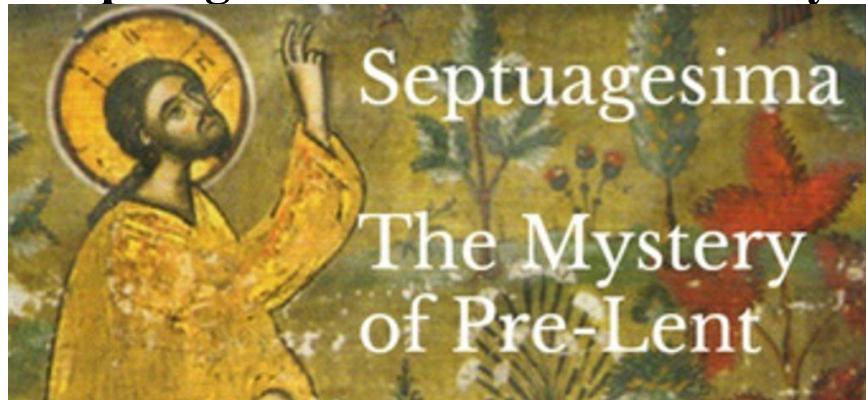


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Septuagesima-1st Pre-Lent Sunday



February 1st, 2026

9am: Sophie & Martin Szpilka of. by John Spilka

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Lector – Bob Samelson

Greeter – Martha Repede

Collectors – Mark Avondet & Pete O'Connor

- Coffee Hour & SOCL Follow Holy Mass

- Love of God Sodality Meets

Welcome

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors this day. Please enjoy Holy Mass and consider coming downstairs for coffee hour afterward. For our visitors, it is wonderful to have you, be it the first or fifth or fifteenth time worshipping with us. If you have not done so quite yet, we would love to get to know you better- Please fill out the yellow cards found at each pew and drop in the collection basket –thank you for being with us!

Sacraments

The Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) acknowledges 7 Sacraments, available to the faithful. Communion is distributed by intinction, that is, the Body of Christ is dipped into the Blood of Christ and placed directly on the communicant's tongue. Penance is imparted generally at the beginning of each Mass; the Word of God is experienced as well. Should you desire private confession, please see a priest.

Discuss Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony with Fr. Jason.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, February 2nd

9am- Holy Mass- Solemnity of the Presentation (see announcement)
6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, February 3rd

9am- Holy Mass of the Day – Feast of St. Blaise
10am – Mission Team Workshop

WEDNESDAY, February 4th

4pm – Food Ministry served in the parking lot

THURSDAY, February 5th

10am- Requiem Holy Mass – Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak – **Fr. P.**

FRIDAY, February 6th

9am – Holy Mass of the Day – *Titus – NT, Bp.*
11am – Noon – Holy Hour before Blessed Sacrament- see announcement

SATURDAY, February 7th

10am-11:30am – Adult Polish School meets
12pm-5pm – Hall Rental (basement)
8pm - AA meets

SUNDAY, February 8th – Sexagesima Sunday – Pre-Lent2

9am: Rt. Rev. Jan Dawidziuk, Anna Dawidziuk and Wojciech Fedorowicz of. by Elizabeth Starnawski

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1Cor 2:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Lector – Natalie Soltysiak

Greeter – Cathy Avondet

Collectors – Bob Samelson & John Kasperezyk

- Throats of the faithful blessed in honor of St. Blaise

- St. Mary's Annual Meeting to take place

Announcements

PRE-LENT – Pre-Lent is a Christian observance of devotion that was in preparation for the fasting and atonement of the Lenten Season. It allowed some to begin their fast even earlier. In this period, flowers are

traditionally removed from the sanctuary, as is the Gloria and the alleluia verse.. Thematically, it really is in between the “green” of Jesus’s ministry and the “violet” of penance. The rose-colored vestments show that thematic bridge. For those following in prayer and scripture life, the Sunday readings for Pre-Lent are taken from Ordinary A 6, 7, & 8.

CANON –Today, and for the month of February, we use the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer on p. 82, the Canon of St. Hippolytus.

POINSETTIAS –Christmas decorations have been removed in time for Pre-Lent. As some of our flowers are still pretty healthy, we invite you to take poinsettias home with you– many of them are in tremendous shape and have a lot of life in them yet! And why poinsettias? The vast majority come from Mexico, known as “floras de noche buena.”, or “Flowers of the Holy Night. The shape is akin to the Bethlehem star, the red color represents the blood Christ would shed, and the white the purity belonging to the sinless Christ Child.

VOTING MEMBERS – As we approach our Annual Meeting (rescheduled for Sunday, February 8th- keep an eye for emailed reports[and let Fr. Jason know if you do not receive his emails]), we offer a reminder that although anyone could attend the meeting, one must be a “voting member” in order to vote in voice, ballot, etc. A voting member of a Polish National Catholic Parish is defined in Article III of the PNCC Constitution as one who is over 18, believes in the Faith of the church, participates spiritually (attending and receiving Sacraments at least once a year) and materially to the parish.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, March 7, from 10am-2pm, the Lenten Retreat of the Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese takes place at St. Mary’s. Usually this is in the Toledo area, but it was voted to take place here. A sign-up sheet will be made shortly to begin planning for this event – open and encouraged for all parishioners & friends.

ADORATION –On Friday, February 6, a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament will once again take place (First done Jan. 9th). This one, beside the prayers to expose and reserve the sacrament, will be silent, but printed materials will be provided for the faithful. Please consider offering time before the Sacrament–this will be taking place monthly in 2026 and at different times of day (next time during Lenten Retreat)

SUPERBOWL SQUARES – The Super Bowl takes place on Sunday, Feb. 8- a repeat of the immensely satisfying, epic, and wonderfully- resulted 2015 iteration, the Seattle Seahawks and the NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS. Add some excitement by purchasing squares 2 for \$5- see Mark Avondet after Mass. May the (Patriots) best team win!

CHRISTMAS CONCLUDES – The 40 day celebration concludes tomorrow at 9am Holy Mass with “Candlemas”, Solemnity of the Presentation. Candles are blessed for distribution to all, or you may bring your favorite candle to church for a blessing. As the clock turned Midnight, Christmas began with candles in the hands of the faithful– it concludes with the same message, of light overcoming darkness, long after the world has moved on. Worship with us and hear Christmas Carols for the last time until the day after Halloween!

UPCOMING

Feb 1 – Sodality Meeting
Feb 2 – Candlemas
Feb 6 – Holy Hour Adoration
Feb 7 – Hall Rental (basement)
Feb 8 – Throat Blessing
Feb 8 – Tent. Annual Meeting
Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday
Mar 7–Seniorate Lenten Retreat takes place at St. Mary’s

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary’s parishioners, family and friends:

Helen Cummings	Shannon Alberino	Tom Pietka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Jay Jurczyk
Johanna Markiewicz	Sage McLane	Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Wanda Clark	Shyanna Tiller
Dave Tuma	Jim Giles	Marilyn Girard
Lew & Margaret Heifner	Ron Ference	Jo Orlowski
Andy Cannizzaro	Millie Dominik	Kim Kolens
Jack Spilka & John Spilka	Nicole McGivern	Elaine Repede
Steve & Astrid Wisniewski	Jane Walo	Josephine Ference
Sue Penney	Beth Chihill	Bob Kaczmarek
Michelle Ostrowski	Jane Hunter	Joe Litto
Jay Grabowsky	George Bennett	Kenny Mach
Patrick & Jennifer Kmott	Gail Perz	Bill Zychowski
Jeff Dreger	Amanda Monyak	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Loretta Baldwin	Cecelia Hall
George Makovicka	Judy Alexin	Louise Moritz
James & Bobbi Moss	Cathy Pieciak	Kenneth Parks
George & Rose Ann Zieffle	Sheri Sefcik	Jeffery Kirchner
Rich Dombrowski	Bryson Dzuroff	Diane Black
Esther Stepanik	Stephanie Milla	Mike Paulus
Kathleen Sobocinski	Caroline O’Connor	Linda Marks
Linda & Rick Duffy	Kim Penney	Greg Banaszak
Chris Avondet	Carl Neutzling	John Beno
Tammy Knotek		

AND ALL OTHERS!

Bless them, O Lord.

Pobłogosław im, O Boże