

Upcoming Events

Jan. 24-Feb. 2: Pilgrimage in Quito, Ecuador in Honor of Our Lady of Good Success (please pray for the success of this pilgrimage!)

Sat. Feb. 1: This is a First Saturday. Please note that the Mass will be at 6:00 pm that day

Feb. 2: Reception of the Cassock & Tonsure, St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, Dilwyn, VA

Feb. 2: Candlemas and Feast of the Purification of Our Lady. Before the Sung Mass there will be the special blessing of the Candles. The faithful are encouraged to bring their candles on this day to be blessed.

Feb. 2: Dr. John Rao will give a talk to the Holy Name Society in Ridgefield after the 9:00 am Mass

Feb. 9: Septagesima Sunday. Please bring last year's palms so they may be burnt to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday

Feb. 17-21: Annual Priests' Meeting in Winona, MN

Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday

(Late) **March:** Fr. DuChalard and the Consoling Sisters from Italy will be visiting Mater Dei in Syracuse. (more info to come)

April 12: Easter Sunday

May 17: First Communions

Fri. June 12: Ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood, Dylwynn, VA

January 26, 2020

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Feb. 2, 2020

Feast of the Purification of Our Lady



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Mass Schedule:

Sat. Feb. 1: First Saturday: Low Mass at 6:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 2: Feast of the Purification: Blessing of Candles followed by a Sung Mass at 9:00 am

Fri. Feb. 7 First Friday: Low Mass at 7:00 pm followed by All Night Adoration

Sat. Feb. 8: 8:00 am Low Mass

Sunday, Feb. 9: Septuagesima Sunday: 9:00 am Low Mass

Catechism: After Mass Every Sunday

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

Jan. 26-Feb. 1: Elizabeth Hansen, from the Hansen Family

Feb. 2-8: Giovanna Di Benedette from the Pagano Family

RIP Mrs. Florence Perez/Bobka

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence (Flo) Bobka. She passed away on Sunday, Jan 19. The wake be on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 2-4 pm & 7-9 pm at McManus-Lorey Funeral Home, 2084 Horseblock Road, Farmingville, NY.

A Requiem Mass will be at St. Michael's on Monday, Jan. 27 at 10:00 am, with the interment at Washington Memorial Park in Mt. Sinai following.

2nd Collection Schedule for January:

Sunday, Jan. 26: (St. Christopher's Mission)

2nd Collection Schedule for February:

Sunday, Feb. 2: Building Fund

Sunday Feb. 9: Ridgefield Priory Collection

Sunday, Feb. 16: Building Fund

Sunday, Feb. 23: (St. Christopher's Mission)

The Feast of the Purification, Feb. 2 by Dom Gueranger

The Forty Days of Mary's Purification are now completed, and she must go up to the Temple, there to offer to God her Child Jesus. Before following the Son and his Mother in this their mysterious journey, let us spend our last few moments at Bethlehem, in lovingly pondering over the mysteries at which we are going to assist.

The Law commanded, that a woman, who had given birth to a son, should not approach the Tabernacle for the term of forty days; after which time, she was to offer a sacrifice for her Purification. She was to offer up a lamb as a holocaust, and a turtle or dove as a sin-offering. But if she were poor, and could not provide a lamb, she was to offer, in its stead, a second turtle or dove.

By another ordinance of the Law, every first-born son was to be considered as belonging to God, and was to be redeemed by five sicles, each sicle weighing, according to the standard of the Temple, twenty obols. [Lev. xii.; Num. iii. 47. The Obol was about three half pence of English money.]

Mary was a Daughter of Israel - she had given Birth to Jesus - he was her First-born Son. Could such a Mother, and such a Son, be included in the Laws we have just quoted? Was it becoming that Mary should observe them?

If she considered the spirit of these legal enactments, and why God required the ceremony of Purification, it was evident that she was not bound to them. They, for whom these Laws had been made, were espoused to men;- Mary was the chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost, a Virgin in conceiving, and a Virgin in giving Birth to, her Son; her purity had ever been spotless as that of the Angels - but it received an incalculable increase by her carrying the God of all sanctity in her womb, and bringing him into this world. Moreover, when she reflected upon her Child being the Creator and sovereign Lord of all things - how could she suppose that he was to be submitted to the humiliation of being ransomed as a slave, whose life and person are not his own?

And yet!, the Holy Spirit revealed to Mary, that she must comply with both these Laws. She, the holy Mother of God, must go to the Temple like other Hebrew mothers, as though she had lost something which needed restoring by a legal sacrifice. He, that is the Son of God and Son of Man, must be treated in all things as though he were a Servant, and be ransomed in common with the poorest Jewish boy. Mary adores the will of God, and embraces it with her whole heart.