

MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 20 - 26

Monday, 20	8:30 am (SF)	All Souls 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, 21	8:30 am (SJ)	For the People 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:3-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	Gladys Trzaskoma (Family) 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday, 23	8:30 am (SJ)	No Mass 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	No Mass 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday, 25	5:00 pm (SF)	All Souls
Sunday, 26	9:00 am (SJ)	Deceased Members of the Pawelczyk & Westlake Family (Stella Westlake)
	11:00 am (SF)	Martin & Vera Murray (Family) Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**WEDNESDAY: Eucharistic Adoration - 6:00pm (SF)****THURSDAY: Happy Thanksgiving!****SATURDAY: No Confessions**

Nut Roll Sales - after 5pm Mass (SFH)

SUNDAY: Nut Roll Sales after all Masses - in Church Halls

As of 11/14/2023: Trinity West: ; Trinity East:; . Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.***

† Note from
The Pastor

Happy Thanksgiving: I hope that each of you will have a blessed Thanksgiving. May you and your families enjoy the day and approach the festivities with a genuine spirit of gratitude. God has blessed each of us with many gifts and so often it is easy to overlook the blessings in our lives. Please be assured of my prayers for each of you. May God bless you ~ **Fr. Vennitti**

† Note of
Thanks

Many Thanks: I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the "cabbage roll dinner". It was really great to see so many individuals sharing their gifts and talents and in spite of the hard work to be able to enjoy working together once again. ~ **Fr. Vennitti**

CWC News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *The annual CWC Christmas Social will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:00 PM at the Rectory. All women of the parish are welcome. Sign-up sheets are posted at the churches entrances.*

The **ANNUAL GIVING TREE** are now set up. Depending on how many names Leah receives, she will place the tags on the trees as they become available.

*Happy
Birthday*

Andy Pieniasek, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis/St. Joseph parishes will celebrate his 95th Birthday on Nov. 30th. If you would like to remember him on his birthday, please send greetings to **Andy Pieniasek, 100 Wyngate Ave. Apt. 110, Weirton, WV 26062.**



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (81 Envelopes) \$2,718.00; Loose: \$100.00; Candles: \$55.00; Building: \$497.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (32 Envelopes) \$955.00; Loose: \$30.00; Candles: \$9.00; Building: \$127.00; All Saints: \$10.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church!
Weekly Mass Attendance for November 12th: Saturday 5:00pm: 71; 9:00am: 85; 11:00am: 90.



They're available! Get your holiday nut, apricot, and poppy seed rolls early! They will be sold in the Church Halls after all Masses this weekend; **there will be no sales during the week nor next weekend so get your goodies now for Thanksgiving!** Cost is \$12/each. Any questions, call Judy Wnek (537-4715).



The holidays are approaching and the need for non-perishables is tremendous. For many years, our parishes have given generously to the **Toronto Food Pantry**. Considering the economic times, our assistance is needed, now more than ever. Helping Hands is in need of traditional holiday food items (dressing, white and sweet potatoes, vegetables, noodles, desserts, etc.) and monetary donations for perishable items. Marked boxes are in the back of both churches for the groceries, but **money gifts should be placed in the collection**

basket or dropped off at the rectory.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time by The Faithful Disciple

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to use these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

WITNESS: The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

BULLETIN BOARD

The **Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R.** invite you to our **Advent Retreat on Saturday morning, Dec. 9th** at our Motherhouse in Toronto OH. This year's theme is *The Fullness of time*. The retreat will begin at 8:30am (registration starts at 8:00am) and will end at about noon. The day will include Mass said by Fr. Tom Sparacino of the Pittsburgh Diocese, talks by sisters, and a Holy Hour. You will also have the option to be part of a sister-led share group, where you can meet after the retreat to reflect on the day's graces, or to receive prayer ministry from the sisters. You can sign up for the share groups on our website. To ensure a spot in the share group, please **pre-register (online) by Wed. Dec. 6**. Day-of sign ups for the groups are possible but not ensured. Registration for the retreat is encouraged beforehand on our website. The retreat will also be live streamed and virtual small groups (where signing up on the website prior to the event is required by Dec. 6) are available. For more information go to our website, hover over the "Events" tab, click on "Advent Retreat 2023."