

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 1, 2020</b> Dorothy S. Peeney r/o Elaine Palatine
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 2, 2020</b> <b>Presentation of the Lord</b> People of the Parish Andrew Giancarli r/o Bernardino Zangrilli
<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 3, 2020</b> John Ungrady r/o Dr. Tom Ungrady
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 4, 2020</b> For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 5, 2020</b> Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Bensch r/o M/M Michael Coiante
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 6, 2020</b> Concetta Gutierrez (Anniv) r/o Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 7, 2020</b> For the Intention of Suzanne Sibley r/o Mother
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 8, 2020</b> Special Intention Dolores Brienza r/o Helen Marie Dolton
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 9, 2020</b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Robert W. Cook r/o Wife, Patricia Michael Nittoli r/o His Cousins: Dennis, Terry, Charlie & Dorothy



Registered Parishioners	719 families
Parishioners using envelopes	210
Envelope Contributions	\$4,200.50
Average Contribution	\$20.00
Loose Cash	\$625.00
Contributions for January 26th	\$4,825.50
The Collection for Kasana-Luweero Amounted to \$922.00	
Thank you for your generosity.	

## Extraordinary Ministers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b> Jackie Crane, Mary Anne & Claude LeGall
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b> Dennis Hice, Tom Maguire, Tom Voorhees <b>Preferred Care Visits:</b> MaryAnne LeGall Butch Kramer, Anna Adomaitis, Linda Reasoner

## Readers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b> Helen Marie Dolton
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b> Laura Shea Mike Delehenty

## Altar Servers

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b> Michael Montagna
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b> Nora Shea Dylan Rutkowski

## Parish Events

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** Novenas in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude follow morning Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 4:00 PM  
**Religious Education Classes - Sunday, February 2nd** for Grade 8 will take place in the Rectory from 9:15 to 10:25 AM  
**Monday, February 3rd** Classes Grades 1-7, 4:30-6 at Villa.  
**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** Seniors Club Meeting 11:00am - 25 members were present for the November meeting. We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch at the Blooming Grove. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. We are still meeting in room 208 at the Ewing Senior Bldg on Lower Ferry Road. Refreshments for the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be provided by Sandy Jones, Terri Lieggi and Mary Lincoln.



**Pray for our Sick:** Margaret Babecki, Michael Babick, Rosemarie Buker, Dianne Claire, Richard Cook, Sara Cooper, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Nick Gregorio, Sherri Hanlon, Marie Hegyi, Kevin McBride, Dolores Megesy, Keith Mello, Joan Moore, Marie Muscente, Kim Nash, Angelika Niranjani, Rita Obed, Vincent O'Dell, Joan Pachuta, Jeff Papp, Pat Robinson, Lucy Saganowski, Kristy Shanahan, Joan Shaw, Elayne Smith, Paul Sollami, Stephen Thoma, & Gary Vanderbilt and all parishioners who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office at 609-882-3277 to add a name to the prayer list and to inform us when all is well so we may take a name off the list.



**Coins for Charity** Containers are available at all entrances to the Church, February 1-2 for your donations. Also, please continue to place your Marrazzo's receipts in the baskets at the three entrances to the church. Your generosity is appreciated!

# The Presentation of the Lord



**Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats**  
February 1st and 2nd  
at all weekend Masses



## Parish Facility Improvement Project

Pledge cards and letters have been mailed to all registered members both are available also at each entrance to Church. You may return your pledge card by mail, place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Rectory Office. You can also enroll in Parish Giving through our website [www.olgcc.net](http://www.olgcc.net) and make your pledge online using automated bank transfers or through a credit card. Again, if you have any questions please let me know, and I will do my best to answer. As the campaign moves along, there will be updates about how we are progressing towards reaching our goal of \$200,000. Again, thank you so much for your support. Fortunately, there is light at the end of the tunnel for the Heating and Air Conditioning portion of the project, and we will see real progress on the rest of the building upgrades in the next few weeks. *God Bless you. Fr. Mike*

## Upcoming Bingos at Saint Ann School

**Cash bingo:** Friday, February 7, 2020  
\$75-\$400 in prizes per game | \$30 admission  
RSVP to [stannbingo@gmail.com](mailto:stannbingo@gmail.com)

**Handbag bingo:** Friday, February 21, 2020  
Bags from Coach, Michael Kors, Tory Burch,  
Kate Spade | \$30 admission  
RSVP to [lhartman71@hotmail.com](mailto:lhartman71@hotmail.com)  
Brought to you by the St. Ann School PTA  
Doors open 6:00 PM | Games begin 7:00 PM  
**Two nights of fun for all 21 and over!**

## KNIGHTS KORNER NEWS



As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The *Ewing Knights of Columbus Council 3756* can help



you answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources to help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. If you would like more information visit the Knights of Columbus internet site <http://www.kofc.org/un/joinus/en/index.html>. Or contact Past Grand Knight Eugene Blicharz @ 609-462-2689 or Grand Knight Frank Ferdetta @ 609-883-1559

## SAVE THE DATE

### Cohort #9 - Lenten Retreat

Speaker: Fr. Daniel Houde, O.S.S.T.  
Theme: **Forgiveness and Mercy:  
The Two Faces of God**



A reflection on the Lucan Parables of the Prodigal Son & The Good Samaritan.

### Tuesday, March 3, 2019 at OLG Church

- ◀ 7:30 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Prodigal Son - Confessions to follow the presentation

### Wednesday, March 4, 2019 at Incarnation Church

- ◀ 6:45 AM - Morning Mass with Homily
- ◀ 1:00 – 2:00 PM - Holy Hour: Recitation of the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Quiet Time, Confessions.
- ◀ 7:00 PM: Lenten Talk – The Good Samaritan, Confessions to follow the presentation.

## Scholarship Submission

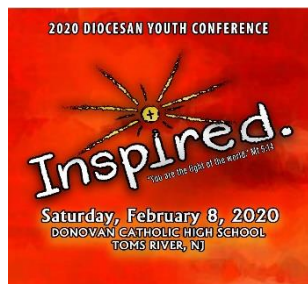
In 2020, The Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies is again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who, with the senior's parents, are practicing Roman Catholic and members of the parish. The interested senior may call Mr. Robert Zotta, Mercer County Federation coordinator and scholarship awards chairman at 609-586-3360 for more information concerning the scholarship application process. Deadline for submission of applications is February 21, 2020.

## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>



There will be blessing of the throats after all weekend masses, February 1-2, 2020. St. Blaise is the patron saint of sore throats because of his miraculous healing of a child who was choking to death on a fishbone.

St. Blaise is a Saint that is seen as an example of the power those have, who give themselves, entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith, we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.



## Diocesan Youth Conference

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
All teens  
Grades 8 to 12  
Are welcome!

Please visit for more info:  
<https://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/dyc>

# February 2, 2020

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



[Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Responsorial Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10](#)

[Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

[Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32](#)

### Blood & Flesh

The last time the [Feast of the Presentation](#) took place on a Sunday was in 2014.\* To present a firstborn child in Jesus' days meant the purification of the mother, which in turn demanded a sacrifice. The Book of [Leviticus](#) gives the prescription for purification: killing of a year-old lamb, or another animal. Poor people such as Joseph and Mary could not afford a first-born lamb, so they were allowed to sacrifice just a pigeon or a turtledove.\*\*

Alright, then, what is a "sacrifice"?

**Sacrifice  
includes  
suffering  
and it  
includes  
death.**

The word had many meanings in the times before Jesus' birth. On the Feast of the Presentation, here is an attempt to understand this somewhat difficult topic.

For much of history, the realm of the gods was considered something far off from the daily world of earth. In our world there was suffering, death, sin, warfare, uncleanness. In the godly realm there was none of this, or at least not much. So, might there be a way to disconnect something from here and send it somehow as a peace offering into heaven? The gift would have to be of high value, of course, so it should be the "first fruit," or the first born lamb, etc., which would mean it was "pure."

How was it sent to the heavenly realm? By putting it to death. This part of the ritual would release its final binding to our world and send it into the heavens. "Priests" were set aside from ordinary life to preside, separated, so they could be understood as disconnected from this world.

This notion of sacrifice developed through the ages, and it came to be applied to Jesus and to Christianity. Here is a sketch of the outcome.

God's self, his Word, came among us as a tiny human babe, the firstborn child of the Divine. If this firstborn were to grow up and become a sacrifice, then never again would anyone think that the doors to God were closed and locked, at least if they understood through faith who Jesus was. He, the Word of God, would participate in everything earthly (except sin). "Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in these things," St. Paul says in the [Second Reading](#). His crucifixion could then be seen as the death prescribed in sacrifice.

In the temple, Simeon rejoices in the following beautiful scene from Sunday's [Gospel](#):

***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.***

A sacrifice.

Simeon hints at a further sacrifice to come. "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel," he says, "and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and, [speaking to Mary,] you yourself a sword will pierce."

Quite a piercing it would be. Sacrifice includes suffering and it includes death. But in the very act of dying Jesus would show that Godliness, in its essence—which is love—survives death. And that such a life can dwell within each of us.

The world today is crowded with grief and torment, starvation, warfare, killing, and "lives of quiet desperation." But in Jesus, God came to participate in all of it.

He took the whole bundle into his two arms and he embraced it and made it good.

**John Foley, SJ**

\* The Presentation of the Lord falls on 2 February, forty days (inclusive) after Christmas.

\*\*"When the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a yearling lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or a turtledove for a purification offering." ([Leviticus 12:6](#)).

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