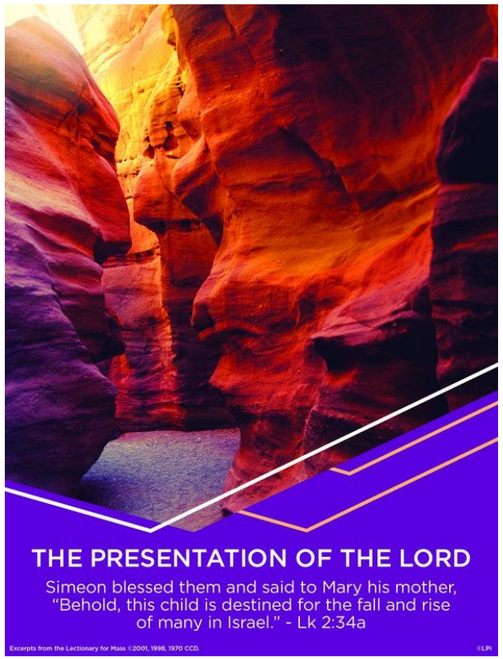
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 2, 2025



Weekend	Bl. Sac.	St. Isaac
Jan. 26th	$756	$1,111

VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers) will be at St. Cecilia's every Friday and Saturday in February and March, also selected Tuesday's. And they will be at St. Isaac Jogues, Thursday, February 27th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. This is free tax assistance for families and individuals whose household income is $67,000 or less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an appointment.

When School is delayed or cancelled, weekday morning Mass, the Rosary & Holy Hour are also CANCELLED!

St. Isaac Jogues

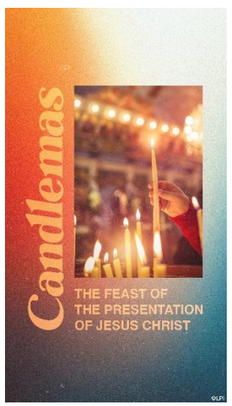
Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
2/1 Joan, Hoopie, Beth, Kevin Colton
Nettie Buckley & Theresa Todd
Req. Alan Tougas Family
2/2 Mary Marble *Req. Ann & John Coberg*
2/8 Doris Lange *Req. Beverly & Frank Kearing*
Daily Mass this Wednesday, February5th at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.

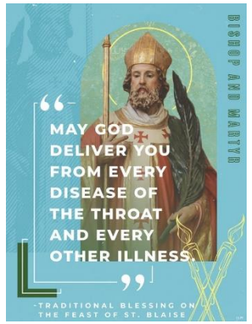
Blessed Sacrament

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.
2/2 Mariann Roberts-Huck & Family
Req. Ellie & Tom Torebka
2/9 Pat Galea *Req. Dawn Faller*
Prayer Intentions: call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765
Rosary Tuesday's at 9:30 am.
Daily Mass: Thursday, February 6th at 9:30 am followed by Adoration.
Coffee Hour: Next Sunday February 16th after the 10:30 am Mass. If you would like to bring something, please contact Anne Marie Bell at 518-644-3051.

Outreach Ministries

Food Pantries: There is a bin at the entrance of the churches. The need at the pantries has grown exponentially this year. Please consider giving weekly to those in need. This will be brought to the North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs (no can opener to use), shelf stable food, also, personal hygiene products, cleaning products & kid-friendly foods.





St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

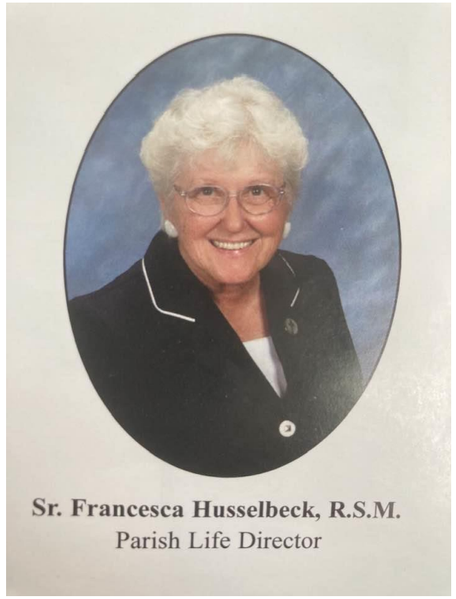
Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

Sharing the Gospel
When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they dedicated Jesus to God. An old man named Simeon was also in the temple that day. As soon as Simeon saw and held baby Jesus, he praised God. He knew that Jesus was going to bring God's love to all people, including you.

Prayer
God, I thank you for sending Jesus to save all people from sin.

Something to Draw
Draw a picture of the old man Simeon happily holding baby Jesus.

Mission for the Week
Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how special Jesus is.



Words from Sr. Fran
January 28, 2007
Seeking Agape In Our Lives

God's love for us is a total self-giving to us of the very essence of who God is. This happens for no other reason but out of love for us. In the first reading from Jeremiah 1: vs 4-5 we heard;

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
Before you were born, I dedicated you."

This gift of love, unconditional and for the other, not for the self, is called **Agape**. Only God can love us with such total self-giving and for the sole purpose of loving us. (a need for return is not a condition)

However, in our second reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that we are to emulate God's love in our lives within our families and communities. He actually uses the Greek word Agape when he speaks of love in this letter. If we have received and are filled with Agape from our self-giving God, then we are called to let it overflow into the lives of others. *Sr. Fran*

And that is what Sr. Fran did! She being filled with Agape, letting it overflow into the lives of all of us! Rest in Peace Sr. Fran.

Job Well Done Faithful Servant. *1-19-2025*