# Downtown Canton Catholic Community





# Basilica of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish



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## Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025

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Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday's at the same location at the 4:00 PM Mass from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and by appointment.

> Holy Days Vigil - 6:00 PM (St. Peter) Day - 8:30 AM (St. Peter) Day - 12:10 PM (Basilica)

#### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Wednesday at 8:30 AM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Thursday at 8:30 AM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Friday at 8:30 AM (St. Peter Parish)

## A Prayer for Our Parish

O God, You enlighten us with your charity, and enliven us with your grace; You guide us by your wisdom and give us hope for the future; You call us each by name. As parishioners of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. Peter Parish, You have brought us together for Holy Mass. May our prayers and praises be pleasing to You. Transform us by Your mercy, and make us one in Your love. Help us to use the gifts You have given us to proclaim Your Gospel, and to serve our neighbors, so that one day we may share together the good things You promise to those who love You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Ousic Kor Oass**

PRELUDE

*Air* Giuseppe Tartini Danielle Shaub, Flute (8:30 AM & 10:30 AM)

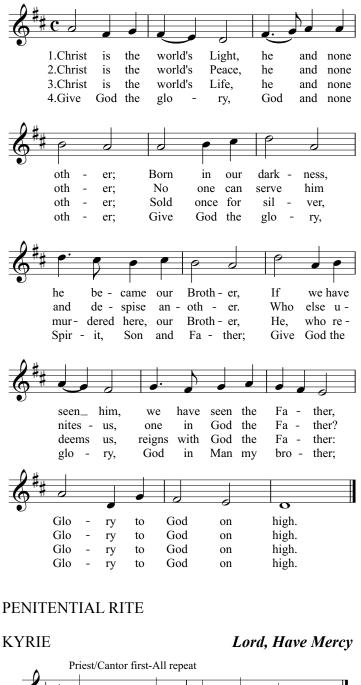
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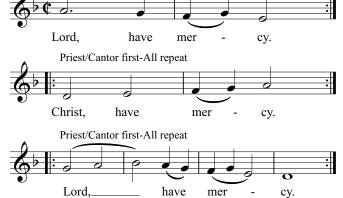
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

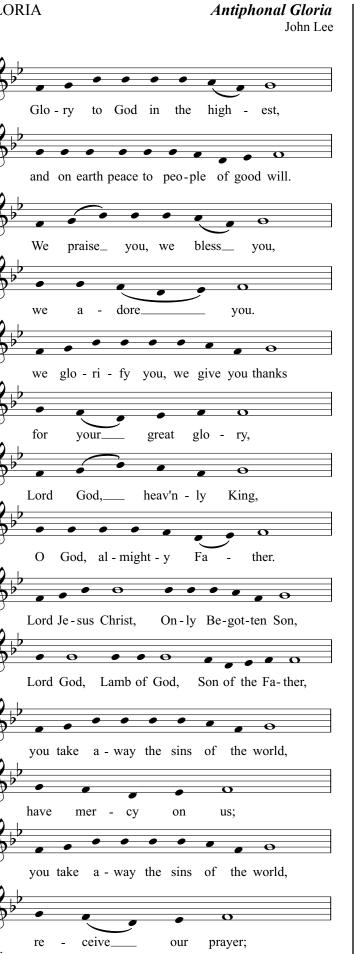
## **Entroductory** Rites

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### Christ is the World's Light







you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer us. cy on 0 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, Θ a - lone the Lord, you are • you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, Θ with the Ho - ly Spir it. 0 in the glo-ry of God the Fa- ther. men. А ry to Go

## Siturgy Of She Mord

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

## A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi:

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.

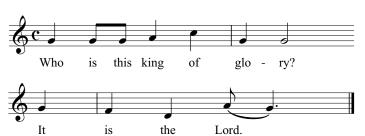
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

## The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 24



*O* gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R

Who is this king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant; the Lord, the valiant in war. R

*O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!* R

> Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. R

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

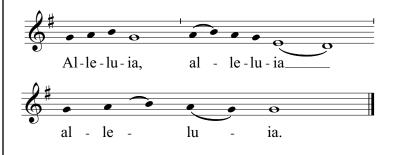
## A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

**The Lord be with you.** *And with your spirit.* 

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:** *Glory to you, O Lord.* 

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for 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."



The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eightyfour. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

#### (All bow at the following words up to: and became man.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

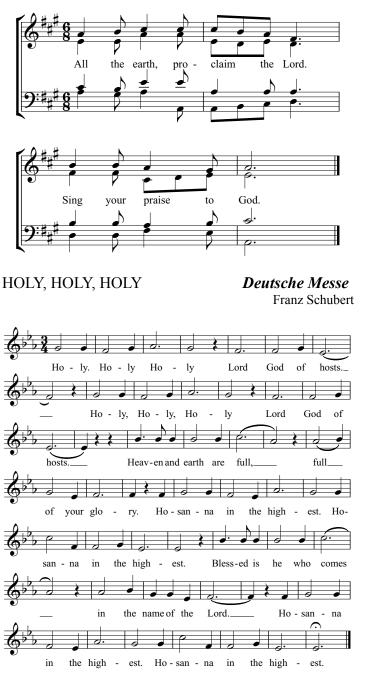
#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Please respond: Lord, Hear our prayer.

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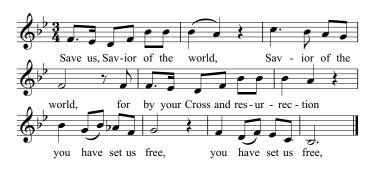
#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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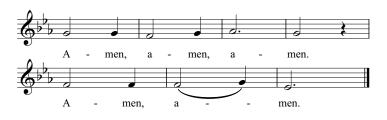




AMEN

Deutsche Messe

Franz Schubert



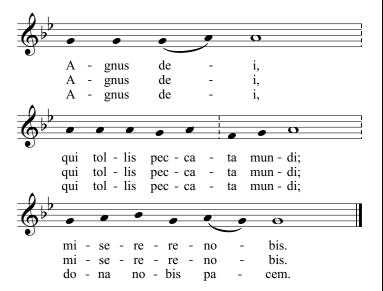
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LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Chant, Mass XVIII Mode VIII



### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



# Concluding Rite

BLESSING OF THROATS

ORGAN

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* John Blackburn T. Frederick Candlyn

A **parishioner in good standing is:** "One who is REGISTERED and actively participates in the liturgical life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his/her God-given giftedness of time, talent, and treasure."

## Household of God - by Father Misbrener

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

"Be attentive to your heart, and He will guard you from all evil."

St. Isaiah the Solitary

This weekend we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. It is called that in the Orthodox Churches, but in the Catho-



lic Church as well. It is also called "the Encounter" or also Purification of the Holy Virgin. I remember in Ellwood City, PA, there was an Italian Parish named Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The custom of presenting a child to God forty days after it's birth is one of the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. St. John the Baptist's father, Zacharias, was the temple's chief priest at this time. A righteous man named Symeon also lived in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit told him he would not see death until he beheld Christ the Savior.

It was revealed to him to go to the temple at the very moment that the Mother of God and Righteous Joseph brought the Infant Jesus. Symeon responded, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation (Luke 2:29-30)." According to traditional, he was about 360 years old. Then Anna, who was a prophetess and widow of about eighty-four years of age saw Jesus, "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. (Luke 2:38)." Soon after an angel of God directed Joseph to take Jesus and His Mother into Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers, who were sent to kill Jesus.

About 450 AD in Jerusalem, people began holding lighted candles during the Liturgies of this Feast Day. Therefore in some churches we also refer to this holy day as Candlemas.

If you look at an icon or image of this Feast you will see that this meeting takes place inside the temple and in front of the altar. The altar has a book or a scroll on it and is covered by a canopy. The Mother of God stands to the left and is holding out her hands in a gesture of offering. The one hand of Mary is covered by her cloak or as it is known in Greek, the maphorion. She has just handed her Son to Symeon.

Christ is shown as a child, but He is not in swaddling clothes. He is clothed in a small dress and His legs are bare. Jesus appears to be giving a blessing. Symeon holds Jesus with both hands which are covered. This shows the reverence had for the Messiah. Symeon is bare headed and there is nothing to show that he is a priest. Some biblical scholars say that Symeon was probably a priest of the Temple or a Doctor of the Law.

Joseph is shown behind Mary. He is carrying the two turtle doves for the sacrifice. Anna the Prophetess is also standing behind the Virgin Mary and is pointing to the Christ Child.

This weekend we are also going to bless throats after all of the Masses. This is in honor of St. Blaise Day, which is February 3rd. Not too much is known about St. Blaise. He was one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, and was a bishop of Sebaste, which would be in presentday Armenia. Blaise was said to be a healer of bodily ailments, and he also was able to read souls. His great deeds and sanctity are known and attested to by his many miracles. Tradition says that he was beheaded in his act of martyrdom.

Father David, Priest & Sinn

Please welcome this weekend the Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth. They were founded in 1966. They began a national mental hospital, homes for mentally challenged children and adults. They also have a shelter and House of Labor for former drug and alcohol affected people. A lot of homeless, struggling, and lost people get a chance for a new start in life and also find God.

The Sisters will have various items for sale. Please be generous in purchasing some of their items. It will help them in their ministries.

## Saint John Cemetery Saint Peter Cemetery

Two years ago Saint John Cemetery and Saint Peter Cemetery installed a Columbarium in each cemetery. A columbarium is a structure of vaults (or niches) lined with recesses for an urn of cremated remains. With the increase of cremation throughout the country, this could be an option for you to consider for your final resting place. Pricing begins at \$2,000.00 up to \$3,000.00. This includes opening/closing the niche at the time of death, the engraving on the marble plate which covers each niche. There are 96 niches at Saint John Cemetery and 35 niches at Saint Peter Cemetery. Pictures of each columbarium can be found below. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.



Saint Peter Columbarium

Saint John Columbarium

## **Homebound Ministry**

Any parishioner of the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish who is homebound and unable to attend Mass due to illness, injury, or infirmity may request to receive the Eucharist at home/care facility on a regular or temporary basis. Please contact the Rectory at 330-453-8493 to make arrangements.

## **Parish Offices**

During the Winter months, when Saint Peter School is closed due to inclement weather, the Parish Offices will also be closed, and <u>all parish activies will be cancelled</u> (for insurance purposes) for that day. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

## **Parish Activities**

Souper Bowl Party Saturday, February 8, 2025 Basilica Hall 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM Appetizers, Salad, Variety of Soups Come as you are or wear your favorite team! 50/50 & other FUN! \$10.00 under 14 Free RSVP by February 4th, 2025

## Save the Date

Saint Joseph Table Saturday, March 15, 2025 Basilica Parish Hall

### Loaves & Fishes

Friday, April 4, 2025 after Stations of the Cross Saint Peter Hall

More details to follow. **RSVP to Activities** Pamela Pope 330-453-8493 x 207 Email bsjspcpa@att.net

## **Holy Name Society**

ATTENTION GOLFERS! The Basilica of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish Holy Name Society Golf League welcomes new members and subs for the 2025 season. The League is open to men over 18 years old. It consists of two man teams. If you don't have

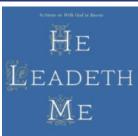


a partner we may be able to pair you with one. The League plays Mondays at Arrowhead Golf Club, starting 3:45 PM, April 7th through October 6th. Greens fees and cart fees will be set at the organizational meeting in March. If interested, please contact Mike Vaughn, gmvaughn88@gmail.com.

## **Book Club**

Please join us for Book Club on Tuesday, February 25th from 6:00-7:00 PM in the St. Peter Rectory. We will be discussing the book "*He Leadeth Me*" by Fr. Walter Ciszek.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Book Club, please contact Madison at the Rectory.



An Extraordinary Testament of Faith

## Altar Rosary Guild

Altar Rosary Meetings for the 2024-2025 year are listed below. All meeting will take place in the Basilica Parish Hall at 1:00 PM - McKinley Street Entrace. New members are welcome.

> February 26, 2025 March 26, 2025 April 23, 2025 May 28, 2025

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

## Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls, Amen.



# Cemetery Hours WINTER INFORMATION

If there is more than 2 1/2 inches of snow on the ground (this will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Sexton), St. John Cemetery and St. Peter Cemetery will be closed.

## Prayer for the Beatification of Rhoda Wise

Heavenly Father, the love of your crucified Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, sustained the Servant of God, Rhoda Wise, in her many sufferings and made her by grace a strong woman of faith. She led others to the Sacred Heart of Your Son, Jesus. She devoutly promoted daily recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. Pravers were answered.



Faith was strengthened. May her Beatification come quickly as we ask for her intercession in this need. . . (pause and add your intention). We ask this through the Heart of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen

> Imprimatur: + George V. Murry, S.J. former Bishop of Youngstown May 12, 2017

Prayer Line New Phone Number **330-453-8493 x 201** 

## **Funeral Mass - Pre-planning**

Many people have asked if they can make "pre-arrangements" for their funeral liturgy. They want to alleviate this burden, during a difficult time, for their family by planning their own funeral. Many people have already started this process. If you are interested in doing so, several documents (Readings and Music List) and a set of instructions (prepared by Father Sheridan) will be emailed to you and you may return them at your leisure. After all the readings, hymns/songs are chosen, a document will be prepared containing all of this information in an organized fashion, then signed by the person making the arrangements, the priest and the organist/director of music, then filed away until it is needed. For more information, please e-mail or call, Bobby Sullivan at musicatthebasilica@gmail.com or 330-453-8493 x 205.

## **Religious Education**

#### **CCD Program (Grades K-8)**

Upcoming:

- February 16<sup>th</sup>: No CCD
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: CCD Mass

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• March 23<sup>rd</sup>: No CCD

#### Confirmation

- February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM: Formation Meeting 3
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM: Retreat
- March 11<sup>th</sup>: Formation Meeting 4
- April 29<sup>th</sup>: Sacrament of Confirmation



#### **Adult Faith Formation**

Please join us *this weekend* to watch episode five of "The Search" and discuss the question, "Who is Jesus?"

### February 2 St. Peter Hall 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

*All adults* are welcome! Breakfast and Coffee Provided!

The remaining gatherings will be held on the following dates:

March 2 | April 6

Just show up! ③



#### Young Adult Group (Ages 18-39)

Young adults ages 18-39 are welcome to join us every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the St. Peter Rectory for fellowship and theological discussions.

> February 12 February 26 March 12



#### **Bible Study**

Bible Study is held on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Gallagher Center. We are currently studying the gospel of Luke. Come join us!



#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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Those interested in becoming Catholic are invited to our OCIA sessions which take place on Thursday evenings at St. Paul Catholic Church from 7:00-9:00 PM in collaboration with a few other parishes.

# In the previous session, participants learned about the Sacrament of Baptism.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Madison for more information. Please keep our group in prayer!



Director of Religious Education Madison Smith 330-453-8493 x 204 madison.smith@youngstowndiocese.org

## **This Week**

Saturday - Febru 4:00 PM	uary 1 (St. John)	₩	
			(Kakina Garcia & Family)
Sunday - Februa	ary 2		
8:30 AM	(St. Peter)	₩	<b>Elizabeth Roethlisberger</b> (Family)
10:30 AM	(St. John)	₩	<b>Dino Valentine</b> (Family)
LAMP	(St. John)	¥	
LAMP	(St. Peter)	¥	Special Intention
Monday - February 3			MASS
Tuesday - Febr	uary 4		
6:00 PM	(Chapel)	¥	
			(Altar Rosary Guild)
Wednesday - Fel	oruary 5		
8:30 AM	(Chapel)	¥	Special Intention
Thursday - Febr	uary 6		
8:30 AM	(Chapel)	₩	For our parishioners
Friday - Februa	ry 7		
8:30 AM	(St Peter)	₩	For our parishioners
Saturday - Febru	uarv 8		
4:00 PM	(St. John)	₩	<b>Joseph Nist</b> (Kakina Garcia & Family)
Sunday - Februa	nry 9		
8:30 AM	(St. Peter)	₩	Mary Lou Armpgida (Sons)
10:30 AM	(St. John)	₩	<b>Donald J. Kohl</b> (Bobby Sullivan)
LAMP	(St. John)	₩	<b>Umberto &amp; Lina Brienza</b> (Gino & Filomena Brienza)
LAMP	(St. Peter)	₩	Special Intention
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\* Gallagher Center Chapel

## **Collection Totals**

Thank you for contributions!

## **Church Doors**

Please remember that the four side doors at Saint Peter Church automatically lock, ten minutes after Mass begins.

## **Liturgical Ministries**

#### February 1 & 2

		February I & 2		
Lector				
4:00 PM	(B)	Y Willaman		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	D Foltz		
10:30 AM	(B)	G & C Sbaraglia		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion				
4:00 PM	(B)	J & L Clancy, J Lewis		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	G Foltz, J Thompson, C & F Frenz		
10:30 AM	(B)	D Becherer, M Moriarty, R & J Lawrence		
Servers				
4:00 PM	(B)	K & L Roach		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	B Nikishin		
10:30 AM	(B)	N Begue		
Rosary				
4:00 PM	(B)	A Bing		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	M Kirsch		
10:30 AM	(B)			
Cantor:		F Scott		
February 8 & 9				
Lector	( <b>m</b> )			
4:00 PM	(B)	T Biddle		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	S Nikishin		
10:30 AM	(B)	J Harwood		
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion				
4:00 PM	(B)	J Moeglin, J Lewis		
8:30 AM	(SPC)	B & V Calzola, C Sbaraglia, M Burkhart		
10:30 AM	(B)	B & P Richardson, N & B Matthews		
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10:30 AM Cantor:	(B)	G Mangus R Bazzoli		

## Votive Candles

Candles are available in front of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in both churches. The candles are \$3.00 each. If you do not have cash for the collection box, you may write a check (payable to the **Altar Rosary Guild**) for the entire month. The money is used to buy additional candles. Thank you.

> **Before Mass** Be thoughtful, Be silent, Be reverent, Speak with the Lord

**During Mass** Allow the Lord to speak to you

> After Mass Speak to one another

