



### *A Light in the World*

This Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, which marks the 40th day after Christmas.

According to the Episcopal Dictionary: "A feast of our Lord celebrated on Feb. 2, also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8). The feast is celebrated about forty days after Christmas. According to the account of Lk 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle Nunc dimittis (see BCP, p. 120). Celebration of the feast dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession."

One of the oldest Christian celebrations, Candlemas has historically been celebrated around the world in many different ways. For some examples see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Candlemas> The blessing of candles has a

particularly strong emphasis in Europe, where the seasonal shift towards longer days and the return of sunlight is evident by this time of year.

*Anne Hall, Parish Administrative Assistant*

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### **THANKS!**

To St John's Parish,

Please take a moment to thank our outgoing vestry members: Patrice Olson and Susie Horn; and to thank our new vestry member, Rose Osborne; and to thank our continuing members: Nancy Butler, Gordon Ross, Larry Espinet, Ann Atwood, John Gargiulo, Guy Hayes, Sue Hall, and Nancy Linton, and our Convention Delegates: Bob Osborne and Kevin Case.

We could not do this without you!

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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP RESOURCES**

We will gather for worship on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 at 10am on-site and on-line.

The link for worship services is: [www.facebook.com/stjohnspinemeadow](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnspinemeadow)

The link for the bulletin is <http://www.reddoors.com/worship-with-us.html>

The Book of Common Prayer can be found online at [www.BCPonline.org](http://www.BCPonline.org)

Thank you for worshipping God with us!

#### **Thanks to our Ministers who sustain the worship life of our community**

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler

Altar Guild – Donna Colavecchio, Leah Alibozek

Weekly Flower Orders – Anne Hall/Altar Guild

Facebook & Camera – Beth Coates

Weekly Eblast Article – A little of everything

Announcements – Ann Atwood

Greeters – Ann Atwood/John/Julie Gargiulo

Coffee Hour – Ann Atwood/John Gargiulo

Vestry Greeter – Gordon Ross

Liturgical Assistant – Nancy Butler

Lector – Joe Kenney

Intercessor – Ann Atwood

Counters – Joe Kenney and Candy Flaherty

Director of Music – Halyna Petronchak

Parish Administrator – Anne Hall

Office Cleaning Team – Nancy & Jeff Linton

Church Cleaning Team – Sue Hall, Guy Hayes, Barbara Henri and our Volunteers

Weekly Website Update – Anne Hall

Website Organization – Diane Hayes/Anne Hall

#### **HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday Worship – 10am Morning Prayer – on-site and on-line

Daily Office/Morning Prayer – Tuesdays – Prayer list

Thursday Evening Compline -6:30pm

AA Meetings – Every Wednesday at 8:30pm

Vestry – 7pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Evening of the Month

Codependents Anonymous – Every Friday at 7:30pm

AA Meetings – Every Friday at 8:30pm

Drive Up Food Drives – 10am to 1pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays

Office Hours – 8:30am – 1:30pm Monday thru Thursday & by appt.

Bingo!: On hold  
Dwelling in the Word – On hold

*Micro-sermon - Shine - No one covers a lamp with a basket or puts it under a bed, says Jesus. Hiding a lamp makes it ineffective. A lamp is made to share light, to be out in the open so others may see. We are made to shine, to illuminate, to point people to God. Br. Luke Ditewig, SSJE*

## Can You Help Out?

### Worship Leaders for February 9

Celebrant: The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler  
Lector: Guy Hayes  
Intercessor: Brian Jones  
Announcements: Guy or Diane Hayes  
Greeters/coffee: John and Julie Gargiulo  
Vestry Greeter: Guy Hayes  
Liturgical Assistant: Jamie Hall  
Counters: Candy Flaherty/Brian Jones

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar Flowers this week are given by Beth Coates in loving memory of her grandparents, her brother, and father.

**MARDI GRAS CONCERT:** We are happy to announce that the Northwestern Regional #7 Jazz Concert is back! It will be on February 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Stay tuned for more details!

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY FOOD DRIVE:** Our monthly food drive is on February 15th, 10-1pm. Please stop by and say hi or stay a bit to lend a hand to our dedicated group of helpers! As always, non perishable food or Stop and Shop gift cards (\$25 maximum) is appreciated.

**2025 ALTAR FLOWERS** – The 2025 Calendar is up in the narthex for Altar flowers sign up. Suggested updated donation is \$65, price has increased by Stop & Shop. Also, if you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in someone's memory, please contact the office.

**2025 ENVELOPES** – If you requested envelopes, they are in the narthex. If you want envelopes but forgot to check the little box, I have them in the office!

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CARDS:** Please sign the February Birthday and Anniversary cards; they are located in the narthex.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY DRIVE UP FOOD DRIVES** - The LFP is open 24/7/365 for food drop off and for those who are in need. Nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, and hygiene product are needed. Collections take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month with our next collection on January 18.

**BINGO!!:** Bingo is currently on hold, we hope to restart soon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Would you like to help out? We always need people to help in our Sunday services; it is a wonderful way to experience God's grace through service. We need: greeters, coffee hour hosts, and counters in particular.

**FAVORITE HYMN** – Please contact Halyna if you would like a favorite/special hymn played at any of the services. Thank you.

**DWELLING IN THE WORD** – Dwelling is currently on hold, we hope to restart soon.

**KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS** – Please join us during coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month to work on knitting and crocheting projects, embroidering/needle

work, we would love to have you join us.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please contact the parish office for your prayer requests added to the weekly prayer list. It goes out on Tuesday mornings.

*Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord*

**SAINT JOHN'S**

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