

**This Sunday:
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024
9:00 AM**

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to the Parish Facebook page for the online service:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersport/>

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour with breakfast after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers: Janene Gorham and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Tom Ainsworth

Lector: Tom Ainsworth

Usher: Cindy Sherwood

Coffee Hour Hosts: Patty Lamb, Anita Chandler, and Robert Simmons

Music Notes for this Sunday are found at the end of Key



Dear Friends,

Lent will soon begin, when we will gather on Wednesday February 14th for Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season. Before we come to Lent, however, we observe tomorrow, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The day commemorates the account from St. Luke's gospel where Jesus is presented by his parents at the Temple in Jerusalem, 40 days after his birth. You can read the account in Luke 2:22-40.

St. Luke tells us that the that Simeon, a man in Jerusalem awaiting the coming of the Messiah and the prophet Anna both recognize the child as the Savior, and it is from this story that we have Simeon's prayer, also known as the *Nunc dimittis*, a part of our Compline service every week:

*Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

The day is also known as Candlemas, since a tradition developed to bless candles for use in the year to come. Perhaps you can light a candle tomorrow and pray the Collect for the Day, as the light of Christ continues to be made manifest in your life and the lives of those you love.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom

The Collect for the Feast of the Presentation

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Sunday of the Month Breakfast This Week

Join us for breakfast after the 9AM mass this Sunday. Pancakes and sausages are on the menu, as we anticipate the beginning of Lent on February 14. All are welcome; a suggested donation is \$5.

Acolyte Training offered This Saturday

We are excited to resume having acolytes serve as torchbearers at our Sunday liturgies. Torchbearers carry candles in our opening and closing processions, as well as being part of the gospel procession.

We welcome youth who are interested to join us on Saturday, February 3 at 3 PM in the church.

David Savage, who has taught many acolytes over the years, will be joined by Fr. Tom. We will meet for no more than an hour and a half, and learn much about what it means to be one of the Sunday ministers leading the congregation in worship.

Let's Help Our Youth Collect Dental Hygiene Products for Needs at St. Elizabeth's

Donations of dental hygiene products - toothpaste, floss and toothbrushes are especially needed at the Pantry. These

donations, along with bed and kitchen linens, and as always winter coats, can be placed in the undercroft for delivery to the pantry. Thank you! Our Youth Service Corps members will bring the dental items to St. Elizabeth's on February 18.



Report of the Prayer Ministry: An Addition to the Annual Report

We mistakenly left out the report from our Prayer Ministry in the Annual Report booklet. Our apologies go to Allison Schroth and Emma Bond. We have revised the booklet so that it is now included, should you wish to get another copy. The report can also be found below:

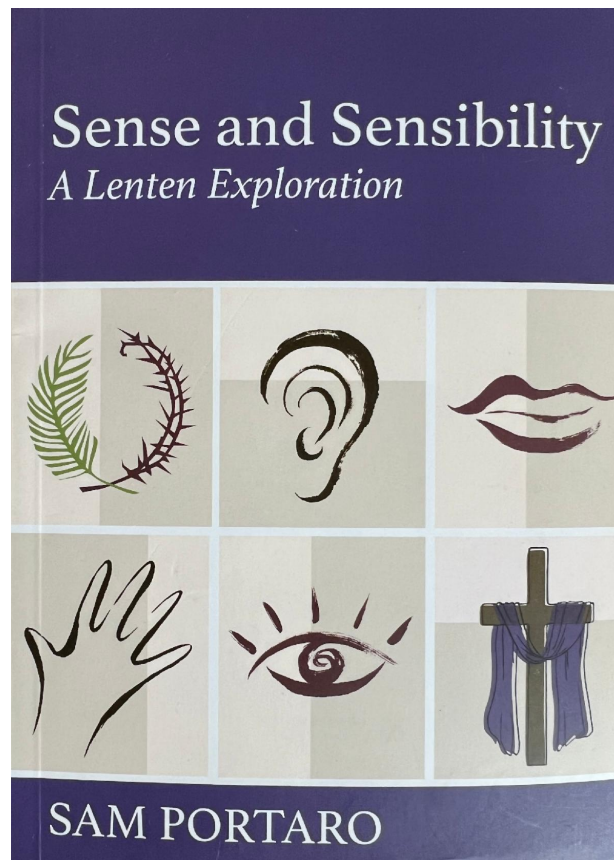
Last year at Fr. Tom's Suggestion St. Peter's initiated a prayer ministry for the parish to maintain and manage a list of Parishioners, Families and Friends who are ill or would benefit from our prayers. Emma Bond and Allison Schroth are the Prayer Ministry coordinators. Emma created a spreadsheet used to capture the information needed to maintain our Parish Prayer list. When updates are made, we pass the information along to Fr. Tom for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin and Keynotes. The most rewarding and important part of this ministry is our commitment to pray for everyone on the list daily. When schedules allow, we also do Facetime calls to pray together a few times each

quarter. We have found it most effective to manage this on a quarterly basis. When adding someone we set an appropriate date on the spread sheet for removal or extension as requested. When we do the quarterly review each quarter we connect with the person or whoever made the request to see how they are doing and see if they would like to remain on the list or if recovered be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Schroth

Lenten Devotional Study: Sense and Sensibility (and we do not mean Jane Austen)



Sense and Sensibility: A Lenten Exploration by Sam Portaro, will be offered as a Lenten devotional study. Rev. Portaro is an Episcopal priest who leads readers through reflections on our five senses - focusing on one sense for each of the five weeks of Lent. The intent is to help create pathways to a fuller awareness of ourselves and our relation to God.

There will be a chance to reflect on these devotions once a week on Zoom - watch for details as to actual time when we will meet. Do let the rector know if you are interested so that sufficient books can be ordered. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Acolyte Training Sat. Feb. 3 at 3 PM

Vestry Retreat on Friday evening, Feb 9 and Sat. Feb. 10

St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Morning: Tues. Feb. 13th at 8:30 AM

Ash Wednesday is February 14

Our primary service will be at noon, with the imposition of ashes offered. We may be able to offer ashes at a later evening service as well - stay tuned for details.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM on Zoom, beginning on February 16.

Youth Service Corps: Sunday February 18

Please let the rector know if you plan to attend. The group will be collecting and providing dental products for St. Elizabeth's Pantry.

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, February 7.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**. This link will be the same through February 14.

Sunday Minister Rota for February

February 4

Eucharistic Ministers: Janene Gorham and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Tom Ainsworth

Lector: Tom Ainsworth

Usher: Cindy Sherwood

Coffee Hour Hosts: Patty Lamb, Anita Chandler, and Robert Simmons

February 11

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Janene Gorham

Usher: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: Genie Campbell, Jan Tracy, and Ann Bay

February 18

Eucharistic Ministers: Lenita Richard and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Steve Koskinen

Usher: Anita Chandler

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Keniston Family

February 25

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Tom Ainsworth

Lector: Jan Tracy

Usher: Bob Simmons

Coffee Hour Hosts: Rodney and Lenita Richard

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Steve Secord

Diane Dalton
Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Linda Foster
Fred Fowler

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha and Steve Gagliardi, *friends of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Brenda Pappalardo, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Sharon Bay, *family member of Ann Bay*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of David and Dino Rice*
Steve Garnett, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Sally, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*

We extend our condolences to the families of those who have died, **John Peters** and **O. J. Smith**. May John and O.J. each rest in peace and rise in glory.

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315
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or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662
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A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing

that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
From *The Book of Common Prayer*

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

A student of Vaughan Williams at London's Royal College of Music, Percy Whitlock (1903-46) quickly arrived at a musical idiom that combined elements of his teacher's output and that of Sir Edward Elgar. His lush harmonic style also bore traces of Gershwin and other popular composers of the 1920s. Like Vaughan Williams, he often used themes that sounded like folk songs but were, in fact, original creations.

The son of a British admiral, Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) was the editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, whose publication in 1861 laid the groundwork for the great Anglican tradition of congregational singing which has continued to the present day. Sir Henry paired his text for "O Praise Ye The Lord"--our opening hymn--with a rousing tune by Sir Charles H. H. Parry, the director of the Royal College of Music in London.

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993), the author/composer of our sequence hymn, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," was born in a small rural town near Atlanta. In 1919 he moved to Chicago which was the center of his activity as a performer, composer/lyricist and Christian evangelist for the remainder of his life. Most of his musical training was in the church, but he also studied and played jazz and blues which he later combined with religious texts, giving birth to gospel music. The last words that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke before he was assassinated were to Ben Branch, the well-known black bandleader who was to provide the music that night at a prayer meeting. They would sing a special song since it was his favorite. "Ben, don't forget to play "Precious Lord" in the meeting tonight. Play it for me. Play it real pretty."

Michael McCabe (b.1941) combined a full-time military career with an active schedule as both organist and composer. Highly regarded as a performer, he served for a time as organist of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. Like last week's postlude, the "Fanfare" heard this morning is hot off the press: it, too, was published this past November.~HT

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