

January 25, 2026  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time



### Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan. 24 - 5:00pm

† Wayne Brittingham

Sunday Jan. 25 - 9:00am

◊ Mass for the People

Monday Jan. 26 - 8:30am

† Margaret Townsend

Tuesday Jan. 27 - 8:30am

† Ngo C. Mai

Friday Jan. 30 - 8:30am

† Helen Brannon

Saturday Jan. 31 - 5:00pm

† Bill Eddis

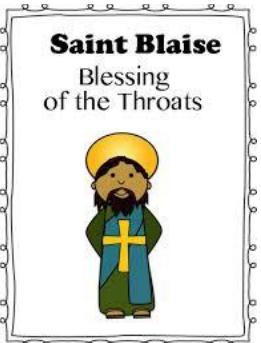
Sunday Feb. 1 - 9:00am

† Bernice M. Bamber

### Sanctuary Candle

Mildred & Delbert  
Cogdell

### From the Pastor



February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will take place next weekend after the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday Morning Mass.

Please remember that Daily Mass on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> is canceled because of the annual Priest Retreat in our diocese.

Fr. Dave

**The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass for World Marriage Sunday** will be held on **February 8, 2026 (note corrected date)**, at 1pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary (i.e. 25, 30, 35, etc.) or any anniversary beyond 50 will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations must be made by February 4<sup>th</sup> by calling 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org.

**The Passion and Eucharist Lenten Bible Study** will be held on Tuesdays Feb. 3rd to Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> hosted at the Spinella's Home. Join this Lenten Bible study exploring the Passion of Christ through all four Gospels. We will compare Jesus' final words from the Cross and trace how the Eucharist is revealed within the Passion narratives. Each session includes Sacred Scripture, Catechism insights, and reflections from saints of the Church. A study designed to deepen our love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Sign-up by emailing Michael at [Mikezart12@verizon.net](mailto:Mikezart12@verizon.net).



**The Second Collection** today is for the Catholic Communication Fund.

## Dear Padre

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### Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

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