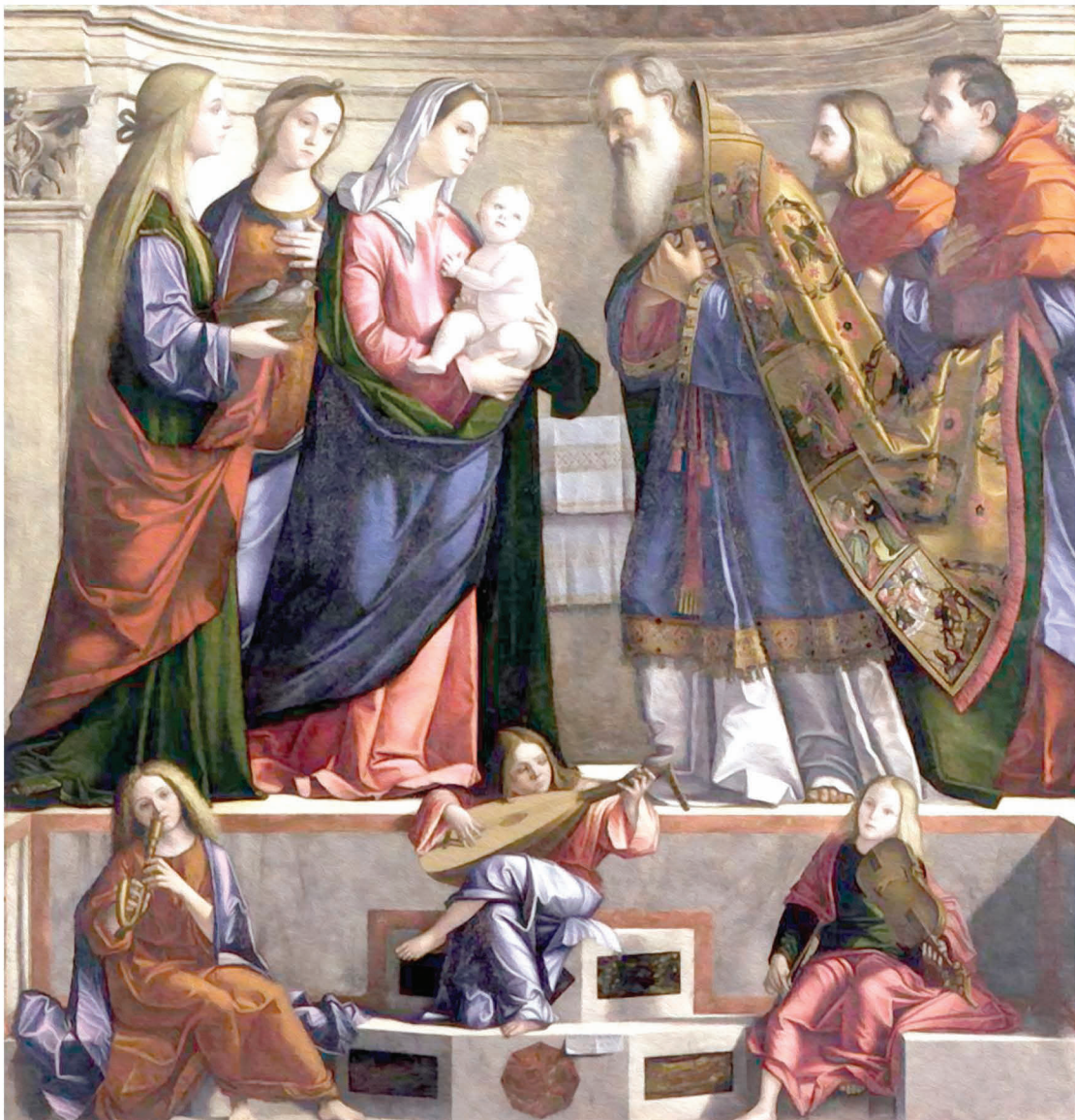


# PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



*Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka  
1235 George Street, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062  
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January 29, 2023*

## **CHOIR**

We are fortunate enough to have a Parish Choir that has a full multi-lingual repertoire; English, Polish and Spanish. The Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Instrumentalists are welcomed, either to play solo or with our choir. A parish orchestra made up of children and adults rehearses and performs several times during the year. If you are interested in joining or for more information or just to volunteer, contact the office at (908) 756-3393.

## **PARISH REGISTRATION**

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to call the parish office and make an appointment to register. When you are moving from the parish, please notify the parish office.

## **SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

Call the Office during regular hours.

## **STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING**

Stewardship calls us to freely give of our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish family and community. God gives us everything! I give Him back my tithe. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God – 5% for your parish church and 5 % for other charities.

## **VOCATIONS**

Those who are recognizing the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365, or at [www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm](http://www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm)

## **ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY**

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## **Mass Intentions** **FOR THE WEEK**

### **Saturday – January 28... St. Thomas Aquinas**

9:00AM... + People of the Parish

5:00PM... + Sr. Margaret Murphy,

req. Mary Ellen and Bob Chanda

### **Sunday – January 29...Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Maureen Watkins, req. Zena and Frank Kazmierski

11:00AM...+ Stefania i Jozef Stachowicz, req. Daughter

1:00PM...+ Linda Muller, req. Mike and Beth Venezia

### **Monday – January 30... Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...

### **Tuesday – January 31...St. John Bosco**

9:00AM...+ Rigoberto Cuartas, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

### **Wednesday – February 1... Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Linda Muller,

req. Bob and Mary Ellen Chanda

### **Thursday –February 2... Presentation of the Lord**

9:00AM...+ Ricardo and Maddalena Negri,

req. Angela Negri

### **Friday – February 3... St. Blaise**

9:00AM...+ Luis Enrique Cuartas Gonzalez,

req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

7:00PM... (Pol.) + The Parents of Wisniewski Family

and for the Makowski Family Members

### **Saturday – February 4... Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM... + Stephen Sopko, req. Karole and Eddie

5:00PM... + Terry Chanda (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary),

req. Mary Ellen and Bob Chanda

### **Sunday – February 5...Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Janet Garbarini, req. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mayers

11:00AM...+ Zdzislawa Robaszkievicz,

req. Daughter and Children

1:00PM...+ Maureen Watkins, req. Mike and Beth Venezia

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in Memory of **all our Deceased Parish Family.**

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of **January is in memory of Maria and Józef Lechowski at the request of son Eddie.**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Carter Razz, Dennis Knapp, Theresa Salerno, Percy Ramsammy, Lisa Motos, Baby John Williams and Nancy Toth.**

**OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all the Faithful Departed **especially for Peter Price.**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a**

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

Please pray for our Parishioners in the Military:  
**SSG Katarzyna Czajka, US Army**  
**Ryan Percy, USN**  
**Declan Cassidy, US ARMY**

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MAINTENANCE

THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH:

**MARY ELLEN CHANDA**  
**JOHNNY SKALSKI**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**

Contact Rectory for appointment.

**Reconciliation**

After all daily Masses and Saturday,  
4:30m to 5:00pm, or by appointment.

**Marriage**

Arrangements should be made one year in  
advance. Contact Office for  
appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Contact Office for appointment for  
home bound or infirmed.

**The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun!**

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.



**How to Report Abuse**

Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

**Mass Schedule:**

**Monday - Saturday**

**9:00 AM**

**Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass**

**In English**

**Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass**

**In English**

**11:00 AM Mass in Polish**

**1:00 PM in English**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

## Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



### 4 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

*«Błogosławieni ubodzy w duchu, albowiem do nich należy królestwo niebieskie» (Mt 5, 3).*

Dobłą rzeczą jest zawsze czytanie i rozważanie Błogosławieństw! Jezus proklamował je w swoim pierwszym wielkim kazaniu, na brzegu Jeziora Galilejskiego. Był tam wielki tłum, a On wyszedł na wzgórze, aby nauczać swoich uczniów, dlatego jest ono nazywane «Kazaniem na Górze». W Biblii góra jest postrzegana jako miejsce, gdzie objawia się Bóg, a Jezus głoszący kazanie na wzgórzu jawi się jako Boży Nauczyciel, jako nowy Mojżesz. A co głosi? Jezus wskazuje drogę życia, tę drogę, którą On sam idzie, a wręcz którą On sam jest i przedstawia ją jako drogę do prawdziwego szczęścia. W całym swym życiu, od narodzin w grocie w Betlejem, aż po śmierć na krzyżu i zmartwychwstanie, Jezus był ucieleśnieniem Błogosławieństw. W Nim wypełniły się wszystkie obietnice królestwa Bożego.

Głosząc Błogosławieństwa, Jezus zachęca nas, byśmy Go naśladowali, byśmy wraz z Nim szli drogą miłości, jedyną, która prowadzi do życia wiecznego. Nie jest to droga łatwa, ale Pan nam zapewnia swoją łaskę i nigdy nie pozostawia nas samych. W naszym życiu obecne są ubóstwo, ucisk, upokorzenia, walka o sprawiedliwość, trudy codziennego nawrócenia, walka, by żyć powołaniem do świętości, prześladowania i wiele innych wyzwań. Ale jeśli otworzymy drzwi Jezusowi, jeśli pozwolimy, aby był On obecny w naszej historii, jeśli będziemy z Nim dzielić radości i smutki, to doświadczymy pokoju i radości, które może dać tylko Bóg, nieskończona miłość.

Błogosławieństwa Jezusa niosą rewolucyjną nowość, wzór szczęścia będącego przeciwieństwem tego, co jest zwykle przekazywane przez media, przez dominujący sposób myślenia. Dla mentalności świata zgorszeniem jest to, że Bóg przyszedł, aby być jednym z nas, że umarł na krzyżu! W logice tego świata ci, których Jezus nazywa błogosławionymi, są uważani za «przegranych», za słabych. Gloryfikuje się natomiast sukces za wszelką cenę, dobrobyt, arogancję władzy, autoafirmację kosztem innych.

Jezus wzywa nas, abyśmy odpowiedzieli na Jego propozycję życia, abyśmy zdecydowali, jaką drogą chcemy iść, żeby osiągnąć prawdziwą radość. Jest to wielkie wyzwanie wiary. Jezus nie bał się zapytać swoich uczniów, czy chcą rzeczywiście pójść za Nim, czy też raczej odejść i chodzić innymi drogami (por. J 6, 67). A Szymon zwany Piotrem miał odwagę powiedzieć: «Panie, do kogóż pójdziemy? Ty masz słowa życia wiecznego» (J 6, 68). Jeśli i wy będziecie umieli powiedzieć Jezusowi «tak», to wasze młode życie wypełni się znaczeniem i tym samym będzie owocne.

Ale co to znaczy «błogosławieni» (po grecku makarioi)? Błogosławiony znaczy szczęśliwy. Powiedzcie mi: czy naprawdę pragniecie szczęścia? W epoce, w której jesteśmy pociągani przez liczne iluzje szczęścia, grozi nam, że zadowolimy się byle czym, że nasza wizja życia będzie mało ambitna. Dążcie natomiast do tego, co wielkie! Poszerzcie wasze serca!

Jeśli naprawdę pozwolicie, by ujawniły się najgłębsze oczekiwania waszego serca, to zdacie sobie sprawę, że jest w was niegasnące pragnienie szczęścia, a to pozwoli wam zdemaskować i odrzucić wiele «tanich» ofert, jakie znajdujecie wokół siebie. Kiedy poszukujemy sukcesu, przyjemności, egoistycznego posiadania i czynimy z tego bożki, możemy nawet doznawać chwilowego upojenia, fałszywego poczucia zaspokojenia, ale w końcu stajemy się niewolnikami, nigdy nie jesteśmy zadowoleni, jesteśmy pobudzani, by szukać coraz więcej. Bardzo smutno widzieć młodzież «syłą», ale słabą.

Ludzie młodzi, którzy wybierają Chrystusa, są silni, karmią się Jego Słowem i nie «opychają się» innymi rzeczami! Miejcie odwagę iść pod prąd. Miejcie odwagę prawdziwego szczęścia! Powiedzcie «nie» kulturze tymczasowości, powierzchowności i odrzucenia, która nie wierzy, że potraficie podołać odpowiedzialności i zmierzyć się z wielkimi wyzwaniami życia!

„Aniol Panski” Franciszek 21 stycznia 2014

### ZEBRANIA SZKOLNE

W niedzielę, 29 stycznia po polskiej mszy świętej odbędzie się zebranie rodziców z wywiadówką

### Koleda 2023

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Mozna też zrobić zgłoszenie dzwoniąc na tel 9087563393 ext. 33 e-mail [pastor@bestchurch.net](mailto:pastor@bestchurch.net)

## WORD

**STEWARDSHIP** “...Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ”

(MATTHEW 5:3)

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss. R.

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

### **BLESSING OF THROATS**

The Feast of St. Blaise this year is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We will be blessing throats after the 9AM Mass on Friday.

You will also have the opportunity to have your

throat blessed after all the weekend Masses on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, as it is the tradition in recognition of the Feast of St. Blaise. The Blessing incorporates a prayer that through the intercession of St. Blaise to protect us from every disease of the throat and every other illness. It is a blessing for wellness.



## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus meeting is **Sunday, January 29th** after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact

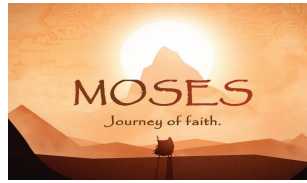
John Beckman at [jbeckman111@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckman111@gmail.com)

### **PARISH SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Parish Shawl Ministry is assisting the St. Anne Society with gifts for the mothers served by United Families here in Plainfield.

They will be making scarves to give all the mothers who will be receiving the shower gifts.

### **SIGHTS & SOUND TRIP SCHEDULED**



There are only a few seats available to see *Moses* on **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Please

let us know if you are interested. The cost will be \$170 pp for the bus, show tickets and dinner. **Sign-up is on a first come basis, and your 1st deposit paid guarantees your seat.** Money is non-refundable - used as a donation to church. The final payment is due by February 6th. If you would like to sign-up please contact Lisa at [lcapbeckman@outlook.com](mailto:lcapbeckman@outlook.com) or Linda at [lknowlesma@comcast.net](mailto:lknowlesma@comcast.net)

### **ST. ANNE’S SOCIETY ANNUAL BABY SHOWER**

St. Anne Society will host the annual Parish Baby Shower on Sunday, February 12, 2023 after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. We will be accepting diapers size 1-5, onesies, 12M-6T, and all sizes of baby socks to be distributed to Plainfield moms in need. We also put together gifts for the mothers to make them feel special. We invite all our parishioners to help with this service project supporting family life and their needs, which is the mission of the St. Anne Society. Please bring your articles to the open area of the church or the Parish Office. Your donation can be dropped off any time in the Parish Office during regular business hours.

### **ST. ANNE’S SOCIETY VALENTINE’S PARTY**

**On Tuesday February 7th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Office.**

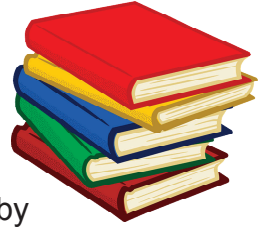
We will have a candy and snack collection from now to February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our party will consist of making 75 Valentine gift bags for the Park Hotel. Every year the Park Hotel has a party for the residents, and for the past 4 years we have been putting small packages together for them. This year the St. Anne Society will prepare the gift bags with candy and extras. We will be using some of the mittens and socks the Women’s Group has been collecting to add to our bags. Appetizers and wine will be served, cost is \$35. All in attendance will wear red. Please let Ms. Linda know if your will be attending at [lknowlesma@comcast.net](mailto:lknowlesma@comcast.net)

### OUR LADY ROSARY MAKERS

The members of Our Lady Rosary Makers have prepared packages of beads for stringing. We could use some help. It's not really hard to do and can be done at home. Just string the 5 decades of the rosary and return them to be finished with the cross. If you are interested and can lend a helping hand, please call the office and let us know. Anything you can do is appreciated.

### EMMAUS BOOK CLUB RETURNS

Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00PM the group will come together to discuss the book.....



*The Fisherman's Tomb* by John O'Neill.

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## YOUTH

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have begun. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the office to let us know. We welcome our new Religious Education Coordinator Iveth Parada. Iveth will be busy getting to know you and your children to fulfil our Religious Education requirements.



### ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

Open house, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2:00pm. For more information contact Maureen Doherty at: 908-322-4265.

## FINANCE

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## WORD



### ROSARY DEVOTION

The next Rosary Sunday is February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting; however, the Rosarians will gather together to pray the Rosary after the 9AM Mass. **Everyone is welcome**

**to join the Rosarians in praying the Rosary.** The Rosary is prayed on a regular basis every day before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the Rosary on Thursdays with Benediction at 11:00AM.

### ONLINE GIVING

<u>Faith Giving for St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus</u>	
Collection for January 22	
In Pew.....	2,911.00
On Line.....	1,048.00
Total for January 22..... 3,959.00	
Total for Christmas.....30,133.00	

## Calendar of Events

### SUNDAYS:

#### **January 29...Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM... Mass in English

**Knights of Columbus Mtg. after Mass**

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

1:00PM... .Mass in English

#### **February 5...Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM.... Mass in English

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

1:00PM... .Mass in English

#### **February 12...Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM.... Mass in English

**St . Anne's Baby Shower after Mass**

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

1:00PM... .Mass in English

### MONDAYS:

#### **January 30; February 6, 13, 27**

5:30PM...Polish School

### TUESDAYS:

#### **February 7**

6:30PM...St. Anne's Society Valentine Party

### WEDNESDAYS:

#### **February 1, 8, 15, 22**

6:30PM... Religious Education Class

### THURSDAYS:

#### **February 2, 9, 16, 23**

10:00 AM –11:00 AM...Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament after Mass

11:00AM.... Benediction

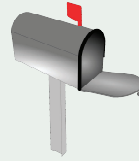
### FRIDAYS:

### SATURDAYS:

#### **January 28, February 4, 11, 18 , 25**

4:30PM... Confession

5:00PM... Mass in English



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *Dear Parishioners*

The readings for this Sunday inspire us to understand that Jesus has saved us and we are called to spread that good news to others. In the first reading we hear that Jesus ushers in a new era of freedom and salvation. The psalm reaffirms that the Lord is our salvation. In the 2nd reading Paul reminds us that we must be united in our efforts to evangelize. And in the Gospel, we hear Jesus calling Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to join him in spreading the Good News.

The Good News is an announcement of the Kingdom of God that comes with Christ. Together with the Apostles we are invited to respond promptly in our daily activities. In our daily lives, we experience Jesus' presence and witness that we are his followers.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019. The Word of God has power to transform our lives. Let us allow the Word of God to touch our lives and transform them in the same way as He transformed the lives of his disciples.

*In the Love of God,*

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