

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 2 - 8

Monday, 2	8:30 am (SF)	Janey Starr (John & Janice Scalley) <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 2:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday, 3	8:30 am (SJ)	Regis Mehalko (John & Janet Olesky) <i>Feast of St. Blaise</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, 4	8:30 am (SF)	For the People 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, 5	8:30 am (SJ)	John Haynes, Jr. (Joe Lastivka) 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday, 6	8:30 am (SF)	Gladys Trzaskoma (Family) Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, 7	5:00 pm (SF)	Damien Gabis (Marlene Mehalko)
Sunday, 8	9:00 am (SJ)	Evelyn Byers (Larry & Angie Fogle)
	11:00 am (SF)	Bill Kulstad (Alderman & Meyer Families) Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: Blessing of Throats following Mass today
WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 01/26/2026: Trinity West.; Trinity East; Weirton: ; 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**



Diocese of Steubenville Priests Retirement Fund Collection: Firstly, thank you for your generous response to this annual collection the past two years! It was a great step toward reaching a fully-funded status for the Priests Retirement Fund. As we move forward in a continued effort, envelopes for this purpose are in your contribution packets. **The collection, which is distinct from the collection for retired religious, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit,** will be taken up next weekend Feb. 7-8. Your continued generosity is a blessing and very much appreciated. Thank you!



Parish Adult Mardi Gras Party! We hope that you will be able to join us for a Parish Adult Mardi Gras on **Sat., Feb. 14,** at **St. Francis Church Hall from 6-9:30pm.** The CWC will provide pizza, pop, and a DJ. It is **BYOB!!!** There will be a backdrop to take pictures, a 50/50 raffle, plus various basket raffles. We ask that you bring snacks to share if your last name begins with A-L; if your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert.

Sign up sheets have been posted at the church entrances. So, please sign up by Feb. 7-8 to let us know you are coming so we can order a sufficient amount of pizza. Come and enjoy an evening with your fellow parishioners to start off the Holy Season of Lent with a PARTY!

The Story of St. Blaise

About St. Blaise: St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. The Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol. *St. Blaise, pray for us!*



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$1,542.00; Loose: \$70.00; Candles: \$0; Latin America: \$111.00; Initial: \$10.00; St. Joseph: Adult: \$590.00; Latin America: \$20.00; Candles: \$0; Initial: \$0; May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for January 25: 5:00pm: 140.**

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: None



Super Bowl LX (60) will be held on Sun., Feb. 8! 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



On behalf of the parishioners of the Toronto parishes, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Michele Barnes, who died last Saturday. We pray that God will grant her eternal rest and peace.

MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL: The annual Lenten retreat for the men of the Diocese of Steubenville will be held on Sat., Mar. 7, at St. Stephen Church in Caldwell, Ohio. Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Tim Shannon will be the presenters for the day. You can register online at athenscatholic.org/Steubenville-men-day. The cost is \$25 per registration, which includes lunch. Information can be found at the entrance of each church.

CONTRIBUTION REPORTS: The annual contribution reports for 2025 were mailed out this week. If you have not requested one in the past and would like to receive one, please contact the rectory office.

WELCOME: We joyfully welcome Jordan Allen Paul into the Catholic Church. Jordan is the son of Storm and Chelsea Allese who was baptized on January 18.

DONUT SUNDAY today following the morning Masses this weekend.

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 7 and 8

Altar Servers:

5pm: Hank Bodnar, Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, Royce Abdalla;
11am: Silas Trimmer, Luca Provenzano, Ethan McClain

Lectors:

5pm: Jim Orsini; **9am:** Laura Ray; **11am:** Judy Koehnlein

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

GROW: There have been many times when I have experienced “imposter syndrome” in my work, where I doubt my own ability. In these times, I often looked to others to try to determine if I was doing enough. But instead of giving me the validation and encouragement I was seeking, this act of comparison frequently led to dissatisfaction. I began to wish I was more like others — more outgoing, more disciplined, more organized. But who I am and the gifts that I have to offer are exactly what I am being called to give in my vocation. Saint Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians that we were not called because we possess a specific talent or personality; we have been called to bear witness to the work Christ is doing in us. And this witness comes from living our vocation authentically, with the gifts we naturally possess. When we not only accept but love and value our unique qualities, we give glory to the One who so lovingly and perfectly created us.

REFLECT

As we go through life, there can be times when we feel unprepared for the vocation God has called us to. Consider how these feelings of inadequacy may be an invitation for us to rely more fully on Christ working within us. Bring this to prayer and ask the Lord to reveal how he may be using this particular circumstance to draw us closer to him.