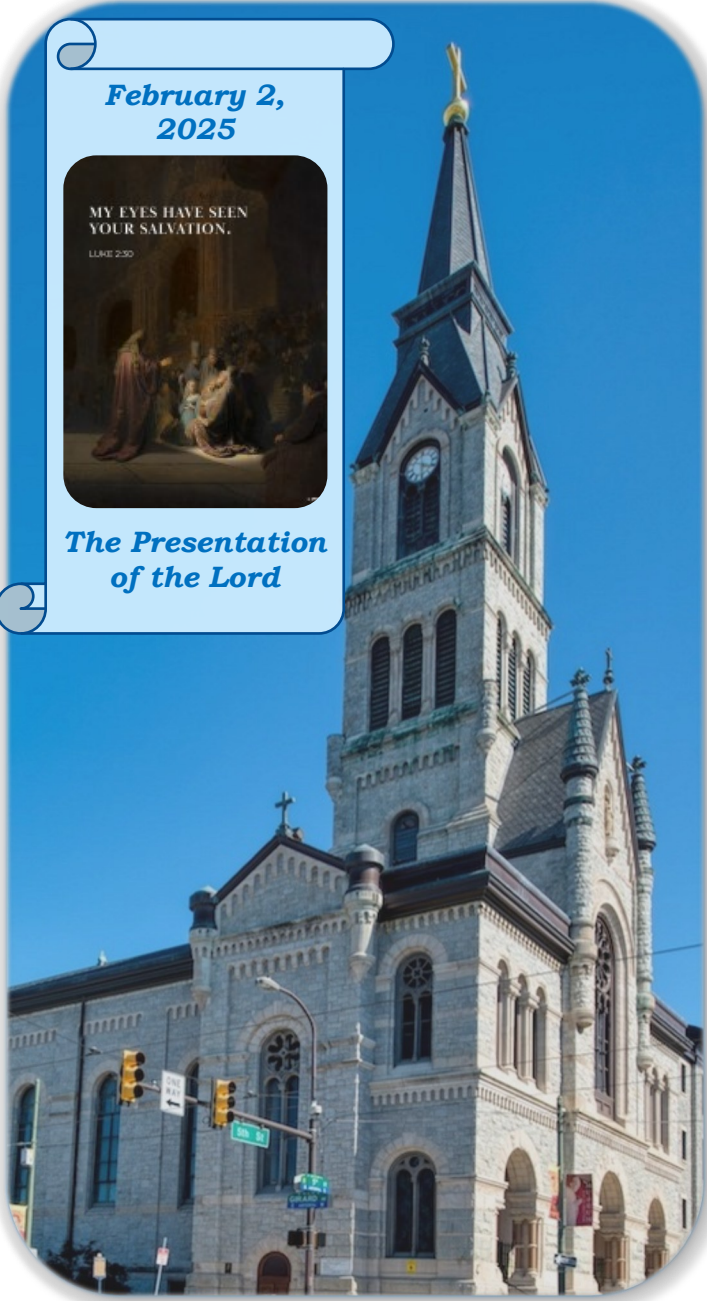


February 2,  
2025



**The Presentation  
of the Lord**



## **St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann**

A Redemptorist Parish  
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),  
12:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Mon - Sat:** 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

**Monday - Saturday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### **GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS:** You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

**SICK CALLS:** Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 PM † Timothy Klarich - rb: Geri McTear

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and Sr Mary Kim Fam Liv & Dec  
- rb: Sr Mary Kim

11:00 AM † Donna Bristow - rb: Jose Colon

12:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Maria Pham - rb: Van Tran

5:30 PM † Martha Pham - rb: Parents

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Maria Magdalena Asencio - rb: Victor Asencio

5:30 PM † Agustino Nguyen Bang Dong - rb: Kim Chi &  
Hung Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † McDonald Family - rb: Robert McDonald

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM John Kernan - rb: Family

5:30 PM † Tim Rossiter - rb: Bernadette & Family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † Linda Cangelosi - rb: Judy & Janet Logan

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

## REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSSR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz and Charles Ambrose. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. Before the revision of the General Roman Calendar this marked the end of the Christmas season.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

"The specific liturgy of this Candlemas feast, the blessing of candles, is not as widely celebrated as it should be, except of course whenever February 2 falls on a Sunday and thus takes precedence. There are two ways of celebrating the ceremony, either the *Procession*, which begins at a 'gathering place' outside the church, or the *Solemn Entrance*, celebrated within the church."

(Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery)

Blessings,  
Fr Mike

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

*Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)*  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

*OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)*  
*Little Family - rb: Nora Little*  
*In Thanksgiving - rb: Theresa*

*St. John Neumann Altar*  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

*Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)*

*Available*

*Redemptorist Chapel*

*Available*

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Consider lighting a candle for your intentions or in memory of a loved one. The candles are located at the Blessed Sacrament Altar, the Perpetual Help Shrine, the St. John Neumann Altar, the Upper Church's Main Altar, and the Priest Chapel.



If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for details.

**Donation: \$20 for 2 weeks; \$10 for one week**

**WEEKEND COLLECTION - 1/26/2025**

Saturday 5:30 pm -	\$398.00
Sunday 7:30 am -	\$192.00
Sunday 9:30 am -	\$1,226.00
Sunday 11:00 am -	\$957.00
Sunday 12:30 pm -	\$337.00
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$145.00
Electronic Giving -	\$1,531.50
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,798.50</b>
<b>Total 2nd Collection.....</b>	<b>\$963.11</b>



The Announced Mass book is now open for 2025. Please bring your intention and donation to the Parish Office.

**Each intention is \$10.**

**THE ROSARY**

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Go to the page: [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org)  
 tab **Donate** and select the link with the **Parish Giving Logo**  
 Follow the simple instructions



**Celestial Wonders: A Glimpse into God's Creation**

The star Almach appears as a single star in the night sky over St. Peter the Apostle Church, but it comprises three stars that come together to illuminate the darkness even more! "The wise will shine like the stars, and those who lead others to righteousness will shine like the stars forever." Daniel 12:3



### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Donna Bristow – sp: Jose Colon

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little - sp: Nora Little*

*En acción de gracias - sp: Theresa*

*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Disponible*

*Capilla de los Redentoristas*

*Disponible*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, y Charles Ambrose. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Hoy la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la **Presentación del Señor** que se celebra cuarenta días después del nacimiento de Jesús y que también se conoce como el día de la Candelaria, ya que la bendición y procesión de las velas está incluida en la liturgia de hoy. Antes de la revisión del Calendario Romano General, esta fiesta marcaba el final de la temporada navideña.

La fiesta se celebró por primera vez en la Iglesia de Oriente como "El Encuentro". En el siglo VI, comenzó a celebrarse en Occidente: en Roma con un carácter más penitencial y en la Galia (Francia) con solemnes bendiciones y procesiones de velas, conocidas popularmente como "La Candelaria". La Presentación del Señor concluye la celebración de la Natividad y con las ofrendas de la Virgen Madre y la profecía de Simeón, los eventos ahora apuntan hacia la Pascua. "En obediencia a la antigua ley, el Señor Jesús, el primogénito, fue presentado en el Templo por su Santísima Madre y su padre adoptivo. Cristo es la luz de las naciones, de ahí la bendición y procesión de las velas en este día. En la Edad Media, esta fiesta de la Purificación de la Santísima Virgen María, o 'Candelaria', era de gran importancia.

"La liturgia específica de esta fiesta de la Candelaria, la bendición de las velas, no se celebra tan ampliamente como debería, excepto, por supuesto, cuando el 2 de febrero cae en domingo y, por lo tanto, tiene precedencia. Hay dos formas de celebrar la ceremonia, o la Procesión, que comienza en un 'lugar de reunión' fuera de la iglesia, o la Entrada Solemne, celebrada dentro de la iglesia".

(Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery)

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike

**VELA DEL SANTUARIO**

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.



**Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.**

**COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 1/26/2025**

Sábado 5:30 pm -	\$398.00
Domingo 7:30 am -	\$192.00
Domingo 9:30 am -	\$1,226.00
Domingo 11:00 am -	\$957.00
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**EL ROSARIO**

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



**DONACION ELECTRONICA**

Ingrese a la página [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



**Maravillas celestiales: una mirada a la creación de Dios**

La estrella Almach aparece como una sola estrella en el cielo nocturno sobre la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol, pero está compuesta por tres estrellas que se unen para iluminar aún más la oscuridad. “Los sabios brillarán como las estrellas, y los que guían a otros a la rectitud brillarán como las estrellas para siempre”. Daniel 12:3



**WE ARE HIRING**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**PART -TIME OPEN POSITION**

- INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EDUCATOR

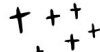
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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

*United in Faith and Love*  
PROGRAM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR "UNITED IN FAITH AND LOVE" PROGRAM! SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WE BEGAN THIS IMPORTANT PARISH-WIDE PROGRAM, AND WE ARE STARTING TO SEE SIGNS THAT OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS ARE GROWING THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF YOU, OUR FAITHFUL ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WE WILL BE PUBLISHING IN THE BULLETIN A REPORT WITH IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. YOUR GENEROSITY SHOWS YOUR WILLINGNESS AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS TO BE A PART OF THE ONGOING MISSIONS OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH.



**DESIGNER BAG BINGO**

**BUFFET LUNCH WITH B.Y.O.B.**

**\$40.00 PER PERSON**

**DATE:** SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

**LOCATION:** ST JOHN NEUMANN CENTER  
1039 N. LAWRENCE ST  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19123

**DOORS OPEN AT: 12:00PM**  
**GAME STARTS AT: 1:00PM**

*Ticket sales begin on Sunday, February 2nd in the Atrium after regular Sunday Masses.*



# Leaders & Achievers AWARDS

AN EVENT BENEFITING SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

## The 2025 Leaders & Achievers Awards

is a semi-formal event with an award presentation followed by a cocktail reception with music, a silent auction and open seating.



**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**6-9 PM**

**Honoring**  
**Connie Milek & Caden Huff '25**

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For additional information, please contact Teresa Przybylski, Director of Advancement & Enrollment at [tprzybylski@stpetertheapostleschool.com](mailto:tprzybylski@stpetertheapostleschool.com) or 215-922-5958.

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or sponsorship

