

MASSES FOR APRIL 1 - 7

Monday, 1	8:30 am	(SF)	No Mass Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, 2	8:30 am	(SJ)	Frances Lucas (Regis & Marlene Mehalko) Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, 3	8:30 am	(SF)	John Skrabak (Lisa, Marie, & Greg) Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, 4	8:30 am	(SJ)	For the People Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday, 5	8:30 am	(SF)	Dick Guy (Greg & Gloria Zamborsky) Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, 6	5:00 pm	(SF)	Francis & Christine Lamantia (Family)
Sunday, 7	9:00 am	(SJ)	Paula Vanihel (Vanihel Family)
	11:00 am	(SF)	Paul Sloane (Tim & Agie Rock) Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJ)

THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)

SATURDAY: No Confessions

As of 03/26/2024: Trinity West: ; Trinity East;; Pittsburgh: **Cheryl Vukelic**. 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.***

**A Couple of Notes
from our Pastor**

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my prayers and best wishes to all our parishioners and their families for a blessed and joy filled Easter. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, I certainly hope that each of you will experience the peace that Jesus bestowed upon the Apostles on the evening of the Resurrection. I would also like to express my deep appreciation for all the kindness, love, and support that you extend to me each and every day. May our faith in the Resurrection be reflected in our lives.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped both with the preparation for and participation in the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Many thanks to those involved in the music ministry, your gifts and talents certainly help to enhance our celebrations. Thank you to the Altar Servers, I am grateful for the generous gift of your time and your reverent attention to the Liturgies. I am appreciative of those who volunteered for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. I would also like to thank the CWC and those who delivered gifts to the shut-ins, what a great example of care for those who cannot be as active in the life of the parish.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Matilda Lastivka and Larry C. Mosti**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Lastivka and Mosti Families. May Tillie and Larry live in the eternal light of Christ.



2024 D/PSC Protocol: Recently, more than usual, pledges for the Diocesan Parish Share Campaign have been placed in the collection box either using the envelope and card the diocese provided or one that is supplied by the offertory envelope company used by the parish. **It is important to take note of several requests; 1)** If you wish to put your pledge card into the collection box, make sure to put a stamp on the envelope and use the envelope that was sent to you in the mail by the Diocese; **2)** if you lost your pledge card and envelope, please use the ones that have been placed on the table at the back of each parish; **3)** when writing a check, **do not make it out to the parish**; all checks are to be made out to the **Diocese of Steubenville DPSC**. We are very grateful for your contributions to this annual appeal and it helps all those involved by following the correct way to submit it. Thank you for to all who have contributed thus far.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (91 Envelopes) \$2,535.00; Loose: \$82.00; Candles: \$72.00; CRS: \$10.00; Rice Bowl: \$80.00; Priest Retirement: \$75.00; Poor: \$405.00 **St. Joseph:** Adult: (46 Envelopes) \$1,293.00; Loose: \$5.00; Candles: \$34.00; Rice Bowl: \$80.00; Poor: \$45.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for March 24h: Saturday 5:00pm: 98; 9:00am: 91; 11:00am: 102.**

MASSES: For **John Tarr** by Mary Ann Shuma & Family; Tim & Agie Rock; for **Matilda Lastivka** by Mary Ann Shuma & Family; for **Todd Chetock** by Tim & Agie Rock; for **Irene Herrick** by Tim & Agie Rock.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **John Tarr** by Mary Lou & Bob Deku; Dave & Mary Ann Huff; Chris Augustynowicz.

***Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
by The Faithful Disciple***

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

GROW: Wishing you a blessed Easter! One of our commitments in growing as disciples of Jesus, especially at the beginning of this most important season of Easter, is to *study* Scripture. John's Gospel today depicts the story of the empty tomb – the reactions of Mary of Magdala and the two disciples trying to make sense of what they had seen. What we may have missed, however, are the words of St. Peter in the first reading from Acts speaking of Jesus: "This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, *not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance*, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Jesus appeared post-resurrection to those to whom he was closest – the witnesses chosen by God whom he had commissioned to preach the Gospel to all people, so all might believe in him. In this way the chosen few, Christ's heralds, would bring the Good News of his resurrection to the many. So we too, now, are witnesses, chosen by God in our baptism and come to this table of thanksgiving and sacrifice. By faith we grow as his disciples, ready to go forth to lead others to him.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: As we know, these first disciples of Christ went on mission throughout the known world to preach to the Jews as well as the Gentiles. Their task was not easy; all endured opposition and hardship; many were martyred. But gone was the fear they may have felt at the crucifixion; by the power of the Holy Spirit these early missionaries were full of courage and commitment, and were driven to proclaim the risen Jesus to all. What does this have to do with us today? By virtue of our baptism, we also are chosen by God to be his witnesses in the world. We are called to "preach the Gospel" with how we live our lives. When we trust in the promises of Christ and know the peace that only he can bring, it gives us the strength to testify to friends, family and others that God loves us and has redeemed us. Good News indeed.

GROW & GO: Christ is risen, Alleluia! The Resurrection means that nothing can separate us from God's love and presence with us. Spend time this week in prayer contemplating these two truths: The purpose of our lives is to continually GROW in intimate relationship with God; and Jesus' final command to his disciples and us is to "GO and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:19)

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