

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 3 - 9

Monday, 3	8:30 am (SF)	Dee Burkett (<i>Becky Jablonski</i>) Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, 4	8:30 am (SJ)	Carl Oprisch (<i>Jane & Huck Hanuscin</i>) Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, 5	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, 6	8:30 am (SJ)	Gladys Trzaskoma (<i>Family</i>) Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday, 7	8:30 am (SF)	Larry Mosti (<i>Christy Bonnizzio</i>) Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, 8	5:00 pm (SF)	Evelyn Bahen (<i>Paul & Lola Orsini</i>)
Sunday, 9	9:00 am (SJ)	Eugene Michael Lucas (<i>Vanihel Family</i>)
	11:00 am (SF)	Jay Smith (<i>Janice McClain</i>) Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY:	Pirohi Making - 9:00am (SJH)
WEDNESDAY:	Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY:	Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 01/28/2025: Trinity West: **Ann Restifo; Evelyn Byers** ; Trinity East; Weirton: **Janet Clore, Pete Graceffa.** **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

Offertory Procession: Prior to "covid" the Offertory Procession was a regular part of the Sunday Mass. During the epidemic, this part of the liturgy was suspended; it was only supposed to be during the pandemic. Now that we have moved beyond the pandemic, I feel that we should resume the practice. Therefore, beginning next weekend we will once again ask for volunteers to bring the gifts to the Altar.

Super Bowl Pool: Many thanks to all who supported the Super Bowl Pool! All the spots have been filled and the sheets are at the front entrance of the churches. The profit from this fundraiser is used to help us meet our obligation to the local parochial school system.

Blessing of the Throats: The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated Monday, February 3. The Blessing of Throats will be offered next weekend.

December Financial Summary:

<u>December:</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
St. Francis	\$21,511.00	\$11,544.20
St. Joseph	\$8,956.00	\$ 6,675.00
<u>Year to Date:</u>		
St. Francis	\$88,590.25	\$87,767.39
St. Joseph	\$64,584.74	\$62,791.27



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$3,142.00; Loose: \$156.00; Candles: \$91.00; Initial Offering: \$50.00; Holyday: \$20.00; Church in Latin America: \$258.00; D/PSC: \$930.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$2,368.00; Loose: \$20.00; Candles: \$26.00; Initial Offering: \$10.00; Church in Latin America: \$10.00; D/PSC: \$315.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Jan. 26th: 5:00pm: 67; 9:00am: 76; 11:00am: 93. Average Attendance per weekend for January: 5 pm: 81; 9 am: 71; 11 am: 76**

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: To St. Francis Church in memory of Evelyn Ray by Marie Bernabei; Pat Keenan.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia Moorehead, sister of Clark Francy.** We extend our deepest sympathy to the Moorehead family. May Patricia live in the eternal light of Christ.

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025

Altar Servers: 5pm: Mike Henry & Jake Dobbs
9am: Carmen, Lincoln, & Royce Abdalla
11am: Giovanni Guerrero, Anais Guerrero, Ethan McClain

Lectors: 5pm: Jim Orsini
9am: Laura Ray
11am: John Giannamore



Pirohi Making continues every Monday morning beginning at 9:00 AM. New workers are *always* welcome. If you are an “early bird” and would like to help with some of the prep work (making the potato or cabbage balls), the kitchen is open at 8:00 AM. With enough help, we are usually done by 11:00. You may contact DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) with questions or to volunteer your help.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD GROW AND GO GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

REFLECT: We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.