



Last week, our bills were \$5,964 (much more than anticipated), and included repairs to the Church steam pipes as well as payment for the 2013 boxed sets of offertory envelopes. Our anticipated expenses for this week should be close to \$1,000. Thank you.

Jan 30 Mon 8:00 All Souls
 Jan 31 Tue 8:00 All Souls
 Feb 1 Wed 8:00 All Souls
 Feb 2 Thu No Mass Today
 Feb 3 Fri No Mass Today
 Feb 4 Sat 4:00 Dorothy & Patrick Kelleher,
 by their Children
 Feb 5 Sun 8:00 Rita Cirasco
 10:30 Francisco Villanueva, by the Family

| Week of January 22 | | |
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| Mass | attendance | collection |
| 4:00 | 75 | \$878 |
| 6:00 | 50 | \$588 |
| 10:00 | 79 | \$1244 |

CANDLES: For the week of January 29, the altar and sanctuary candles are given anonymously.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel -- The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Tuesday: St. John Bosco
 Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
 Friday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats; First Friday
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

FUEL FUND: The Fuel Fund balance is \$2,628.24.



The Knights of Columbus, Council #5288 (Penacook) recently sponsored their annual Free Throw Contest at the High School. The winners were: James Shattuck and Dade Perron. The

Knights of Columbus donate millions of dollars and thousands of man hours to charitable causes every year. Consider becoming a Knight.

The Parish Office has mailed year end statements of contributions to the Parish for tax purposes. If you received one last year, you will automatically get one this year.



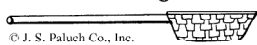
If you have not received one in the past, please contact the office with your envelope number. Please make us aware of any change in address!!

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous response to the Diocesan collection for Seminarians. This year's collection was the best ever as we topped our assessment almost twofold. The assessment was \$690 and the collection was \$1,318.

*Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock.
 You find them . . . one at a time.*

--Anonymous

Christian Giving



COLLECTIONS: The offertory collection was \$2,690 the Fuel Fund was \$10 and Soup Supper was \$195. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.



Next Sunday is Brown Bag Sunday. **The Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: beef stew, juices, peanut butter and jellies, spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your help!!

Get ready! The annual Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Religious Education Program will take place on Saturday, **February 11**, at 5:00 p.m.



The menu will consist of: salad and Italian dressing, pasta with homemade sauce, meatballs, bread & butter, beverage and a surprise desert. The cost of the tickets will remain at \$7 a person, \$20 per "nuclear family". The various classes will offer baskets as a raffle and a talent show is in the works. Come one, come all, to a fun time to benefit a great cause.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

The soul cannot live without love.

--St. Francis de Sales