



Go, eat rich foods  
and  
drink sweet drinks,  
and  
allot portions  
to those who have  
nothing prepared;  
for today is holy  
to our LORD.

*Nehemiah 8:10*

**Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**January 23, 2022**

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**TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH**

*St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil*  
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# Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

## Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!! St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

The word messiah and the title Christ mean “anointed one.”

Keep this in mind as you listen to this Sunday’s Gospel. We hear about Jesus returning to his hometown of Nazareth and entering the synagogue. The Lord gets up and reads from a scroll the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The prophet points to a day when God will send His Chosen One; not to be a political leader or king of a merely earthly domain but, instead, the true messiah will bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. Jesus hands over the scroll, sits down (a sign of teaching authority) and boldly proclaims, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph and Mary, the carpenter, is the long-awaited messiah. He is the Anointed One. He is the Christ.

This is earth-shaking news, and we remember when He died upon the cross of Calvary, the earth shook and rocks split apart as He gave up His spirit. Our salvation was at hand. The debt had been paid. His death eternally conquered sin, evil, and death. He came so that we might have life, and have it in abundance.

Sadly, for any number of reasons we can cite, this earthquake of a story has become a “whimper of whatever” for too many indifferent folks. The Lion of Judah has been forgotten and Jesus is downgraded to a “nice guy” who preached “be nice.”

In reality, this Son of God and Son of man – the One who IS LOVE – challenges us to “Love one another, as I have loved you.” We once again revisit St. Thomas Aquinas’ definition of love ... “Willing the good of the other, as other.” And God so willed YOUR good that Love in human flesh suffered and died FOR YOU. This love is personal. This love is intimate. This love will go to the ends of the earth in search of the beloved.

What is your response to this Love? Please bring this question into your prayer life. The lover (God) has gone in search of the beloved (You). Need physical proof? Spend some time in front of the Crucifix. See the lover’s arms outstretched. What’s He saying? He says, “This is how much I love you. This is my Body given for you.” These are the words of a lover. Let Him love you, and allow yourself to become an authentic instrument of His love right now; not tomorrow, not next year. Today! You are the voice he wants to use; the hands he wants to build with; the feet he desires to walk the path of suffering, death, and new life.

### Go Deeper in Faith

Our parish is offering an excellent course in learning more about our faith. It’s called Symbolon.

This is an excellent series that uses well-produced video lessons to help us deepen our understanding of Catholicism. Sometimes we are hesitant to admit there is a lot we don’t know about the faith, but if you are someone who realizes you could use an adult boost, then the Symbolon series is a great option.

Learning more about the “big picture” of our faith is crucial in

our day. Symbolon helps us to see how all the pieces are related, and that Jesus and His Church are as relevant today as ever.

The key aspect of the Lord’s Great Commission is “to make disciples.” This series can truly help us to revivify the Holy Spirit in our life, and help us be “little Christs” in a world that is growing darker in the despair of godlessness, selfishness, and dehumanization.

Symbolon can serve as a disciple-maker. Attendees on a given evening will watch a video, and then engage in a brief discussion session before concluding for the night. You can stay home and watch more re-runs, or give Symbolon a try and trust the Holy Spirit is at work to help make disciples.

For more information or to express interest, please call 773-767-1523 or email [matthew.compton1@icloud.com](mailto:matthew.compton1@icloud.com)

### Promoting Our Parish School

This is the time of year when parents need to make the important decision of school choice.

We encourage all of our Two Holy Martyrs parishioners to be ambassadors for our school – St. Symphorosa Catholic Grade School.

Our school offers an intimate student-to-teacher ratio, Christ-centered Faith Formation, and rigorous academics. At our school, we know the names of our students and their families.

Our principal and our teachers have chosen to make St. Symphorosa School their “home” to be educators; those who stimulate the minds of our children and help form their hearts. Authentic education is much more than the learning of facts and rote memorization. We believe it’s helping a child discover their inner genius, and realizing their God-given dignity as a person.

Catholic Schools Week is approaching. Be on the lookout for opportunities to check out our school, and to help steer prospective parents to our welcoming doors.

In the past two years, our enrollment increased from roughly 180 to 230. We do need to see these numbers increase a bit more as we work toward financial self-sufficiency. We’re moving closer to this reality.

Our principal, teachers, and staff have proven they are committed to in-person learning and to being part of a Catholic school. They could all be making more money in the public school system, but they have chosen to teach in our school. We value them, and they value our children and the importance of a quality education.

Thank you for supporting our parish school.



### Quote of the Week

*“That is the one eternal education: to be sure enough that something is true that you dare to tell it to a child.”*  
~ G.K. Chesterton



## A New Local High School Option is NOW Available

Few things are more important for parents than the selection of the best school/education option for their children.

In the City of Chicago there are a lot of choices, but-- for the most part -- the choice ultimately comes down to a Catholic high school or a public high school. However, we now have one more exciting option to make available to parents and their children! This new option exists right here in the Clearing/Garfield Ridge area; in fact, it is located on our parish grounds!

Harbridge Academy is a private non-sectarian high school that is located on our St. Rene campus and is scheduled for its Grand Opening this upcoming Fall 2022. The school is governed by American Quality Schools and will offer a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that also involves life-enriching counseling.

This unique local opportunity is directed by Dr. Michael Bakalis. (Feel free to check out Mr. Bakalis' education background in Illinois...it is noteworthy!) Harbridge Academy offers a starting tuition that is locked in at \$10,000 per academic year! The initial challenge, however, is that this new endeavor of a private high school requires a minimum beginning enrollment of 100 students. This initial enrollment will allow the school to be financially sustainable. If the school can get the first 100, Dr. Bakalis is confident that Harbridge will be off and running for many years to come, with continuing downstream growth built upon outstanding performance.

Our parish definitely has a vested interest in this project. The success of Harbridge Academy will significantly assist Two Holy Martyrs Parish in the financial future. Accordingly, "Their success helps our success". It is a wonderful win-win scenario between our parish and a college-prep high school option for families.

As pastor, I passionately ask you to learn about Harbridge Academy and its mission, and consider being an ambassador. You can check out the school's website at [harbridgecollegeprep.org](http://harbridgecollegeprep.org)

Consider spreading the word to families who may not want a Catholic High School option and do not want to attend one of CPS's public high schools or a suburban public school. Harbridge Academy might be a good fit for them.

Harbridge Academy students can come from anywhere in the Chicagoland area. The school can draw from LaGrange, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Palos, Chicago, Berwyn, Western Springs, etc. This is NOT a charter school...rather a private school!

Here is Harbridge Academy's mission statement:

**"We are an independent high school dedicated to the academic and personal preparation for acceptance and success in the nation's top colleges and universities. Our school is committed to preparing our graduates to be people of good ethical character and informed citizens, who are actively involved in maintaining the historic democratic values of our nation."**

If you can help this win-win endeavor take off, please do so, and we thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Bob Regan

*Valentine's Day*

**Bingo!**

Saturday  
February  
12th

\$20 at the door

Chili Bar!

Pulltabs!

Doors open @ 12:30pm  
Games start @ 1:30pm

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions  
according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age.”**

(Matthew 28:20)



As of 2020, Pope Francis has assigned this Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, as Sunday of the Word of God, emphasizing the importance of Sacred Scripture in our daily life. Fittingly, on the third anniversary of this designation, we hear not only from the regular cycle of biblical readings but within them the integral role of God’s word among our ancestors in faith.

In both the First Reading, from the Book of Nehemiah, and the Gospel Reading, from St. Luke, the central figures read from God’s revealed word. According to Nehemiah, after the People of Israel have returned to the land of Judah and the city of Jerusalem, they begin restoring their lives with God according to His covenant with them. To guide the re-activation of this fidelity, Ezra, a priest and scribe, begins reading from the Torah, the first five books of the Bible: “Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: ‘Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep’—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: ‘Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!’” (Nehemiah 8:8-10) The weeping seems to have been the result of widespread sorrow and contrition as the people realize how they and their ancestors have turned from God over a number of years, which precipitates the Babylonian captivity, from which they have recently returned. This is the setting, which Nehemiah chronicles for us, including the proclamation of the word of God, which itself is then added to the biblical books.

Similarly, though under much less dramatic circumstances, our Lord also proclaims God’s word among His people and does so in an ordinary setting, a synagogue: “He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’” (Luke 4:16-21) Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, proclaims part of Isaiah’s prophecy to His fellow Jews on a Sabbath day. As with Ezra and Nehemiah, Jesus, not only reads the Scriptures aloud but this very act literally becomes biblical, part of the Scriptures, the New Testament, anchored in the Gospels of our Lord.

For Nehemiah and Ezra as well as for Jesus, what God has earlier revealed remains active and potent. The People of Israel *can* be restored in their relation with God as His Chosen People, practicing fidelity toward God once again as His beloved bride. Jesus, recalling some of the Prophet Isaiah’s words, begins to hint at who He is and what He will accomplish for Israel and in fact for all of humanity. The Holy Spirit has already descended upon Jesus at His Baptism. He will “bring glad tidings to the poor, ... liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, [and] to let the oppressed go free,” when he miraculously heals people of their physical maladies while often simultaneously, absolving them of their sins and casting out demons. Our Lord will extend this redemptive work to Jews and Gentiles alike so that we “might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10) In both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, an allegorical meaning is shown when the word of God proclaimed begins to be implemented by the people who speak it as well as by those who hear and receive this revelation.

Morally, both readings, along with the Responsorial Psalm, “The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul,” (Psalm 19:8) tell of joy and revitalization, which God’s word provides to those who heed it. In the First Reading, the word of God gives the Jewish people a reason for repentance *and* for rejoicing, as both Nehemiah and Ezra promote. God’s past love and fidelity have not expired; Israel has a present and a future in God. Jesus also gives reason for rejoicing when He not only reads that particular selection from Isaiah but then can announce to those in attendance that the Prophet’s words finally are being fulfilled. What has seemed like a future, which will never be reached, is now being made present to them and begins to usher in a new life in God for humanity, which will be fulfilled at the end of time but is now confirmed and initiated by the Word Incarnate.

A way or appreciating the setting for Nehemiah and Ezra might be to remember your experience when you returned for Mass after it resumed in the summer of 2020. Do you take time with the Bible, God’s gift to us? Do you allow God to relate your experiences with those of our ancestors in faith?

~Fr. Matt Compton

**Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of January is offered for the following intentions:**

**For repose of the soul of Michael Nowakowski given by Parents, Joe & Josie Pulido**

**For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & daughter Maria Porcelli given by Family**

**For the repose of the soul of Joyce Stalmack given by Family**

**May this light which reminds us of Jesus’ presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.**



Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings  
for the weekends of:

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Contribution: \$9,180.01

Thank you for your generosity!



**Split the Pot**

January 16, 2022

Received: \$400.00

Winning envelope: #63145

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



Dates: December 1, 2021 to  
December 31, 2021

Transactions: 292

Amount: \$11,139.00

## ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Accepting Enrollment in Gr. PK-8 for the 2022-2023 school year  
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HERE we...

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Put faith first

Believe all things are possible with God

Offer a rigorous curriculum

Work with families to make the investment affordable

Provide supportive before and after school care

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

Questions?  
Call 773-585-6888

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### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC

Sgt. Ted Bartelmey

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Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC

Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard  
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN

Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF

Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC

Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN

Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army

Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard

Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF

Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army

Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy

Sergeant Noah M. Konie, USMC

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Trevor Lutz, US Army

Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC

Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army

SPC Alex Ramos

Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC

WO-1 Richard Sobeske, US Army

Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher

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1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

Mercy Awaits



*Have mercy on me, God,  
have mercy on me.*

*In you I seek refuge.*

*In the shadow of your wings I seek refuge  
till harm pass by.*

*I call to God Most High,  
to God who provides for me.*

*Ps 57:2-3*

No matter how busy or crazy life gets, take a moment regularly to ask for God's mercy. Come in for confession to feel God's mercy. Join us for Sunday and daily Mass - to experience God's mercy as a faith community. Take time for silent prayer and listen to where God's mercy may be directing you.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

**In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in food, utility and rent, bills and so much more. Thank You!**

St. Vincent de Paul phone number:  
(773) 682-3342



**Faith Formation Office**

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Coordinator: *Peg Siebenaler*

# WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/25: Faith Formation Classes  
Tuesday, St. Rene Campus**
- 1/29: Faith Formation Classes  
Saturday, St. Symphorosa Campus**
- 2/1: Faith Formation Classes  
Tuesday, St. Rene Campus**
- 2/6: Faith Formation Classes  
SUNDAY, St. Symphorosa Campus**

Thank you for all the Bread donations and Thanks also to all our First Eucharist Families who participated in the Belonging Service Masses in preparation for Holy Eucharist. Our First Holy Communion Mass is scheduled to take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>!



In February, our First Communicant Candidates along with their parents are invited to a Special Communion Retreat. Each family will receive some bread to take home and enjoy. We will share some important information regarding the First Communion Mass, and we will view a very special film "Grandma's Bread". We thank the Lord for the Eucharist and the joy it brings into our lives. Happy are we who have been called to the Lord's Table!

### SPIRIT DAY RETREAT



On February 20<sup>th</sup>, our Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates from our Faith Formation Program and St. Symphorosa Catholic School will gather for their Pre-Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat. This special day will be filled with activities that are prayerful, reflective, and, at the same time, fun. We invite all our parishioners to pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they continue their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Our Communion students received their Communion Books recently as we continue the journey toward receiving their First Eucharist on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to all of the families and students from our Faith Formation program who attended the Family Mass this past Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to our 2<sup>nd</sup> level catechists Janine Brzezicki and Barbara Wilschke for being lectors at both worship sites, Antonio and Matthew Perez for reading the intercessions, and Claudia, Jorge & Emilia Arjona, and Brooke & Amanda Etapa for bringing up gifts of bread to the altar.



## EXPLORING THE DIACONATE 2021-22

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

### RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM  
847.837.4563 or [conuoha@usml.edu](mailto:conuoha@usml.edu)

7:30–8:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 14	Zoom
Wednesday, January 19	Zoom
Tuesday, February 15	Zoom
Tuesday, March 15	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
Wednesday, April 27	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu) or 847.837.4564 or visit us at [usml.edu](http://usml.edu).

Application deadline for the 2022–2023 Aspirancy Path is June 1, 2022.



*Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord,  
for my bones are shuddering."*

~Psalm 6:3

Guadalupe Almendarez	Rich S. Jandura	Diane Malarick	Joseph Rudnik
Raeann Arends	Joan Juris	Cathy Mazieka	Mary Shortall
Ignatius Battiato	John Kappel, Jr.	John Martini	Brian Styka
Jean Bell	Lee Karpinski	Lori McCarthy	Sr. Christine Styka
Mary Bieser	Claudia Kwilosz	Maria Perez Montiel	Terry Styka
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Kathy Calcagno	Sharon Labiak	Eleanor Pastorek	Shirley Tloczek
Maxine Carey	James Lapsansky	Juan Perez	Judith Webber
Michael Clifford	Maryann Larson	Maria Paz Perez	Virginia Wolniak
Maria Flores	Domenico Lepore	Stanley Polit	Michelle
Geri Gestaut	Rose Ann Lindsay	Ann Robertson	
Heather Hradek	Debbie Lipien	Edward Robertson	
Denise M. Jandura	Maria Lopez	Fr. John Rudnik	

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.  
Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.



## STEM Studio

St. Symphorosa School is planning to open a STEM Studio for our children in 2022! We have grant money to offer STEM programming in an exciting environment filled with flexible furniture and the latest high-tech materials. We are seeking a dedicated professional to lead this effort. The position is stipend-based and very part time. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about the role, please email

[kberry@stsymphorosaschool.org](mailto:kberry@stsymphorosaschool.org). This is a very exciting opportunity to build a program that will engage our students in 21st century skills such as Critical thinking, Communication, Creativity, Problem solving, Perseverance, Collaboration, Information literacy, Technology skills and digital literacy. Teaching experience preferred but not required.



God has a special place for each of us to serve, and you have chosen to follow His path.

You have been the **HANDS**, the **FEET**, the **VOICE**, and the **LOVE OF GOD** expressed in many different ways.

You have chosen to honor Him and as you have served in His name.

Thank you for your willingness to give yourself and be used where God has placed you.

You have blessed many lives.

**G**od grant me  
the Serenity  
to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things  
I can, and the wisdom  
to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardship as the  
pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things  
right if I surrender to His will;

That I may be reasonably happy  
in this life,  
And supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next.

– Reinhold Niebuhr



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through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. It will lead you through the ‘big picture’ of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. *Symbolon* brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith.”

<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-categories/rcia-symbolon>

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is considering presenting this series beginning in January. This series would be free of charge but we would like to know if any of you are interested in it before we commit to this presentation. If you would like to attend this series or have questions about it please contact me at (773)767-1523, ext. 229, or at [matthew.compton1@icloud.com](mailto:matthew.compton1@icloud.com).

Take care and God bless.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt

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## ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY VISITS

February 17–19, 2022



High school sophomore, junior and senior men are invited on a two-day adventure to tour the campus and shadow seminarians at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN.

You will also have the opportunity to explore the University of St. Thomas, home of the seminary.

Join us on this all-inclusive, no cost road trip. This is an official college visit, for which schools allow an excused absence.

Transportation is provided from two convenient pick up/drop off points:

- Mary Seat of Wisdom, Park Ridge
- Mother of the Americas, Chicago

Drop off: Thursday, February 17, 8:30 a.m.

Pick up: Saturday, February 19, 6 p.m.

[semssp.org/vianney](http://semssp.org/vianney)

Deadline is February 15.

Register at [vocations.archchicago.org/events/vianney-visits](http://vocations.archchicago.org/events/vianney-visits)

Questions? Contact Sharon Porter [shporter@archchicago.org](mailto:shporter@archchicago.org)

**NO LONG-TERM PARKING  
WHEN SNOW IS  
OVER 2 INCHES**

**TOW ZONE**

With the cold weather and snow upon us, the parish office would like to remind all parishioners that overnight and long term parking in any church parking lot is not allowed. Parking like this makes it difficult for our plowing company to plow the lot and make it accessible for all. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intentions for the Week Jan. 22 - Jan. 28		Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday	
<b>Saturday, January 22, 2022</b> 4:00pm <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Bob</i> †Elisa Aranda ( <i>Almendarez Family</i> ) †Josephine Nych ( <i>Bernice Cieslewski</i> ) †Richard Zaleski ( <i>Cello Family</i> ) 5:30pm <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Matt</i> †Mary Thorpe ( <i>Mary Kolimas</i> )		<b>Saturday, January 29, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> Health & safety for the Tulik Family <i>(Marge Tulik)</i> †Janet Heitz ( <i>Marie Zilka</i> ) †Roberto Rodriguez ( <i>Inez Rodriguez</i> ) 4:00pm <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Norm</i> †Zeneida Narea ( <i>Victor &amp; Vince Narea</i> ) †Richard Zaleski ( <i>Diane Biondo</i> ) 5:30pm <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Bob</i> For all members of Two Holy Martyrs Parish, living & deceased	
<b>Sunday, January 23, 2022</b> 7:30am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Bob</i> 9:00am <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Monahan</i> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> †Bernice Dowling ( <i>Kathleen Dowling</i> ) †Billie Jean Hughes ( <i>Children, Johnathan &amp; Victoria</i> ) Health & all the Lord's blessings for Mary Galason <i>(Kathy Hynes)</i> †John & Catherine Scanlon ( <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> ) †Lorraine Siepka ( <i>Kolasinski Family</i> ) †Claude Wiatrak ( <i>Wife Clara</i> )		<b>Sunday, January 30, 2022</b> 7:30am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Matt</i> 9:00am <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Bob</i> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For all members of Two Holy Martyrs Parish, living & deceased Health & birthday blessings for Francisco Coronado, Sr. ( <i>Family</i> ) †John Plewa ( <i>Barbara Rendak</i> ) †Patrick & Eugene Scanlon ( <i>Margaret Scanlon</i> ) †Mary Thorpe ( <i>Kathy Calcagno</i> )	
10:30am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Norm</i> †Raymond Kappel, Sr., John Kappel, Sr., & Billy Kappel, Jr. ( <i>Family</i> ) †Vince Porcelli ( <i>Wife Judy</i> ) †Frances Rogoznica ( <i>Rose Roberts</i> ) †Vincent Salamendo ( <i>Terri &amp; Dan Domarsky</i> ) 12:00pm <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Matt</i> †Krystyna Dana ( <i>Ela Corbett</i> )		10:30am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Bob</i> †Vince Porcelli ( <i>Wife Judy</i> ) †Judith Siwek ( <i>Family</i> ) 12:00pm <i>St. Symphorosa Church</i> <i>Presider: Fr. Matt</i> For all members of Two Holy Martyrs Parish, living & deceased <i>*Weekend Presider subject to change without notice*</i>	
<b>Monday, January 24, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <b>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop</b> Health & all the Lord's blessings for Martin O'Donnell ( <i>Mary Shilney</i> ) †Bob & Elaine Hilliard ( <i>Love, your Family &amp; Friends</i> ) †Joyce Stalmack ( <i>Family</i> )		*Weekend Presider subject to change without notice*	
<b>Tuesday, January 25, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <b>Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</b> Health & all the Lord's blessings for Lorraine DeLauriea ( <i>Mary Kolimas</i> ) †Charles Biondo, Jr. ( <i>Diane Biondo</i> ) †Anthony Bluiss ( <i>Kathy Calcagno</i> )		 <p>Let us pray...            Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual            light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful            departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.            Amen.            Catherine Ollry</p>	
<b>Wednesday, January 26, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <b>St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus, Bishops</b> †Robert Castillo ( <i>Lock Family</i> ) †Vince Porcelli ( <i>Wife Judy</i> )			
<b>Thursday, January 27, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> †Estelle Cyrnek ( <i>Valerie</i> ) †Lucille S. Shotas ( <i>Nancy Shotas</i> ) †Chalida Svastisalee <i>(Svastisalee &amp; Valdepenas Families)</i> †Penny Uram ( <i>Barbara Rendak</i> )			
<b>Friday, January 28, 2022</b> 8:00am <i>St. Rene Church</i> <b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest</b> Health & all the Lord's blessings for Joanna Tishka <i>(Two Holy Martyrs Prayer Warriors)</i> †Joan Gilles ( <i>St. Symphorosa Students</i> ) †Richard Zilka ( <i>Wife Marie Zilka</i> )			



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## Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

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6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Church Site)  
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Church Site)

## Two Holy Martyrs Mass Times

### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm - St. Rene Church  
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