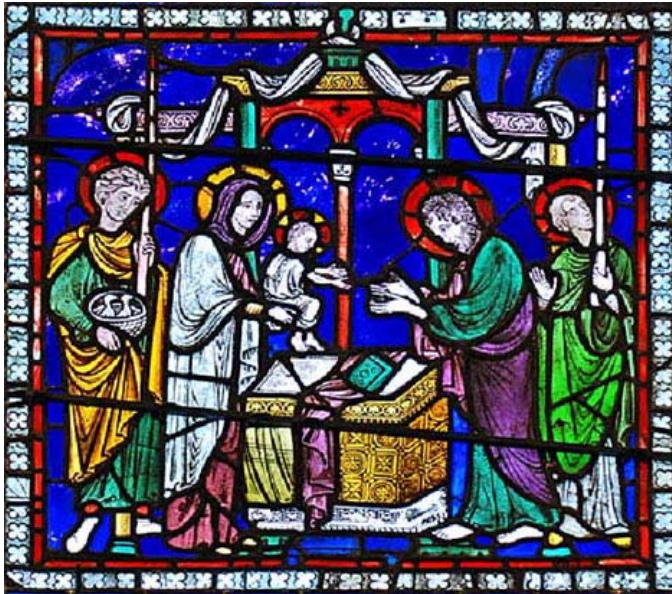


# Crux Fidelis



**Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree,  
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.**

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus c. 580



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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Though it is only the end of January, the beginning of Lent is already fast approaching. This year, the date of Easter is almost as early as it can be, and so on the last Sunday of this month we enter the season of Pre-Lent, consisting of the three Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday. This semi-penitential season, though dropped from the calendar in many places, offers us a wonderful opportunity to begin contemplating our Lenten disciplines, a chance to “ease into” the sacrifices we will make and the additional spiritual practices we will take on during the forty days of Lent. Should anyone desire guidance on preparing a Lenten rule of life, please speak to Fr. David or myself.

Before that holy season begins, however, we have one more great feast of the Church on

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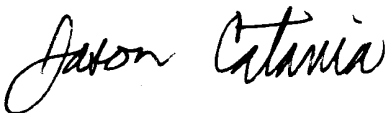
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February 2. Forty days after Christmas, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, also known as the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, or simply Candlemas, is the final festival in the cycle of feasts commemorating the mystery of the Incarnation. As some of you are aware, this is one of my favorite feasts, which is why I chose it as the occasion for my institution as rector of Mount Calvary three years ago. This year, we will observe Candlemas with Procession and Solemn High Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception. As on Epiphany, we will be joined by the clergy and people of Grace and St. Peter's. Please make every effort to be present for this beautiful festival.

Two weeks later, on February 16, we will once again have our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This was highly successful last year, and I hope we will have even more participation this year. The next day, of course, is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent in the Western Church. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated in chapel of the Joseph Richey House at 11:30 am, and at Mount Calvary at 6:30 pm. Please note that the start of Lent is an especially appropriate time to avail oneself of the Sacrament of Penance; the term "Shrove Tuesday" in fact is a reference to being "shriven", meaning to make one's confession and receive absolution before the start of Lent. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:00 am and by appointment.

Finally, as has been the custom for many years at Mount Calvary, on the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 24, Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 6:30 pm. As usual, this will be followed by a soup supper and our Lenten Program. Details of the program will be forthcoming. In the past, this has been quite well attended, and I hope that will be the case again this year.

Wishing you a most holy Lent, I remain your priest and friend,



The Rev. Jason A. Catania, SSC  
Rector

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## Purification of Our Lady: Candlemas

Tuesday, February 2

6:30 p.m. Blessing of Candles, Procession & Solemn High Mass

*Missa Secunda*, Hans Leo Hassler

*Ave Maria*, Jacob Arcadelt

*Laudate nomen Domini*, Christopher Tye

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## FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS

*February is the Month of the Holy Family*

1 St Ignatius, BM	Keith, our Episcopal Visitor
<b>2 CANDLEMAS</b>	Community of St Mary, Greenwich NY
3 AM: St Blase, BM	Those suffering with throat ailments
PM: Monthly Requiem	The faithful departed who died in February
4 St Andrew Corsini, BC	City of Baltimore
5 St Agatha, VM	Those who suffer with breast cancer
6 St Titus, BC	Society of Mary
<b>7 SEXAGESIMA</b>	Our Parish
8 Feria	The sick
9 St Cyril of Alexandria, BCD	Our Vestry
10 St Scholastica, V	The All Saints' Sisters of the Poor
11 Our Lady of Lourdes	Joseph Richey House
12 Seven Holy Founders of the Servites	Forward in Faith
13 Feria	The Anglican Communion
<b>14 QUINQUAGESIMA</b>	Our Parish
15 SS Faustinus and Jovita, MM	Eugene and John, Bishops of Maryland
16 Feria	Rowan, the Archbishop of Canterbury
<b>17 ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	Keeping a holy Lent
18 St Mary Bernard, V	Guild of All Souls
19 Feria	Society of the Holy Cross
20 Feria	Travelers
<b>21 LENT I</b>	Our Parish
22 St Peter's Chair at Antioch (Feria)	Corporate Reunion with the Holy See
23 St Peter Damian, BCD (Feria; Vigil)	Benedict, Bishop of Rome
<b>24 ST MATTHIAS</b> , AP (Ember Day)	Our Parish
25 Feria	The unemployed
26 Ember Day	Those preparing for ordination
27 St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, C (Ember Day)	Young people
<b>28 LENT II</b>	Our Parish

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17

Imposition of Ashes and Low Mass - 11:30 a.m. at Joseph Richey Hospice

Imposition of Ashes and Solemn High Mass - 6:30 p.m.

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## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 16

6:30 p.m.



Adults: \$5.00  
Children ages 5-12: \$2.50  
Children under 5: FREE

\$15.00 max. per family

*Sponsored by the pious and hard-working men of Mt. Calvary Church!*

## FEBRUARY MUSIC SCHEDULE

**2 February - Candlemas**

**6:30 p.m.**

Kyrie, Gloria & Agnus Dei – Missa Secunda, Hans Leo Hassler

Ave Maria – Jacob Arcadelt

Laudate nomen Domini – Christopher Tye

**7 February - Sexagesima**

Ave verum corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

O Lord God – Percy Carter Buck

**14 February - Quinquagesima**

O sacrum convivium – Giovanni Croce

Lead me, Lord – Samuel Sebastian Wesley

**17 February - Ash Wednesday**

**6:30 p.m.**

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake – John Hilton

Attende Domine – Mode V

**21 February - Lent I**

Call to remembrance – Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face – Richard Farrant

**28 February - Lent II**

Haste thee, O God – Adrian Batten

Lord, we beseech thee – Adrian Batten

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## THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

*Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, Candlemas*

The Feast of the Purification of Our Lady, or the Presentation of Our Lord, often called Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the Temple, which took place 40 days after his birth, as Jewish law required. The Gospel of Saint Luke tells us, quoting Exodus 13:2,12, that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem because every firstborn child was to be dedicated to the Lord. They also went to sacrifice a pair of doves or two young pigeons, showing that Mary and Joseph were poor. Simeon, upon seeing the Messiah, gave thanks to the Lord, singing a hymn called the *Nunc Dimittis*:

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

This beautiful canticle has been incorporated into the Church's night prayer, Evensong, where it serves as an expression of thanksgiving for the graces and blessings of another day of redemption. As we sing it we see Simeon holding the Child Jesus in his arms and then, with grateful heart, retiring from his earthly service to God. We, too, are in the Lord's service. At the close of day we hold the Saviour in our arms, mystically speaking; we hold Him in faith, in grace, in the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Altar. Fervently we thank God for His blessings; and we are prepared, if it be His will, to take our leave from the world. Yes, Lord you may now dismiss me, your servant. For with the eyes of faith I have seen my Saviour, Jesus. Christ is my salvation, my redemption, my Light. He enlightens the darkness of my mind and heart. Oh, that we could bring each day to a close with thoughts like these! How well they express the noblest sentiments of a Christian heart at the end of the day.

Simeon tells Mary, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against, (yea, a sword shall pierce thy own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Simeon thus foreshadows the crucifixion of Our Lord and the sorrows of Our Lady at seeing the death of her Son.

One of the themes of the feast is light. The name Candlemas comes from the activities associated with the feast. It came to be known as the Candle Mass. In the Western Church, a procession with lighted candles is the distinctive rite. Candles are blessed and distributed to the people, who hold them lighted during the Gospel and again during the Canon of the Mass until communion.

- Adapted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, by Pius Parsch

**There will be a High Mass on Candlemas, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.**

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**Weekly Masses:**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Low Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 Noon	Low Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 Noon	Low Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30 a.m.	Mass for Healing: Joseph Richey House
	6:30 p.m.	Low Mass, followed by Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00 Noon	Low Mass
<b>Friday</b>	12:00 Noon	Low Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	10:00 a.m.	Low Mass

**Monthly Special Masses:**

<b>Tuesday, February 2</b>	6:30 p.m.	CANDLEMAS: Procession and Solemn High Mass
<b>Wednesday, February 3</b>	6:30 p.m.	Monthly Requiem Mass
<b>Saturday, February 6</b>	10:00 a.m.	Mass and Society of Mary Rosary
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b>	6:30 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY: Solemn High Mass

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**TIME VALUE - PLEASE EXPEDITE**