

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

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3 R D S U N D A Y A F T E R E P I P H A N Y

JANUARY 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8:00AM 26TH 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, II
+ *Thomas Bennett – Gillenkirk Family*

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

MONDAY 7:45AM 27TH ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, DOCTOR, III
+ *William Schneider—His Grandmother*

TUESDAY 7:45AM 28TH ST. PETER NOLASCO, CONFESSOR, III
+ *Thomas Bennett – Edward & Joan Bennett*

WEDNESDAY 7:45AM 29TH ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, DOCTOR, III
Special Intention – Eric Kabitzke

THURSDAY 7:45AM 30TH ST. MARTINA, VIRGIN & MARTYR, III
+ *Richard Long*

FRIDAY 6:00PM 31ST ST. JOHN BOSCO, CONFESSOR, III
+ *Antoinette Festa – Eric Kabitzke*

SATURDAY 9:00AM 1ST IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, III
+ *June Falzone – Robert McHale*

SUNDAY 8:00AM 2ND PURIFICATION OF THE BVM, II
+ *Maria Caines – Gillenkirk Family*

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

DEVOTIONS

Confession

45mins before

Weekend Masses

Benediction

Fridays: 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Daily Rosary

Mon-Thu: After Mass

Fri -Sun: Before Mass

Office Hours: Monday by appointment, Friday 9am -3pm.



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Sunday February 2nd: Is the Feast of Candlemas. If you wish to have candles blessed on the feast day please bring them to Mass and after the 8am Mass place them on the altar rail before 10:00am at which time they will be blessed. You may clearly label your candles and collect them after Mass from the vestibule at your convenience.

Super Bowl Party: In addition to being the Feast of the Purification Sunday 2nd February is also Super Bowl Sunday. Join the parish Youth Group for dinner and snacks and watch the Super Bowl COMMERCIAL FREE on the big screen. Dinner is served at 5:30pm, Kick Off at 6:30pm, Snacks and Treats served during Half Time. Tickets on sale from Sunday 19th January priced \$5/individual or \$30/family of six or more. Who cares who's playing! It won't be the Patriots.

The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, His virginal Mother went to the Temple to fulfill the rite of purification, for which she had no need, but to which, in her humility, she submitted because it was one of the requirements of the Jews. This was the first day Jesus ever entered a church. He was carried there by His Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, and presented to His Eternal Father in the Temple. Most of the Jews, men and women, in the Temple in those days were wicked and faithless people. There was one old man named Simeon whose faith and belief in the coming of the Messiah was still true. He took the Child Jesus in his arms and uttered the beautiful canticle: *"Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace, because my eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou has prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people, Israel."* This prayer of Simeon is one of three canticles in the New Testament. The other two are: the *Magnificat* of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and the *Benedictus* of Zachary, the father of John the Baptist. There was also in the Temple when Mary went there with Joseph to present Jesus to His Eternal Father as God made man, a saintly old woman, a widow, named Anna, a prophetess, who was eighty-four years old. She went around the Temple and told all the Jewish women there what had happened, and Who had come to the Temple at last.

Blessing of the Candles: On this day, Holy Mother Church blesses Candles—one of the three principal Blessings observed by the Church during the year; the other two are those of the Ashes and of the Palms. The significance of this ceremony bears so essential a connection with the mystery of Our Lady's Purification. According to St. Ivo of Chartres, the wax, which is formed from the nectar of flowers by the virgin bee, always considered as the emblem of virginity, signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, Who diminished not, either by His Conception or His Birth, the spotless purity of His Blessed Mother. The same holy Bishop would have us see, in the flame of our Candle, a symbol of Jesus, Who came to enlighten our darkness. St. Anselm bids us consider three things in the blessed Candle: the wax, the wick, and the flame. The wax, he says, which is the production of the virgin bee, is the Flesh of Our Lord; the wick, which is within, is His Soul; the flame, which burns on the top, is His Divinity.