

**MASSES FOR MAY 6 - 12**

Monday, 6	8:30 am (SF)	<b>No Mass</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday, 7	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Joyce Wandrey (Sister, Michelle)</b> Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, 8	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Maryann Ohalek (Family)</b> Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, 9	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>For the People</b> Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday, 10	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Philip Abdalla (Gil &amp; Mary Arehart)</b> Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23a
Saturday, 11	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</b>
Sunday, 12	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Mothers of the Parishes</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**THURSDAY:** Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)  
**FRIDAY:** St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJH)  
**SATURDAY:** Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 04/29/2024:** Trinity West: **Peggy Reynolds**; 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.***



**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 29th**:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>
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.



*Dear Parishioners: Thank you so much for all the cards and good wishes for my 93rd birthday; they made my day so much more special! ~Dick Balser*



**Call to Convention:** The Diocese of Steubenville **Council of Catholic Women** will be holding the annual convention this year on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Holy Family Church in Steubenville**. The theme for this year is **“Celebrating 79 Years”** and it begins at 8:15am in Malara Hall. Any questions about registration, you may go to the Diocesan website at [www.diosteub.org/offices/dccw](http://www.diosteub.org/offices/dccw) or you can contact the parish office before **May 22nd** to register!



**CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis:** Adult: (78 Envelopes) \$3,877.00; Loose: \$95.00; Candles: \$43.00; Cath. Home Missions: \$274.00; Building: \$40.00; Poor: \$220.00; Easter: \$20.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (41 Envelopes) \$1,467.00; Loose: \$70.00; Candles: \$17.00; Cath. Home Missions: \$20.00; Building: \$70.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for April 28th: Saturday 5:00pm: 76; 9:00am: 81; 11:00am: 148. Average Attendance per weekend for April: 5 pm: 83; 9 am: 94; 11 am: 103.**

**MASSES:** For **Michael Pettengill** by John & Janet Olesky; Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; for **Doris Martaus** by Rick, Marian & Nate Barker; Stella Westlake; Jack & Michelle Fouts; Eleanor Simone; for **Carl Oprisch** by Eleanor Simone; for **Andy Pieniazek** by Regis & Marlene Mehalko; Jane & Huck Hanuscin; for **Millie Burskey** by Wendel & Mary Lou Taggart.

**MEMORIALS:** To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Carl Oprisch** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; Larry & Carol Starr; Joseph & Mary DePalma; Bill Swick; Mark & Judy Bodnar; Mary Ann (Batcho) Palko; Allan & Robyn Setter; in memory of **Andrew Pieniazek** by William & Mary Catherine Straka; in memory of **Doris Martaus, Matilda Lastivka, John Finney, Millie Burskey, & Paul Trudics** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Doris Martaus** by Mark & Judy Bodnar; Carol Rogers; Jane Simpson.

**Please Note:** The parish secretary will be out of the office May 1, 6-8, and the 13th.

### ***Sixth Sunday of Easter by The Faithful Disciple***

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

**GROW:** “As the Father loves me, so I also love you ... If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” We don’t earn God’s love – it is freely given to us. But only by loving God and others, and by keeping his commandments, do we *remain* in that love as our source of life and joy. It becomes the air we breathe, and the breath we exhale. Today’s second reading and Gospel reassure us of the love of God, but also give us a few specifics for how to live in and remain in that love – self-sacrifice and prayer. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us, and we know what that looks like from his life: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving one another, and more. Living in the way Jesus instructs is not simply completing a checklist of things to do, however. It’s a way of life – to live in God’s love and to demonstrate his love with our outward actions. When we do so, we are helping bring about the kingdom in a very real way. It’s not complicated. We begin by acting in accordance with the truth that the person in front of us is loved by God.

#### **GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

**GO:** The message of the Gospel is countercultural and upends many convictions about what is true, good, and beautiful. What Jesus says can seem upside down to us, as it certainly did to the people of his time! Even the disciples, who walked with Jesus, didn’t fully grasp all of what Jesus had told them until after he had been raised from the dead and appeared in their midst and shared food with them. And even after they understood, they didn’t live it perfectly, nor do we. The things of this world we can mistakenly think are important get in the way of loving as we ought, and they shape our behavior and vision of the world. To counter that, we must focus in on what the Lord is saying and what that demands of us. What exactly that will look like in our lives is the provenance of prayer. Ask for God’s help in loving all those we come across, even (and especially) those we may not particularly care for. He will answer our prayers and show us the way.

**WITNESS:** Think of someone you know personally or whom you know of, who is particularly difficult to *like*. Create a plan to *love* them this week – either through praying for them, or interacting with them in a charitable, selfless way.

### **BULLETIN BOARD**



***What is a Deacon? What is the roll of a Deacon’s Wife? How do I find out more?*** Any interested men and their wives are invited to a Permanent Diaconate information session on Sat., May 18th at St. Mary’s Church in St. Clairsville from 10am to 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP to Dcn. Mark Erste (740) 512-4135.