

**MASSES FOR APRIL MAY 12 - 18**

Monday, 12	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Suzanne Kresser (<i>Paul &amp; Kathy Giannamore</i>)</b> Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 ; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, 13	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Judy Yarosz (<i>Marianne Volsky</i>)</b> Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, 14	8:30 am (SF)	<b>For the People</b> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday, 15	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Benji Hirjak (<i>Steve &amp; Jennie</i>)</b> Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday, 16	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Gary Bonnizzio (<i>Jim &amp; Diane Orsini</i>)</b> Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, 17	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Dick Balser (<i>Wanda &amp; Kenny Woodward</i>)</b>
Sunday, 18	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>Jay Smith (<i>John &amp; Janice Scalley</i>)</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Anthony &amp; Dorothy Lamantia (<i>Children</i>)</b> Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

**As of 05/05/2025:** Trinity West;; Trinity East; Weirton Medical Center: **Janet Olesky; Marlene Kuhn . 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.

**Easter Flowers:** I would like to thank the Catholic Women’s Club for purchasing the live Easter lilies for both churches. The lilies have given their best and are finished blooming. I have placed them at the entrances to the churches, If you would like them, please feel free to take them with you after Mass this weekend; otherwise, they will end up in the dumpster.

**The annual DCCW Convention** will be held on Wed., June 4, at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. This convention is being dedicated to the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Steubenville and the theme for the day is Celebrating 80 Years of Devotion to the Eucharist. The day begins with registration at 8:15 AM. After a brief business meeting at 9:00 and the dedication, Fr. Timothy Shannon, the keynote speaker, will tell us about life as a retired priest. The memorial service for all of the women who have died in the past year will be held at 10:45 AM followed by Mass at 11:00 AM. Following lunch, the program will continue with news and updates about the seminarians and the Basket Raffle for the benefit of the seminarians. If you would like to buy raffle tickets in advance, please contact DeDe. The day concludes about 3:00 PM.

The women of St. Francis and St. Joseph Parishes are welcome to attend this annual event. Registration sheets may be found at the entrances to the churches or call DeDe (740-632-3372) to make a reservation. There is no charge for you. Deadline for reservations is Tues., May 27.

**2025 Diocesan Campaign:** I would once again encourage all our parishioners to lend their support to the Diocesan Campaign. Results as of May 6, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
St. Francis	\$22,747.00	\$27,220.00
St. Joseph	\$11,354.00	\$16,450.00

**Again, thank you for your support.**



**CHURCH SUPPORT:** St. Francis: Adult: \$3,506.00; Loose: \$78.00; Candles: \$90.00; Poor: \$1,150.00; Easter: \$40.00 St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,063.00; Loose: \$105.00; Candles: \$40.00; Poor: \$165.00; CHM: \$5.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for May 4th: 5:00pm: 92; 9:00am: 79; 11:00am: 110. Average Attendance per weekend for April: 5 pm: 85; 9 am: 112; 11 am: 121.**

**MASSES:** For **Dick Balsler** by Wanda & Kenny Woodward.

**MEMORIALS:** To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Betty Rogers** by Mary Anne (Batcho) Palko.

**Deepest Sympathy:** On behalf of the parishioners, I would like express our sympathy to the family of **Bill Swick**. Please remember to keep Bill and his family in your prayers. May God grant Bill eternal rest and peace.

### **MINISTERS FOR MAY 17 & 18, 2025**

**Altar Servers: 5pm:** Mike Henry & Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, & Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Anthony Mitch, Syllas Trimmer, Luca Provenzano.

**Lectors: 5pm:** Janie Rose; **9am:** Laura Ray; **11am:** Mary Petras

### ***Grown and Go The Faithful Disciple***

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

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus’ sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ’s flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world’s fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

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

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd’s voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today’s second reading, however, St. John’s vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father’s will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

**OBSERVE:** Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd’s attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep’s attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

### **Thought for the Week**

*“The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone,  
but the things you do for others remain as your legacy.”*

~ **Kalu Ndukwe Kalu**