



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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— some are still in shape to save!

**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. It will include 3 short presentations, two meals, and a guided Holy Hour of St. Augustine before the Most Blessed Sacrament .

**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 George Bennett after Mass. May the (Patriots) best team win!

**SCOUT SUNDAY** - Our Church will observe Scout Sunday on February 8. – Prayers of intercession will reflect this

**ELEVATIONS** - On March 3 at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago at 10am (central time), Cleric Al Becker and Cleric Jason Fox will be elevated to Subdeacon and receive the minor orders of acolyte and blesser. Prime Bishop Anthony will preside and bestow the orders. All are invited to attend this important event

**WORD OF GOD STUDY** The next Word of God study begins this week. Information was sent in the monthly newsletters, but will be each night for the next 7 weeks at 8pm on Tuesday evenings. Facilitated by Very Rev. John Kowalczyk and Rev. Jim Ploskonka, it is based on the book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre. Please see Fr. Jason with any questions.

#### UPCOMING

Feb 8 – Throat Blessing  
Feb 8 –Annual Meeting  
Feb 10 – WOG Study Week 1  
Feb 15 – Pancake Breakfast  
Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday  
Feb 20 – Stations of the Cross  
Mar 3 – Clerical Elevations (CHI)  
Mar 7–Seniorate Lenten Retreat takes place at St. Mary’s

**SCHOLARS CONFERENCE** - Save the Date - This year’s Scholars Conference in the PNCC will be April 18, 2026 in Scranton, PA and online. If you would like further info, please contact Rev. Father Jim Ploskonka of the History and Archives commission at 216.650.5596

**YOUTH CONVO/RETREAT**— The 2026 PNCC Youth Convo/Retreat takes place in Jaffrey, NH August 3-7. Fr. Jason and Brady plan on attending—if any children from the parish are interested, please speak to Fr. Jason, as we must plan early for this travel.

**NEWSLETTERS** – For February were emailed, placed in parish mailboxes, and on the way in US. Mail. Enjoy, and we are always looking for content to highlight our parish, our faith, and our people.

#### 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 Paganovsky	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