

**MASSES FOR MAY 13 - 19**

Monday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Theresa Demko (Sally Wenner)</b> Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3, 4-5acd, 6-7b; Jn16:29-33
Tuesday, 14	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Doris Martaus (Janice McClain)</b> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17 <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i>
Wednesday, 15	8:30 am (SF)	<b>For the People</b> Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, 16	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Melissa Watts (MaryAnn Allen)</b> Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, 17	8:30 am (SF)	<b>John Slocum (Tim &amp; Agie Rock)</b> Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, 18	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Jay Smith (Josie Blackburn)</b>
Sunday, 19	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>Gary Bonnizzio (Family)</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Anthony &amp; Dorothy Lamantia (Children)</b> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31-34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- MONDAY:** Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
- THURSDAY:** Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
- SATURDAY:** Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 05/07/2024:** Trinity West: **Brian Burris; James Starr;** Trinity East; Weirton. 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.***

**Call to Convention:** The Steubenville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its annual convention on Wed., June 5, at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. The theme is ***Sowing Seeds of Hope***. Registration begins at 8:15 AM. You can find more information on the diocesan website at [www.diosteub.org/offices/dccw](http://www.diosteub.org/offices/dccw) and you may register by contacting DeDe Kidder (740-632-3018) before May 22. There is no charge for women of SFC or SJC who would like to attend. You may also bring a friend. More details will be published in The Steubenville Register.



**Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign:** I am most grateful for the response we have already received for this years D/PSC. Both parishes have already surpassed their goals. Therefore, any contributions that are made above and beyond the goal are returned to the parish. As I mentioned at the beginning of the campaign, I would like to ask that all of our parishioners make a contribution to the D/PSC. Fortunately, we have reached our individual parish goals but only about 35% of our parishioners have responded. I had hoped for a larger response. At this point of the campaign, I would greatly appreciate any contribution that you could offer. As a parish community, we need to work together in order to indicate our individual support for our parishes. Please consider making a contribution if you have not yet done so. There are additional pledge forms at the entrance of both churches. Campaign results thus far are:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledges</u>
St. Joseph:	\$11,443	\$17,200
St. Francis	\$21,863	\$28,586



**CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis:** Adult: (89 Envelopes) \$4,548.00; Loose: \$30.00; Candles: \$56.00; Poor & Needy: \$784.00 **St. Joseph:** Adult: (37 Envelopes) \$999.00; Loose: \$96.00; Candles: \$15.00; Poor & Needy: \$113.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church!  
**Weekly Mass Attendance for May 5th: Saturday 5:00pm: 69; 9:00am: 92; 11:00am: 82.**

**MASSES:** For **Larry Mosti** by Betty Fabian, Larry & Angie Fogel, Danny & Delores Mosti, Christy Bonnizzio, John & Janice Scalley, Terri Stock, Joseph Solomon, Randy & Donna Henry.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Cecelia Phillipson** and **Darice Fidak**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Phillipson and Fidak families. May Cecelia and Darice live in the eternal light of Christ.

***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
By The Faithful Disciple***

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

**GROW:** It's easy for me to get impatient with the Lord – to wonder why he makes me wait for an answer to a prayer or, worse, why his answer may be no. However, when I look back at the lessons of the Bible, it becomes clear that God works on his timetable, not mine. That same message comes through in today's first reading. The apostles ask Jesus whether he will be restoring the kingdom to Israel, and he is clear in his answer: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority." And then, after saying this, he ascends to the Father. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus has left his disciples again. But instead of leaving them to weep and mourn – as happened after his death – this time, our Lord left them with a mission. They were to ["Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."](#) They did, faithfully, and they traveled far and wide. Armed with the gift of the Holy Spirit which they received at Pentecost, they baptized countless people as they shared the Good News about Jesus and his gift of salvation.

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

**GO:** After Jesus gives the disciples the command to go out and preach the Gospel, he says that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." He offers salvation for those who believe in him. And he says that the disciples, and us, will be his witnesses in the world. Sacred tradition tells us that Andrew and Philip preached in Asia Minor while Bartholomew and Thomas spent time in India. Others are said to have gone to Palestine, Persia, and Ethiopia. All died a martyr's death – except John who had been entrusted with the care of our Blessed Mother. We are his witnesses today, and we are also commissioned to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel. Today, as we celebrate his ascension into heaven, let us allow ourselves a moment to gaze upward and behold Jesus' power and glory. Let the Ascension renew our commitment to do the work he has asked us to do and remind us of his presence here with us in all that we do.

**PRAY:** We know the mission Jesus has given us and we know we have the Holy Spirit to help us carry it out. For prayer this week, meditate on Paul's words to the Ephesians and ask the Lord for "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of [our] hearts be enlightened, that [we] may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**A MEMORIAL DAY MASS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE** will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery — Coronation Mausoleum, in Steubenville, on **Mon., May 27, 2024**, at 10:00 AM. Bishop Paul J. Bradley is Celebrant. All the faithful are invited. A collection will be taken for Mt. Calvary Cemetery. K of C Memorial Service to follow Mass.

**Cemetery Prayer**

Hail, all you faithful souls whose bodies rest here and elsewhere in dust; may Our Lord Jesus Christ, who redeemed you and us with His most precious Blood, vouchsafe to release you from your pains to unite you to the hosts of the angels; and there do you be mindful of us and suppliantly pray for us that we may join your company and be crowned along with you in heaven. Amen. (By St. John XXIII)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.