andrzychowski \* Augie & Georgianna Lucente \* Johanna Benthall \* Michelle Giaccone \* Gloria Keller \* Howard Seifert \* Ed Kennedy \* Kit Z. \* Dolores Contino \* Agnes Brown \* Connie Giordano \* Krzysztof Olszowski \* Anders Ryden \* Kevin C. Cook \* Anita Costi \* Doriane Bay \* David Vallone \* Brittany Schacor \* Karen and Kim Finocchiaro \* Eleanor Koller \* Grace Mary Schulteis \* Victor Sechyshyn \* George Angle \* Marta Andreotta \* Melissa Alexandra \* Christian Vidal \* Suzanne Thompson \* Anna Grefe \* Anthony Mannino \* Marcella Frisen \* The Huntley Family \* Theresa Puglia \* Brian Darmody \* Leigh Anne Brown \* Dan Modjeska \* Judy Zakorski \* Marie Miley \* Marcjanna Stolarzewicz \* John Shuot \* Patrick Murphy \* Brian Crowley \* Louise Pampinello \* Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

## COLLECTIONS

**Today, January 28th:** Sunday and Church In Need (Church In Need—monies from this collection will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help: Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa.)

**Next Week, February 4th:** Sunday and Monthly School

Thank you for your generosity!



## Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction

“Always humble yourself before the mercy of our God, and thank him for the favors he has shown you. This is the best disposition from which to receive new graces that our heavenly Father, out of the depth of His love for you, wants to give you. It is only logical that a person who does not respond with gratitude and continual thanksgiving for such gifts does not deserve to receive more of them. Yes, entrust yourself to God and always thank Him for everything, and you will defy and conquer all the wrath of hell.”

To Raffaelina Cerase, April 20, 1915

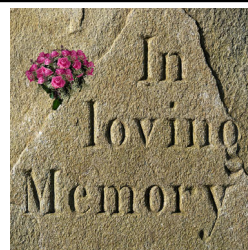


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## **OPEN HOUSE**

TODAY, Sunday, January 28th  
11 am to 1 pm  
515 Marcy Ave., Riverhead

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Or visit us at [sjp2regional.org](http://sjp2regional.org)



## **MEMORIALIZE YOUR LOVED ONES**

The Bread and Wine (\$25) and the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25) may be donated in memory of a deceased family member for the week.

In addition, the Missalettes (\$100) may be donated for a month in memory of a deceased person.

Flowers for the altar may also be donated in a loved one's memory (\$100).

# The Feast of the Presentation

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According to the Church's liturgical calendar, **the feast held on Feb. 2 each year is in honor of the Presentation of the Lord.** Some Catholics recall this day as the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary because such was the feast day named until the 1969 changes in the Church's calendar.

In fact, according to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered during Mass on Feb. 2. Also, in several countries, Candlemas is simultaneously celebrated on this day and involves a candlelight procession that was popularized in the Middle Ages. Until the Second Vatican Council the feasts on Feb. 2 ended the Christmas season. Today, the season ends in January on the feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

As early as the fourth century Christians commemorated the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, but, at the time, there was no feast name attached. In seventh-century Rome, the Church named the celebration the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother Mary, and it remained that way for nearly 1,300 years. In the reforms after Vatican II, the feast was given a stronger focus on Jesus (by stressing the Presentation of Jesus), but clearly the events of purification and presentation that took place when Jesus was 40 days old (see Lk 2:22-39) are tied together and thus commemorated together.

## Purification and Presentation

Under Mosaic law found in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean (see 12:1-8). The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple. If her child was a male, this exclusion lasted for 40 days. If the child was female, the period lasted 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother.

At the end of the 40 or 80 days the woman presented herself at the Temple to be purified. If the baby was her firstborn male child, the infant was brought along to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God (see 13:2-16). This law is a tribute to God for His sparing the firstborn Israelite males during the time of the Exodus from Egypt. The firstborn Egyptian male children, of course, were not spared.

The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring, or purchase at the Temple, a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtledove was a sin offering. Families that could not afford a lamb could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves. After these animals were sacrificed, the Temple priest prayed over the woman and she could once again resume her normal role or status.

Mary, the ever-spotless Mother of God, certainly did not have to comply with this ritual, but did so to honor God and observe all the rules handed down by Moses. She was the holiest of all women, but she still submitted to the humbling requirements of the law. She remained at home for 40 days, denied herself all association with sacred things and on the day required walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the Temple in Jerusalem. Arriving at the Temple, Mary likely stood in line and waited her turn to see the priest.

## Nunc Dimittis

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification. Along with Mary's willing submission, Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay five shekels into the Temple treasury. The Savior of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy. "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-24; see Nm 18:15-16).

The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day (see 2:22-38). They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child; he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (2:29-32). The hymn has traditionally been termed the *Nunc Dimittis*, from the Latin, "*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace.*"

Like Mary, Jesus the Divine Son of God did not have to undergo these rituals, but His parents willingly complied in order to pay tribute to Jewish laws, to avoid any possible scandal and in so doing demonstrated profound humility. They acquiesced to the law like all poor Jewish families.

The Holy Family must have experienced great joy, even wonder at all that had happened to them. Consider the events of the previous weeks. First, the shepherds miraculously arrived to adore and praise Jesus on the night He was born. And now, Simeon, another stranger, singles out Jesus as the Savior, not only of Israel but of the world. Someday all the other children being presented will know Jesus as their Savior. But here in the Temple there is also pain. The old prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit, tells Mary that she will experience unspeakable grief because of the outrageous way the world would judge and treat her Son. But Mary remained always committed to God's will and to her Son.

Feb. 2 is on the liturgical calendar as the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, but in addition to the presentation, the Mass recalls Mary's humble submission to the purification ritual.

# The Feast of St. Blaise



Blaise is a saint in the Catholic, Western Rite Orthodoxy, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches and is the patron saint of wool combers and of sufferers from ENT illnesses. It is said from being a healer of bodily ailments, Saint Blaise was to become an expert on souls, then he retired for a time to a cavern where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. As bishop of Sebastea, Blaise instructed people as much by his example as by his words, and his great virtues and his sanctity were attested by many miracles. People were said to flock to him for cures of bodily and spiritual ills. He is said to have healed animals, who came to him on their own for his assistance, and in turn to have been helped by animals.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

When he reached Sebastea, the woman came to him and brought two fine wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

In the Middle Ages, Blaise became quite popular and his legend as a beast tamer spread. He was then referred to as the "saint of the wild beast."

There is a Saint Blaise's Well in Kent, and the water is believed to have medicinal properties. A Blessing of the Throats ceremony is held every February 3 at Saint Etheldreda's Church in London and Balve, Germany.

A Catholic middle school was named after Saint Blaise in Bradford, West Yorkshire. The name was decided upon when the link between Bradford and the woolen industry was connected to the way St. Blaise was martyred with wool comb.

In the Latin Church, his feast falls on 3 February. In the Eastern Churches, it is on 11 February. According to the Acta Sanctorum, in 316 the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, Agricola, began a persecution of him by order of the Emperor Licinius, and Blaise was seized. After his interrogation and a severe scourging, he was imprisoned, beaten, tortured with iron combs, and beheaded.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. He is also often shown with steel combs. The similarity of the steel combs and the wool combs made a large contribution to Saint Blaise's leadership as the patron saint of wool combers and the wool trade.



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“Thank you so much for everything!  
God bless you.”

“O gracias a cada uno de las personas que nos brindan amor, para la familia estamos muy contentos por todos los presents que nos dieron el 2023, gracias a ustedes y a dios por lo inmenso que es con nosotros.”

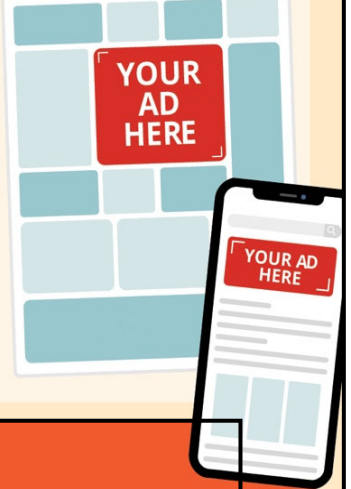
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