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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on February 2, commemorates the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, in obedience to Jewish law. This event is recounted in Luke 2:22–40 and holds deep theological significance, marking Jesus’ first appearance in the Temple and His presentation to God as the Messiah. Biblical Significance: This feast fulfills the Jewish law found in Leviticus 12, which requires the purification of the mother and the consecration of the firstborn male to the Lord. Mary and Joseph obediently bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. There, they encounter Simeon, a righteous and devout man, who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. Simeon proclaims the “Nunc Dimittis” (Luke 2:29-32), also called the Canticle of Simeon, declaring Jesus as the “light to the Gentiles” and the “glory of Israel.” The prophetess, Anna, also bears witness to Jesus’ identity and praises God. Importance of the Feast:

1. Christ as the Light of the World: This feast emphasizes Jesus as the Light that reveals God’s salvation to all nations.
2. Mary and Joseph’s Faithfulness: Their obedience to the Law demonstrates humility and trust in God’s plan.
3. Simeon and Anna’s Witness: Their recognition of Jesus reflects the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

Tradition and symbolism of the feast: The feast is also known as Candlemas in the Western Church. A key tradition is the blessing and procession of candles, symbolizing Jesus as the “light of revelation.” This custom has made February 2 a celebration of light and hope.

The Feast of the Presentation invites believers to reflect on the light of Christ in their lives and their role in sharing that light with others. It also encourages a deeper appreciation of Mary and Joseph’s faith and the joy of encountering Christ, as Simeon and Anna did. This feast bridges the themes of Christmas and Jesus’s redemptive mission, offering a profound moment of transition in the liturgical year.

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Sunday Offering 1/26/2025 \$ 11,637

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Bernard Rell (From Art & Renee Amelio)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

9:00am Mass **† Rev. Gerard Heintzelman**
 1:30pm Traditions Mass **† Joe Spear**
 7:00pm Threads of Hope

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

3:15pm Cenacle
 7:00pm Folk Group; Migrant Justice Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

9:30am Word Among Bible Study
 5:00pm Legion of Mary
 5:30pm Rosary **† Rene Reyes**
 6:00pm Mass
 6:40pm Confessions
 6:45pm Women at the Well
 7:00pm Men’s Ministry; RCIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

9:00am Mass **† Gabby Mekarbane**
 6:00pm Shine Fitness; Respect Life
 7:00pm Sunday Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

7:00am Mass **For the Living Intentions of Carol Evans**
 7:00pm Hour of Reparation

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

12noon Rosary at the Square
 4:00pm Mass **† Angela & Anthony Woyarski**
 5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Is 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

8:30am Mass **† Flo Koval**
 9:30am CGS—6th Grade PREP
 11:00am 4th Grade Children’s Mass **For the People of the Parish**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR 2ND GRADERS ON THEIR
1ST RECONCILIATION

4TH GRADE CHILDREN'S MASS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 11AM

Grief Support Group

Losing a loved one can be one of the most difficult experiences we face in life. Holy Spirit Parish is starting their fifth grief support group for individuals suffering from the loss of a spouse, an adult child, or a parent. It will start the week of March 3 and run for 10 weeks. Time and day are to be determined by attendees. To join or for more information, please email griefsupport@hspalmyra.com.

Fish Fry 2025

Come join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, & 28 and April 4 & 11 from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to fishfry@hspalmyra.com. We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

Ministry Fair

A Ministry Fair will be held in Agape Hall following all Masses this weekend, February 1 & 2. An online Ministry Fair will commence on February 3. To access the online fair, please go to our homepage on our parish website.

Propagation of the Faith Collection

This week we are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This reaches out to the people of the world in more than 1,150 mission diocese.

Job Opening—Music Director & Organist

We are seeking to employ a Music Director and Organist beginning July 1, 2025. This person is responsible for oversight and training of all music ministries and the overall planning, approval, rehearsal and providing of music for liturgies for Children's Choir, Folk Group, & Sunday Choir. This person will be responsible for Wednesday evening Masses, Saturday and Sunday Masses, special services, weddings, and funerals. If interested, or would like to know more details, please email and send your resume to pastor@hspalmyra.com and Choir@hspalmyra.com.

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Job Opening—Ministry Liaison/PREP Secretary

This position works closely with the leads of the parish ministries, as well as with the PREP coordinators. Other duties include office secretarial work and handling new parishioner registrations. If interested, please email Holly at outreach@hspalmyra.com and Father Dijo at pastor@hspalmyra.com.

Super Bowl Soup Volunteers

We are in need of soup makers for the Super Bowl Soup Sale. Proceeds benefit the shelters operated by Catholic Charities for homeless families, unwed mothers, and those recovering from addictions. We are seeking volunteers to make homemade soup that will be sold on February 8 & 9 after Masses. Quart containers will be provided. Contact Mark Totaro at 717-574-1695, or email him at cooch20@aol.com for more details.

Super Bowl Soup Sale

On the weekend of February 8 & 9 we will be selling homemade soup in Agape Hall. The 2025 Super Bowl Soup Sale proceeds will be used to fund the shelters operated by Catholic Charities. The suggested donation is \$10 per quart.

Job Opening—Manager Position at HS

We are seeking to employ a Parish Manager. You will be assisting the pastor in the overall administration of the parish. A Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration is required. If interested, or would like to know more details, please email and send your resume to pastor@hspalmyra.com and manager@hspalmyra.com.

PREP Baby Shower

The Respect Life Ministry will again hold its annual PREP student Baby Shower in February. We are collecting items to support the Morning Star Pregnancy Services of Harrisburg and Align Pregnancy Services of Lebanon. Collection of items may be brought into the classroom by the weekend of February 22 & 23. The PREP students will be given a handout with items needed by both pregnancy services. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this yearly event helping moms and their children!

FROM OUR SECOND SYNODAL SURVEY

Question # 12: Do you think that most Non-Catholic Christians believe "pretty much the same thing" as Catholics regarding baptism and communion and their effects?

Responses: 185

- ✘ Non-Catholics celebrate communion with bread and wine. Catholics believe Jesus is fully present — His Living Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — when we receive Holy Communion.

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