

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

Please pray for those in special need of prayer:

John Coniglio, Teagra Hoyt, Ray Bivens, John, Rich, Evelyn Anderson, Walter W., Patricia Profeta, Maryann Falcone, Nes Blauvelt, Frank Parente, Carmen, Theresa & Louis Aliperti, Connie, Bill D, Ronnie Hunter, Barbara Pratti, Ruthe Scalzo, and Robert Bivens.

Feast of St. Blaise Masses

Following is the Mass schedule for the Feast of Saint Blaise on Monday, February 3:

8 am at St. Peter

9:30 am at St. John

7 pm at St. John

Boy Scout Sunday & Coffee Hour

On Sunday, February 2, St. John the Baptist will host Boy Scout Sunday for our local cub scouts. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting and to all Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The scouts will be participating in Mass on this Sunday and will host a coffee hour after Mass for the entire congregation. The first three pews of the left hand side will be reserved for the scouts and their families.

Thank you in advance for letting them join us for the day.
~ Mary Phraner

2013 Tax Statements

If you would like a statement of your 2013 offertory for your tax return, please call the office.

Book Club

The Book Club is meeting this Monday, February 3, at 3:30 pm. We will finish our current book, "A Season of Mystery." A list of suggested books for the upcoming year is needed from each club member so please bring your suggestions and ideas for the upcoming year!

*"Give us grace -- When sacredness of life
before birth is attacked, to stand up and
proclaim that no one ever has the authority
to destroy unborn life."*

Pope John Paul II

✦ **OUR OFFERINGS** ✦

St. John: \$1,658

Holy Family: 232

St. Peter 1,314

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Mary and Joseph desire to unite their new-born child with the divine presence dwelling in Temple – the privileged place of encounter with God. By that Presentation, Jesus is shown to be the firstborn Son, who belongs to the Lord. This revelation transforms the way that we belong. Christ's visits to the Temple later in His life re-presented His Presentation by intensifying this infant encounter with His Father.

Ultimately, Christ identifies Himself with the Temple: He is God's dwelling place among people. As today Mary carries her baby to the Temple, she is leading Jesus and us to our own true self.

Church Luncheon at The Castle

All are welcome to attend a luncheon planned for this Tuesday, February 4, at 1 pm. The Castle on the Delaware is located on 139 Stockton Avenue in Walton. Call Kathy Moore, 865.4734, to reserve a seat (ordering will be off the menu). Dress warmly it is a castle!

Technology Safety

Need some insight and guidelines for the use of technology in your family in this day of tech? The faithandsafety.org/home website touches on numerous subjects which will help address questions you have. They offer information on Facebook safety and privacy, safe web browsing, devices to look out for, family media agreements, etc.

*Lord, 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.*