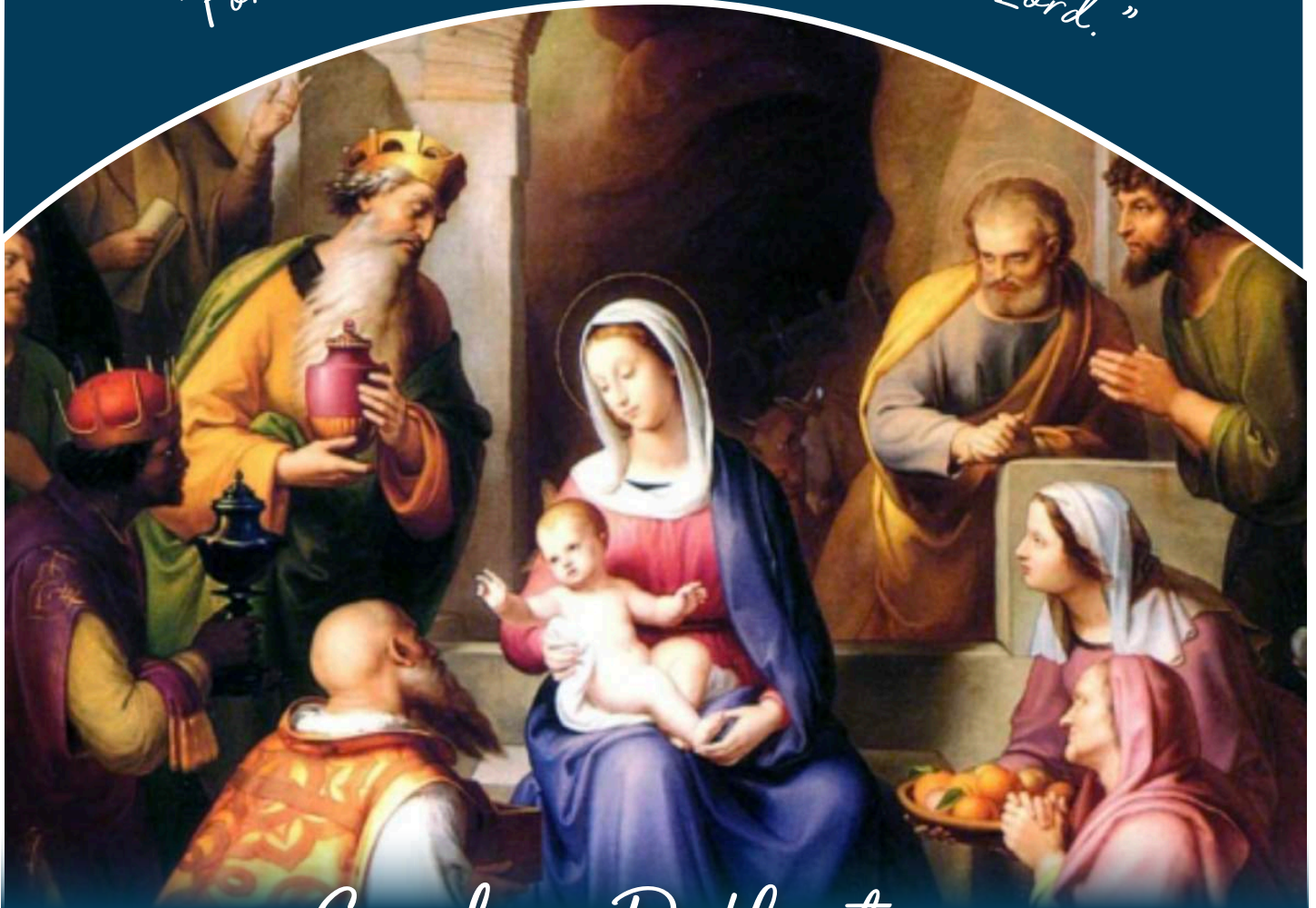


Ss PETER & PAUL

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"For our sake He was presented to the Lord."



Sunday Reflection

Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11:30 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

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Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday | Sunday: closed
Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

5:00 pm † *In Loving Memory of Bernice Policastro*

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am † *In Loving Memory of Teresa Gaurgue*

10:00 am † *In Loving Memory of David Yruma*

12:00 pm † Robert Ranieri

Monday, February 3

12:10 pm A Special Request for Richard Surazynski

Tuesday, February 4

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of Peter Zanin*

Wednesday, February 5

12:10 pm † For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
and the Holy Innocents

Thursday, February 6

12:10 pm † *In Loving Memory of Martino and Maria
Scrivanich*

Friday, February 7

12:10 pm † *For the Repose of the Soul of Marco E. Haro*

Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm † *For the Health and Well-being of Msgr.
Neil Mahoney*

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † *In Loving Memory of Michael J. DiVincent*

12:00 pm † *In Loving Memory of Valentina Giacchi*

Baptism Ministry

See Dates & Details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

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Nico Vasil, Muzzi John Roggio

Marriage Ministry

See requirements & details on Parish Website
Staff Contact: Gina Andreano

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Sheila Mulcahy

Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week...

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Carrie Maglia*

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Monsignor Neil Mahoney*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Don Meyer*

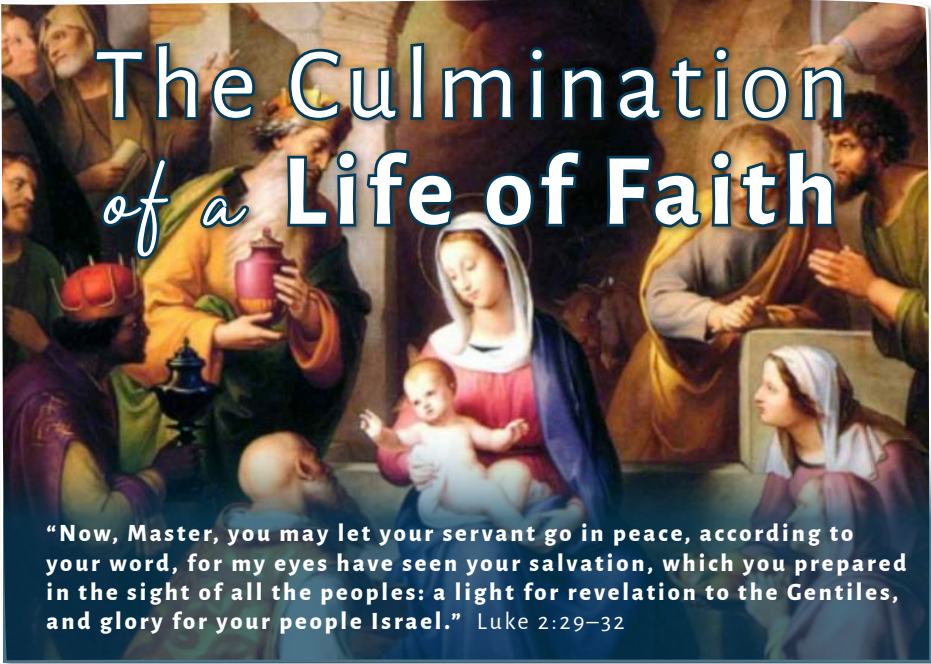
The Altar Flowers are donated
*In Loving Memory of
Robert Ranieri*

The Altar Hosts are donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Steve Truglio*

The Sacramental Wine is donated
*In Loving Memory of
Gerard Anthony Russillo*

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
*For the Health & Well-Being of
Monsignor Neil Mahoney*

God Bless Your Generosity.



The Culmination of a Life of Faith

“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.” Luke 2:29–32

At the time of Jesus’ birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed.

It’s helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it’s important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation.

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

2025 MASS BOOK

**The requested Donation
for intentions is as follows:**

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp: **\$25**

**Check or Money Order made
payable to Ss Peter and Paul.**

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

**Please Contact The Parish Office
with any questions or concerns.**

Additional Collection THIS MONTH

February 2 Archdiocesan Assessment



This collection supports our Parish's monthly assessment, payable to the Archdiocese.

February 9 Legacy Fund



All support to this fund goes completely to parish initiatives.

February 16 Church In Eastern Europe



An annual diocesan collection that supports the rebuilding of parish communities in Central and Eastern Europe.

February 23 Snow Removal



Supports the snow removal and maintenance of supplies for the snow season.

Diving Deeper *into the Faith*

Why do Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Presentation?

This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, which was required by the Mosaic Law 40 days after the birth of a child.

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles. In the early Church, it was often celebrated on February 14, 40 days after the Epiphany, in keeping with the practice of celebrating Christmas on that date in the East. Among the Orthodox, it is known as the Hypapante (“Meeting” of the Lord with Simeon).

Below are some facts about this special Feast Day.

What does the Purification of Mary mean?

The purification was a ritual, preparatory to worship, in this case after the momentous events of childbirth and the time of rest or “laying in” afterward. Thus, the Jewish priest purified himself by bathing before entering the holy place, and, similarly, the priest at Mass washes his hands before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer and handing the Body and Blood of Christ.



Mary, although morally pure, fulfilled her religious obligations by being purified 40 days after Jesus’ birth. Throughout her life, the Blessed Mother was always obedient to God’s Will, in this case, expressed through the laws given to Israel through Moses.

Why is it called Candlemas Day?

This is the day when candles are blessed in the Church and traditionally have been lit in celebration of the feast.

Pope St. John Paul II said, **“Christian traditions of the East and West have been interwoven, enriching the liturgy of this feast with a special procession in which the light of candles both large and small is a symbol of Christ, the true Light who came to illumine his people and all peoples.”**

What do you eat on Candlemas?

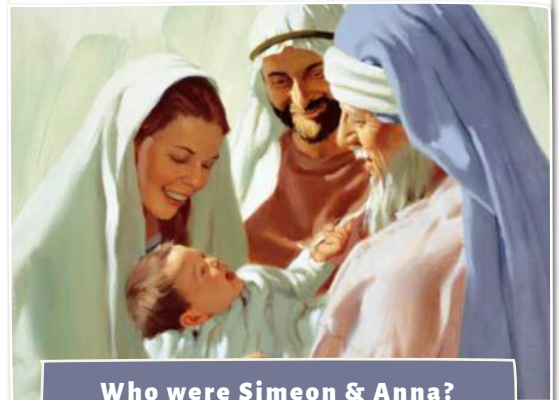
Pancakes are the traditional choice on Candlemas. In Mexico, people eat tamales on this feast day, and in France, they eat crepes.

Why is the Presentation of Jesus important?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 529) teaches,

The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior – the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had “prepared in the presence of all peoples.”

It is also important to note that, as a poor family, the Holy Family gave an offering of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. However, the Lamb whom they brought to the Temple was the Lamb of God.



Who were Simeon & Anna?

Simeon and Anna were faithful Jews who had waited all their lives for the Messiah. At the Temple, they recognized Jesus as the Promised One.

What does the name “Simeon” mean?
This is a Hebrew name that means “he has heard” or “God has heard.”

When is St. Simeon’s feast day?
The Church celebrates his feast day on the day after Candlemas, February 3.

Was Simeon a prophet?
In Hebrew navi, a prophet is “one who tells,” a spokesperson of God, speaking divine truth, or foretelling what will be the consequences for the future. On both counts, Simeon was a prophet, who revealed the truth about who Jesus was, as well as the implications for Israel, for Jesus Himself, and for Mary.

What does the name “Anna” mean?
Originally taken from the Hebrew name Hannah, it means “favor” or “grace.”

When is St. Anna’s feast day?
Anna the Prophetess shares a feast day with St. Simeon on February 3.

Kids Corner

At Ss Peter & Paul, our family Mass is held the first Sunday of each month at 10 am. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families! Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday, March 2.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation

Here is a short prayer for the special Feast Day.

We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a living example of God's love for all, welcoming all people and seeing that everyone is important. Lord, in your mercy... We pray for all families: that they may help and support each other to grow in wisdom.



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Getting to Know the Saints

On Monday, February 3, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, a saint who lived a LONG time ago—during the 4th century, when being a Christian was a crime.

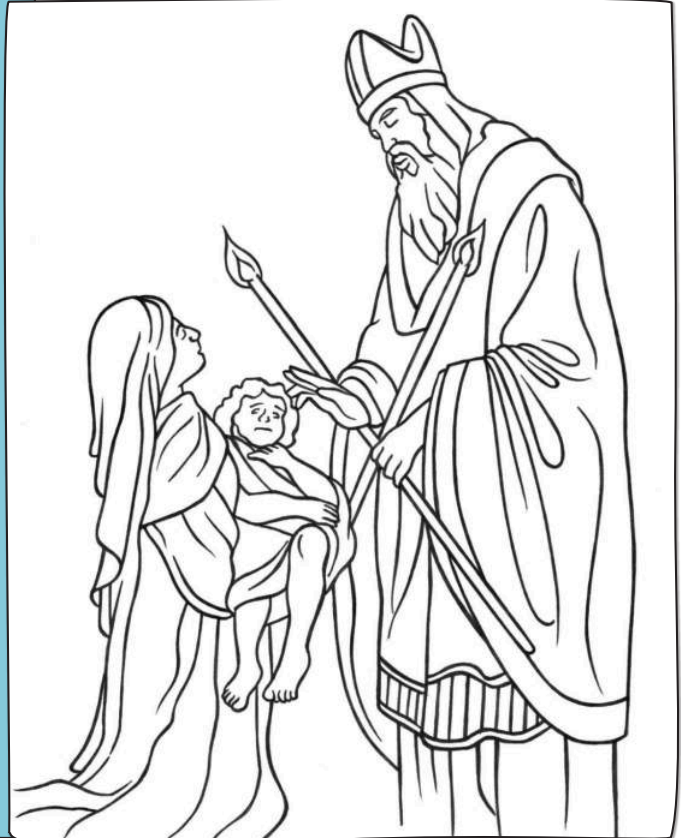
St. Blaise was a bishop and a doctor for people and animals. To avoid being caught, he lived in a cave outside of the city. Legend has it that sick animals would come to him to be cured. But if St. Blaise was praying, the animals would patiently wait so as not to disturb his prayers.

In the year 316, some hunters stumbled upon St. Blaise praying on his knees with bears, lions, and wolves around him. This surprised the hunters but did not keep them from arresting him for being a Christian. On his way to prison, a woman brought her son who was choking on a fish bone to him. St. Blaise said a prayer, and the boy stopped choking.

According to another legend, a poor woman complained to St. Blaise that her pig had been stolen by a wolf. The saint ordered the wolf to return the pig alive and uninjured. The wolf obeyed. After he was in prison, this poor woman brought him two wax candles to light his dark cell.

Often this saint is pictured holding two candles, or in a cave with wild animals. On his feast day, some people go to church to have their throats blessed.

Color Your Own Picture of St. Blaise



**How long
is Jesus present
in the Eucharist
after we've received
communion?**



The "Real Presence" of Christ does not end when we receive him at Mass under the appearance of bread and wine.

The great treasure of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist -- Jesus himself hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. We believe, as the Catechism states, that "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

Additionally, this Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not end immediately when we receive him at Communion time. The Catechism goes on to explain how, "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (CCC 1377).

What does that mean when we receive him into our mouths? How long does Jesus' Real Presence remain in our bodies?

There is a famous story from the life of St. Philip Neri that helps answer that question. One day while he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside of the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused, the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he sent the altar boys. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, "We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place." The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God's presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the Catechism's statement that the presence of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist."

This is why many saints have recommended offering 15 minutes of prayer after receiving the Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. This allows the soul to savor the presence of God and have a true "heart-to-heart" with Jesus.

In our face paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn't mean we can't at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus' presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel his love within us.

Around the Parish

THE FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

**On Monday, February 3rd,
the Church celebrates the
Feast Day of Saint Blaise.**

In honor of this Feast, the Blessing of Throats will take place at the 12:10pm Daily Mass on that Day.



WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith group at Ss Peter & Paul are in the process of planning another full calendar of retreats, movies and spiritual readings. If you are interested in joining one of an upcoming outing or meeting, please reach out to Joan Allman at joana.wof@spphoboken.com

WE ARE HIS WITNESSES

If you have not already done so, parishioners are invited to pick up a copy of "**We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin**" located in the vestibule.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

If you are a Family Member of the Intention of the Mass, or have arranged the Intention of the Mass, and would like to carry forth the Offertory Gifts (Hosts, Wine, Water), please see one of the Ushers or Staff no later than 10 minutes before Mass.

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JUNE 29, 2025

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Questions? Please contact Gina Andreano at
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