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### Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

#### A Sabbath Thought

Jesus' presentation at the temple fulfills the revelation Simeon received by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Light of the world and the King of glory. It is our ministry to carry the light of Christ into the world.

#### About Today's Bible Readings

##### MALACHI 3:1-4

The Lord's coming to his temple brings the promise of his salvation along with the challenge to us to share in the achievement of that salvation

##### PSALM 24:7, 8, 9, 10

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

##### HEBREWS 2:14-18

By becoming fully human, Jesus shared in every human experience: joy, temptation, suffering, even death.

##### LUKE 2:20-40

The poverty of the holy family could not hide the glory of the Lord who dwelt in it. Simeon spent his life waiting for this light to appear.

#### ENTRANCE RITE – Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11

*V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

**R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### ALLELUIA – Isaiah 49:6b

I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

#### THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus 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, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“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 the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

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# Worship Services

**TODAY – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Solemnity**

**Presentation of Our Lord**

**Blessing of Candles**

**Scouting Sunday**

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Cindy Cerminara offered by Fr. Sr. Don.

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Septuagesima**

*Oath of Office administered to newly elected Parish Officers during the 9:30 Mass.*

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Sexagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**KOLEŻA– BLESSING OF HOMES**

Fr. Sr. Donald will be blessing homes during this Season of Epiphany. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule along with the best time for you to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date.

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**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

We are pleased to gather Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

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### INTENTIONS:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier and those impacted by the fires in Southern California. For the repose of the soul of Cindy Cerminara and all of those who lost their lives in the tragic air disaster in Washington, DC. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**; Picnic Committee Meeting at 10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Sunday, February 16**; the ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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### NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about ten new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made Payable to "St, Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.