

MASSES FOR APRIL 29 - MAY 5

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| Monday, 29 | 8:30 am (SF) | Stephen Romey (Tim & Agie Rock) Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 |
| Tuesday, 30 | 8:30 am (SJ) | David Shimmel (Steve & Jennie) Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a |
| Wednesday, 1 | 8:30 am (SF) | For the People Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8 |
| Thursday, 2 | 8:30 am (SJ) | Hazel Herrick (Crystle Higginbotham) Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 |
| Friday, 3 | 8:30 am (SF) | George M. Wenner (Sally Wenner) 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14 - <i>Feast of Sts Philip and James, Apostles</i> |
| Saturday, 4 | 5:00 pm (SF) | Grace Paris (Mary Lou Lamantia) |
| Sunday, 5 | 9:00 am (SJ) | Todd Allen Cline (Mom, Janet Tharp, & Vanihel Family) |
| | 11:00 am (SF) | El Petras (Tom & Judy) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17 |

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 04/23/2024: Trinity West: **Peggy Reynolds; Linda Burkey;** Trinity East; Weirton: **John Haynes** . 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.***



Congratulations! This weekend, **Royce Abdalla, Beau Ludewig, Olivia Perdue, Luca Provenzano, and Samuel Starr** received their 2nd Sacrament of Initiation, First Holy Communion. Let us all wish them congratulations and keep them in our prayers as they continue on their spiritual journey!



Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign: Let me begin by expressing my sincere thanks to all those who have already responded to the 2024 D/PSC. Both parishes have reached and exceed their parish goals. Any contributions above and beyond the individual parish goal are returned to the parish. We use these funds to perform various extra ordinary maintenance projects for our aging buildings. To date, about **33% of our parishioners** have responded to this appeal. I would hope that more members of our parishes will consider making a contribution. The following is a report for the D/PSC as of **April 23rd:**

| | <u>Goal</u> | <u>Pledges</u> |
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| St. Joseph: | \$11,443 | \$15,900 |
| St. Francis | \$21,863 | \$28,111 |

Again, you have my thanks to those who have already contributed. If you need additional pledge cards, they can be found at the entrance of each church.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Andy Pieniasek**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Pieniasek family. May Andy live in the eternal light of Christ.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (74 Envelopes) \$1,944.00; Loose: \$155.00; Candles: \$91.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (43 Envelopes) \$1,228.00; Loose: \$80.00; Candles: \$26.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for April 21: Saturday 5:00pm: 71; 9:00am: 115; 11:00am: 91.**

MASSES: For **Carl Oprisch** by Michael & Amy Heiss; Tim & Agie Rock; Regis & Marlene Mehalko; Jane & Huck Hanuscin; Rick & Betty Trzaskoma; for **Doris Martaus** by Janice McClain; Tim & Agie Rock; for **Paul Trudics** by Judy Smith; Butch & Theresa Scalley; Carol Rogers; for **John Finney** by Marnette Severance & Mary Ann Shuma; for **Millie Burskey** by Marlene & Regis Mehalko.

MEMORIALS: To **SF/SJ Educational Fund** in memory of **Carl Oprisch** by Sally Wenner; To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Paul Sloane** by Helen Rawson; in memory of **Carl Oprisch** by Kevin & Sandra Magette; Helen Rawson; Brian & Lynette Faldowski; Frank & Phyllis Santa; Carol Rogers; William & Mary Straka; Janet Clore; Mike & Peggy DeSantis; Marie Bernabei; Kurt & Pam Stubbs; Kay Birney; Jeannie & Chuck Bourne; David & Ann Wilson; To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Doris Martaus** by Esther Anderson; Bob & Mary Lou Deku; Marie Bernabei; Katherine (Martaus) Maher; Bob & Anita Montgomery; Charlie & Julie Tice; Vickie & Frank Hale; in memory of **Matilda Lastivka** Jeff & Lisa Bruggeman.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter
by The Faithful Disciple***

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

GROW: “Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible, 548*) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

PRAY: Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

BULLETIN BOARD

The FertilityCare™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. and the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for babies who died before birth (by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy) at any time in the past. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP. If you do not want your child/grandchild acknowledged in the program, you do not need to RSVP. All family members and friends are welcome.