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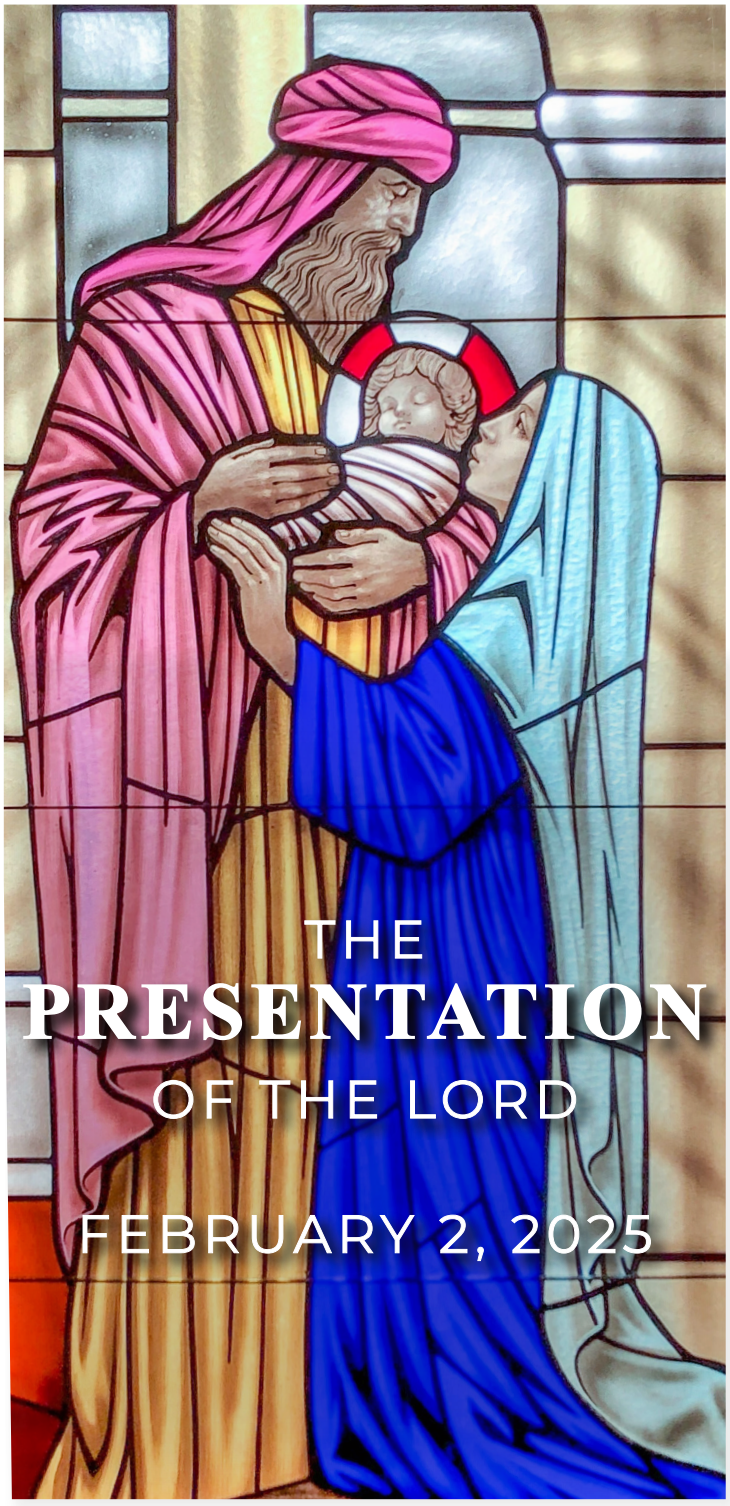

Rev. Lawrence D. Ryan, Pastor

Rev. Emmanuel Conduah, In Residence
Rev. Joseph D'Aco, In Residence
Deacon Edwin Arguera
Deacon Gerry Devine
Deacon Michael Saez

Louise OConnor, Office Manager

Kathryn Sisto, Coord. of Religious Education

Ivonne Rojas, Director of Music

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 9 am*
Saturday: 9 am, 5:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am* (Sp.), 10:30 am* & Noon.

(* *Masses are also livestreamed on our Facebook page.*)

Private Prayer

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon

Confessions

Saturdays: 5 - 5:20 p.m., or by appointment.

Weddings and Baptisms

Please call the Rectory.

Funerals

Please have the Funeral Home call the Rectory.

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy

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Grades PreK-3 through 8

Stephanie Germann, Principal

THIS WEEK @ HNJ

Sunday, February 2

10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Sunday: *Shepherds Hall*
2 p.m. Housing Not HiRises: *Shepherds Hall*

Tuesday, February 4

10:30 a.m. FORMED Home Group: *(917) 981-8644*

Wednesday, February 5

6:30 p.m. AlAnon: *Rectory Basement*
8:30 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Thursday, February 6

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts: *Shepherds Hall*

Friday, January 7

4 p.m. Irish Step Dance: *Shepherds Hall*
7 p.m. Grupo de Oracion: *Rectory Basement*
7 p.m. Cub Scouts: *CS Room*

Saturday, February 8

8 a.m. Umpire Clinic: *Gym*
1 p.m. Radio Bingo Sch. Fundraiser: *Shep. Hall*
7 p.m. AA: *Rectory Basement*

Sunday, February 9

8 a.m. Hispanic Committee: *Rectory Basement*
9 a.m. Communion Proxima Prep: Shep. Hall
10 a.m. Cursillo: *Rectory Basement*

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

February 2 – after 10:30 a.m. Mass

The Knights of Columbus will host Hospitality Sunday in Shepherds Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday, February 2. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship — everyone is welcome!

CANDLEMAS DAY

Sunday, February 2

February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is also Candlemas Day, a day when, by tradition, candles for the home are blessed. We will have a "Blessing of the Candles " immediately before all of our weekend Sunday Masses (including the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil) on February 1 and 2.

MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE

Monday, February 3

Monday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, which traditionally is the day for the **Blessing of Throats**. At Holy Name, we will bless throats after:

- The 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 1,
- All Masses on Sunday, February 2, and
- After the 9 a.m. Mass until 10 a.m. on Monday, February 3.

COLLECTION RESULTS

January 26, 2025

1st Collection Total to Parish $3.751
(Collection Baskets: $1,902; Faith Direct: $1,849.)

2nd Collection To Diocese for Churches in Need will be announced in a future Bulletin.

Catch Up Collection.....$750
(Past 1st Collections: $590; past 2nd Collections: $160.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Victims of Los Angeles Wildfires

Bishop Brennan has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up collections to aid the victims of the Los Angeles Wildfires. We will do this in HNJ Parish during the weekend Masses on February 1 and 2.

All loose cash and checks in the Second Collections will be sent to the Diocese for the Wildfire Victims. All Parish Building Repair envelopes and Second Collection Faith Direct donations will come to the Parish. Please note: there are no Special Diocesan envelopes for this effort. If you wish to make a specific donation, please make a note on your check or place cash in a plain envelope marked "Los Angeles Wildfire Victims" Thank you!

SIDEWALKS AND ASPHALT DRIVE RAISED ALMOST $155,000

Our special drive to raise funds to help pay for sidewalks and asphalt replacements and repairs ended on January 15, 2025. Donations totaled $154,588. Acknowledgment letters will be going out to donors shortly.

We are still planning to complete this extensive and expensive work this spring and summer. As always, thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH PARTY

Saturday, March 8, 2025
Starting at 7 p.m.

Music, Dinner, Beer, Wine & Soda

$50 per person

Call the Rectory Office at (718) 768-3071 by Monday, February 24 to reserve your seats!

A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

This Sunday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus at the Temple. It is also World Day for Consecrated Life. This is a good day to think about "just what is consecrated life?"; "who are the men and women in consecrated life?"; and "why do they continue to be so important to the Church in the modern world?".

First, what is consecrated life? Well, in general terms, we're all "consecrated" or "dedicated to the service of God" through our baptisms. We're certainly all called to be holy. But, of course, the Church is focusing on something more special on the World Day for Consecrated Life. To better understand just what Consecrated Life is, you have to begin with some things the Church calls the "precepts" and some things the Church call the "evangelical counsels".

In very broad terms, the "precepts" are things that we have to do; failure to obey them would be sinful. The "evangelical counsels" are things over and above what we have to do. More precisely, the precepts are intended to remove or avoid whatever is totally incompatible with charity. The "evangelical counsels" are intended to remove whatever might hinder the development with charity, even if it was something not totally contrary to charity.

There are many evangelical counsels and we're all invited to practice them in a way most appropriate to our state of life. But three of the most important ones are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Consecrated life is defined as a permanent state of life, recognized by the Church, entered into freely in response to Christ's call, and characterized by making vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. No one is required to make these vows as a way to reach Heaven. No one is required to surrender control over one's material goods, to surrender the possibility of marriage or to surrender a large amount of your autonomy to a superior. Those in consecrated life do these things in response to Christ's call to that way of life. They do these things as a way of seeking a greater perfection of charity.

Who are the people in consecrated life? Well, the ones we are most familiar with are the sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders or communities. They have all taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. In their obedience, they follow the spirituality and charism (i.e., the unique purpose or apostolate — like teaching or health care) of their order's founder or foundress, but missions or apostolates can change over time to meet changing needs. In addition to the sisters, brothers, and priests in religious communities involved in more active apostolates, there are nuns and monks (both brothers and priests) whose communities have more contemplative charisms and who live out their lives in cloistered monasteries.

(By way of full disclosure, Diocesan priests like me are not in Consecrated Life. Instead of vows, Diocesan priests make promises to remain celibate, to obey our Bishops, and to lead a simple lifestyle.)

What is the importance of Consecrated Life to all of us who are not in Consecrated Life? The first answer is that Consecrated Life is important because of all that those in Consecrated Life do for the rest of us. All of us should be grateful for all that those in active apostolates in Consecrated Life have done and continue to do in education, in health care, in social services, in pastoral services and many other areas. We should all be grateful for what the nuns and monks in more contemplative communities do for us by their prayers.

But we should care about those in Consecrated Life not just for what they do, but even more importantly because of who they are. Remember, they have voluntarily vowed to do their best to live out those evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience as a means of perfecting the charity that is the essence of the Gospel. On this World Day for Consecrated Life, and always, we thank God for the gift of those who are called to Consecrated Life. ✝

(Sources for this Note include The Catechism of the Catholic Church [Paragraphs 914-945] and Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter for the Year of Consecrated Life [Nov.21, 2014])

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord; Candlemas; World Day for Consecrated Life

7:30 a.m. Int. of Eileen O'Donovan
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Amarilis Crisostomo Picazo

10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie, Peter & Vinny Camastro

12 p.m. Daniel McNulty

Monday, February 3

St. Blasie; St. Ansgar

9 a.m. Walter Kash

Tuesday, February 4

9 a.m. Maria Garcia

Wednesday, February 5

St. Agatha

9 a.m. William & Mary Dolan

Thursday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

9 a.m. John L. Murphy

Friday, February 7

9 a.m. Patrick & Ruth McCarthy

Saturday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

9 a.m. Hubert Owens

5:30 p.m. Ronnie Sheehan
Patrick O'Halloran
Amarilis Crisostomo Picazo
Farran & Buonocore
Grandparents

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

7:30 a.m. Gregory Rydzyk
Parish Purgatorial Society

9 a.m. Maria Rosa Torres
People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie, Peter & Vinny Camastro

12 p.m. Pamela Ann Gallogly

HOLY NAME FOOD PANTRY

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1987

We will distribute food from the Rectory Basement from 1 - 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays February 8 & 22 and March 8 & 22.

The food pantry currently needs rice and tomato sauce.

Thank you to the Brooklyn Quilters for their recent monetary gifts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and those who give them care, especially: Eileen McNally; Eugenia Romps; Deidre Murphy; Maureen Cullen; Diane Paul, Reese Lambert. Jean Volkes; Jack Cregg; Dora Sisto; J. M.; Tom Duggan; Lina Pira; Linda Papio; Christine Harkins; Joseph Parma Delia; Mary Ann Robertson; Coach Donald Kent; Richard Rodriguez; Hyunja Paasch; George Capella; John Marsillo; Connie Nugent; Alayne Cox; Holly Palazzo; Ted Shea; Penelope Seiss; Thomas Nugent; Mary Pat Stasiak; Rosauro Peña; Lisa Feldman; Patricia Donleavy; Bill Slattery; Camille Tiftafeh; Patrick Cregg; Catherine Donovan; Joseph Cox; Cheryl Jablow; and Dcn. Felipe Almendárez.

... AND FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:

Please pray for the members of our community who have gone before us into the fullness of life, especially **Julia H. Heegan** and **Theresa McDermott**.

Please remember those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society as well, especially **Madeline Amato**.

Looking More Closely at the Word

THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart? ©LPi