

Please pray for the health and the healing of our friends and relatives: Larry Harkins, Joyce Rogers, Stacy Polasko, Billy Adkins, Carolyn Johnson, Angie McKibben, Cullen Rowley, Kathy Means, Doug Gilliland, Mary Buhl, Jim Sheaffer, Lela Rathburn, Ben Montgomery, Dorothy Booth, Adam Calhoun, Jack Hagerty, Colleen Phillips, and all of our Armed Forces

Year of the Family

Living the Liturgical Year
Celebrating Saints and Feasts to
Enrich Hearts and Homes

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 27
11:00 a.m. Clara O’Leary
--Vicki Harkins

Wednesday, January 30
5:30 p.m. Relatives & friends of the
Witczak & Periat families
-Barbara Periat

Sunday, February 3
11:00 a.m. Jim McArthy
-Bill & Mary Ellen Nose

(When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, please send in at least one month in advance, the sooner the better. Due to print deadlines, intentions requested in less than a week will be placed at the soonest possible date if not already reserved by someone else.)



February 2: The Presentation of the Lord (or Candlemas)

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family and so it is fitting that this month begin with this feast

of the Holy Family at the temple. In accordance with the Mosaic law, Mary and Joseph presented the Infant Jesus to the Lord at the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. This feast is also known as Candlemas, and is considered a “Christmas feast” as it is the last one in the liturgical year celebrated for the Infant Jesus. It is traditional to have the blessing of candles on this day which harkens to Simeon’s prophecy (in the Gospel reading for this feast (Luke 2:29-32)) “...a Light to reveal Thee to the nations...”. We know Jesus is our Light and this feast reminds us to keep our hearts ready for Him so that we recognize Him as Simeon and Anna did for scripture tells us “...suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek” (Mal 3:1).

Crepes are the traditional dish for this feast and if you would like to try them here is a good recipe:

<http://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2009/02/candlemas-crepes.html>
We thought we would try something friendlier to make ahead and very easy, this flaming dessert really reminds us of the Light of Christ!

RECIPE: Snowballs on Fire (from catholicculture.org)

- sparklers or birthday candles (enough for each person to have 1)
- ice cream
- coconut, flaked preferred but shredded will work
- sherbert glasses or tumblers
- chocolate sauce

Use scoops or balls of ice cream and roll them in the coconut. Then place the balls on a chilled baking sheet and put them in the freezer for at least an hour but they could be prepared ahead, frozen one hour then transferred to sealed containers in the freezer until ready to use. At serving time, cover the bottom of the glass about 1/2 inch deep with chocolate sauce. Place the coconut-crust ice cream ball on top of the sauce and insert the sparkler (or birthday candle if you could not find sparklers at this time of year). Turn out the lights and bring in the dessert

READING:
(family) **Waiting, Waiting, Waiting The Story of Simeon and Anna** by Patricia L. Nederveld,
Baby Jesus Visits the Temple by Alice Earnheart Maas,
The Story of Anna the Prophetess by Daniel Parish Kidder

Canticle of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)
Lord, now you may let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Also this week:
January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas Read more about this “Angelic Doctor of the Church” at [http:// www.newadvent.org/cathen/14663b.htm](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14663b.htm)
January 31: St. John Bosco Read more about this great saint and founder of the Salesians at [http:// www.donboscowest.org/saints/donbosco](http://www.donboscowest.org/saints/donbosco)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT
For Sunday February 3, 2019

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| Altar Servers | Rachel Ryan |
| Lectors | Vicki Harkins Mary Ellen Nose |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Kathleen Bledsoe Judy Oiler |

The U.S. bishops’ pastoral on stewardship reinforces today’s reading from 1 Corinthians: “Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body’s health and well-being are the responsibility of the members — the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church.”

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| <i>Thank you for your generous support.</i> | Weekly Offertory | Fiscal Year to date Offertory |
| Budgeted – 1/20/19 | \$ 1,261.54 | \$ 37,146.20 |
| Actual– 1/20/19 | \$ | \$ 29,726.75 |
| Difference | (\$) | (\$ 6,157.91) |

Sr Christina Kraus OSF is now in Stella Niagara Mother House her address is below:

Sr Christina Kraus OSF
4212 Lower River Road
Stella Niagara NY 14144

Some may remember Sr. Christina when she was in charge of the St. Francis Center in McArthur many years ago.



Baby Bottle Campaign
Baby Bottles should be returned by next weekend, February 3.



From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

"Brothers and Sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are all one body, so also Christ" (from our Second Reading this weekend).

We hear in Paul's Letter to the Corinthians that we are one body in Christ. The body is complex, but it has one goal: movement toward Jesus Christ. Over the past 70 years, theologians began to describe the Church in these similar ways; the Church is the Body of Christ. Paul was addressing the divisions of the Church in Corinth, especially due to the lax morals and discipline. It is clear that this text from Paul still applies today. Unfortunately, the Church faces some of these divisions and we can be tempted to be in separate "camps" or "tribes." This disunity can apply to moral teachings, church leadership, and even to the liturgy.

We may not know it (because we live normal lives- thank God), but liturgy can be a dividing point for many in the Church. I recall in seminary, there was always an excitement among many about vestments and chalices and that was it: that is the liturgy. Lot of non-sensical talk and 'liturgical' discussions that would probably bore the general public. Given how I was raised, I could picture my parents saying to me: this is missing the entire point and this is the opposite of normal adult Christian behavior. Instead, we should be asking: How is the liturgy celebrated? Are we humble when we approach the liturgy? Do we understand what is happening? These are important questions to ask. It is necessary to give our best, but Mass is much more than vestments and rubrics (although important). I've just finished the book entitled *The Mass* by Fr. Josef Jungmann, S.J. (1889-1975), which gives a spiritual and historical summary of the Mass from the Last Supper until 1970. In this work, he cites some of the changes and developments in the Mass over the centuries. We see differences between the Western and Eastern church and even in other specific areas. For example, what type of bread was used in a region or where the altar was located in the church/house. In summary, Jungmann reminds us that the nature and purpose of the Mass *always* remains, but styles may change over time. This is so important to keep in mind.

The liturgy is never to be used as a *weapon for an agenda* and it is not a *time machine*. When we offer the Eucharist, we become part of the divine plan of redemption. Christ is present in the here and now: the Word, the assembly gathered, the priest, and most especially in the Eucharist. The Church cannot go back to how things were in 1500, 1962 or 1985. The liturgy fuels us as the Body of Christ to meet and address the demands of *today*. When we worship, we are one untied with Christ. We come from different backgrounds and this adds to the richness of the Body of Christ.

In the liturgy, we are unified with the living and the dead. Those individuals who have gone before us were fed by that same Eucharist. In conclusion, Jungmann, S.J. leaves us with this powerful statement on the liturgy: "Of all the attempts at change and adaptation, there remains that solid, constant stable. For two millenniums, generation after generation, God's people have been gathering together around the sacrament of the sacrifice of Christ offered on the Cross. Through all these centuries people have found divine support in it, have drawn strength and courage for heroic renunciation, or for mighty deeds, or even for the quiet heroism of fulfilling their duties in the silent routine of daily life." Let's take to heart what we pray, say, and do in the liturgy. May Paul's words ring true to us: "you are Christ's body."

Two other items:

- Next Sunday February 3rd, we will have the *St. Blaise Blessing of Throats* after Mass. The feast of St. Blaise is on February 3rd. He was a bishop in the region of Armenia in the early 300s. St. Blaise is the patron of those with throat illnesses. According to one tradition, he cured a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. The blessing is as follows: "By the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every illness of the throat and from every other evil..." Anyone can receive this blessing regardless of age. You do not have to be Catholic to receive it.
- On Sunday February 11th, the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* within the Mass will take place. Stay tuned to next week's bulletin for more information.

Have a great week!
Fr. Dooley

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**PICK OF THE WEEK,
January 27, 2019**

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator. Find this and more on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

