

**ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH, PHILADALPHIA, PA**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2nd PRESENTATIONS OF OUR LORD, (WHITE)**

**BLESSING OF THROATS, GROUND HOG DAY**

**9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Charles Calloway; from All Souls list.**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 3rd ST. BLASÉ, BISHOP & MARTYR, (RED)**

**8AM Mass for the health of the sick.**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4th OF THE 4th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)**

**8AM Mass for the intentions of our parish family.**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5th ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN & MARTYR (RED)**

**8AM Mass for peace.**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6th ST. TITUS, BISHOP, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for an increase of Vocations.**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7th ST. RICHARD, KING, (WHITE)**

**8AM Mass for the soul of the departed Bishop Valentine Gabrychowski; 41st Anni of death.**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th 5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, (GREEN)**

**LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 LESSON: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11 GOSPEL: St. Luke 5:1-11**

**9:30AM Mass for the soul of the departed Helen Sucharski**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FEBRUARY 16th Boy Scout week Begins, FEBRUARY 17th Presidents Day,**

**SACRED VOCATIONS:** Please pray for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD:** Today marks 40 days since the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In the Jewish tradition of the time, the first-born male child was to be dedicated to serve as a Rabbi in the temple. He could be bought back. The family had to either pay a certain amount of money, or if they were too poor, they could offer two turtle doves in sacrifice. Also the mother had to go through a ritual bath of cleansing. If you remember there was a time in the Church that a mother had to be visited by the priest before she could come back to church. It was called “churaching the mother.” That practice was dropped 40 years ago. Also, on this day many years ago in the seminary seminarians received their cassocks and entered the clerical state. Mary and Joseph came to the temple to do these rituals. Although our Blessed Mother did not need to go through the ritual bath, since she remained forever virgin. Today is also known as Candlemas Day. All the candles used in church are blessed. This marked the first time Jesus came to the temple. Simeon declared He was the light to the Gentles. He also told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. That came to be at the Crucifixion. This day has been known by many titles. The point being is that we have been purified by the presence of Jesus in our lives. By His death and rising from the dead we are cleansed of sin, and made children of God. Simeon points to Jesus as the light of the world, alight that will never be put out. **HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!**

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Michele Elliot, Bridgette Roth, Christi Duff, Nancy, Kyle, Fr. Carmen, Maria Harrington.