



Our Lady of the Alleghenies

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St. Blaise - Feastday February 3

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise." Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.



Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=28



February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Blessing of Candles February 2 <i>at all weekend Masses</i>			Blessing of Throats February 3 8:00 am and 6:00 pm  ST. BLASE			1 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
2	3 St Blaise Blessing of throats 8:00am Mass & 6:00pm Vespers Parish Council Meeting after Vespers	4 Cinch Card Party 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Church Hall	5	6	7 First Friday Confessions 8:30 – 9:00 Adoration 8:30 – 9:30	8 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 am Mass

The World Day of Prayer for the Sick always falls on February 11th because it is the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mary appeared to a young girl in Lourdes, France in the late 1800's and where that apparition took place there have been many healings recorded there.

Fr. Matthew will celebrate the Ritual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick at the regular 10:00am Mass on Sunday, February 9, 2025.



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9 Anointing of the Sick Mass 10:00 Mass	10	11  St. Vincent de Paul Society (2 nd Tuesday) 2:00 PM Church Hall Cinch Card Party 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Church Hall	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
16	17 Presidents' Day	18 Cinch Card Party 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Church Hall	19	20	21	22 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
23	24	25 Cinch Card Party 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Church Hall	26  Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of month) 6:30 pm Church Hall	27	28  Knights of Columbus Bloodmobile 12:30 – 5pm	

The first Ten Commandments are the hardest.



Happy Birthday to...

2	Amelia Behe	14	Andrew Ronan	19	Bryan Offman
	Edward Krisko		James Secriskey		Robert Shedlock
4	Erlynn Amrhein		Willard Wilkinson IV		Alicia Walters
	Haley Noland	15	Grant Gides	20	Donna Jackson
	Denise Zock		Mandy Lee		Amanda George
6	Betty Agosta		Christopher Matcho	21	Brandon Gresko
	Donald Callen		Richard Sivec		Michael Phillips
7	John Prebish	16	Heather Gides	23	Michele Craig
8	Dennis Billick		Angela Stiffler		George Klayko
	Leona George		Joan Walters		Frank Scott
9	Sean Tomlinson	17	Bartolomew Borlie	24	Theodore George
10	John Nezneski		Michael Eckenrode		Barry Yagoda
11	Lucas McMahon	18	Vernita Kaminski		Matthew Zunich
12	Jacob Bossler		Genevieve Lassak	25	Thomas Suchta
	Joseph Phillips		Shirley Patterson	26	Peyton Rabatin
14	Mateo Flores	18	Mackenzie Rainey		Pamela Sanders
	Barbara Lego			28	William Conley Jr.

Please call the rectory if there are corrections.



Special Birthday Celebrations



The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays this month.

Betty Agosta	98	Shirley Patterson	85
Vernita Kaminski	96	John Nezeski	82
Genieve Lassak	92	Michael Phillips	82
Erlynn Amrhein	91	Donna Jackson	81

February Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to John and Jackie Lingafelt, celebrating their 57th anniversary on February 3rd.



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Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus

Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information,
contact these leaders of our local council:
Officers for 2024-2025

Grand Knight Gary Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Deacon Sam Albarano
Chaplain..... VACANT
Financial Secretary..... James R. Secriskey
Chancellor Robert Kunrod
Treasurer Patrick J. Rainey
Recorder George W. Nesbella

Bloodmobile
Urgent Need!

Our Council will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Friday February 28, 2025

12:30pm – 5:00pm

2025 Blood Drives
June 6, 2025

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Present: Fr. Matthew, Bill Mulhearn (Chair), Ted George, Rich Giraud, Gary Nagy, Pat Rainey, Jenny Schilling, Liz Wilt

Excused: Matt George, Andy Ronan, Deacon Sam

Accounts Review Summary:

Account Balances as of January 16, 2025, presented by Fr. Matthew.

\$676, 877.50	Total Liabilities & Equity
\$249,969.54	Total Cash in Bank in the General Account
\$ 4, 387.00	Total Cash in Bank in the Maintenance Account
\$ 1, 000.00	Total Cash in Bank in the Small Games Account
\$ 2, 000.00	Total Cash in Bank in the Mass Stipend Account
\$ 1, 567.38	St. Brigid Cemetery Perpetual Care
\$ 1, 068.57	Mt. Carmel Cemetery Perpetual Care

1. There is no longer salary expenditures for a Secretary and a D.R.E.
2. Sidewalk expense of about \$10,000 expected when weather permits.
3. All Diocesan assessments for this fiscal year are paid in full as of November.
4. Motion made and was seconded to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Account into a CD at Somerset Trust
 - a. Fr. Matthew will discuss CD options with the bank and proceed
5. Fr. Matthew reported that the goal is to keep the Small Games Account balance consistently around \$1,000.00
6. Noted that the offertory loose-change collection has doubled in the last 2 months

Review calendar year of 2024 Fundraising event income:

1. The total Fundraising profit = +\$26,262.72
 - a. Festival = +\$12,728.99
 - b. Basket Raffle = +\$ 6,701.91
 - c. Rummage Sale = +\$ 3,906.30
 - d. May BYOB Dance = +\$ 878.00
 - i. *Note: total of Basket Raffle, Rummage Sale, & May BYOB Dance is +\$11,486.21*
 - e. Formal Christmas Dance = +\$100.86
2. The Fundraising Committee is in the process of reorganizing. We will need volunteers to spearhead the Basket Raffle, Rummage Sale, & May BYOB Dance if we wish to continue having them.

Dust Busters:

1. Discussed the need to re-activate our dust buster's crews for the Church.

The meeting concluded at 6:25 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Liz Wilt, Finance Council Secretary*



Our adult dance was held on December 28th in our festively decorated hall.

Light appetizers were served with a catered dinner {*provided by Rt. 53 Diner*} of chicken breast breaded, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls. Homemade desserts included mini cheesecakes, Texas sheet cake, and, of course, Christmas cookies.

Live music entertainment provided by HOTWAX from 7pm - 10pm.



Dancing the Night Away...



Thank you to all who helped to organize this parish Christmas event.
Over 100 people in attendance enjoyed a relaxing night out with
music, great food, and fellowship -
a blessed community event to bring an end to 2024.

