

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1

Monday, 23	8:30am (SF)	Bill Baier (<i>Bernie & Cherie Kelly</i>) Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, 24	8:30am (SJ)	Jesse Fulton (<i>Friends of Family</i>) Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, 25	8:30am (SF)	For the People Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, 26	8:30 am (SJ)	Ron Sines (<i>Jane Hanuscin</i>) Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday, 27	8:30 am (SF)	Cynthia Murphy (<i>CWC of Toronto</i>) Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, 28	5:00 pm (SF)	John D. Erwin (<i>Mr. and Mrs. Chris Manbeck</i>)
Sunday, 1	9:00 am (SJ)	Marlene Kuhn (<i>Blanche Babela</i>)
	11:00 am (SF)	Kathy Rawson (<i>Mary Ann Shuma & Family</i>) Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY: Pasta Dinner Planning Meeting - 6:00pm (SJH)
FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross- 6:00pm (SJ)
Confessions - directly following Stations
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY: Vespers and Benediction - 6:00pm (SF)
Confessions - directly following Vespers
Adult Choir Practice - directly following Vespers

As of 02/17/2026: 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.**



2026 Diocesan Campaign: You should have received a letter from Bishop Lohse regarding the 2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign. Although I am a week late, I would like to ask for your support for this year's diocesan campaign. This annual appeal benefits both the Diocesan budget and at the same time provides for additional support for our local parishes. As we continue to discern the future of our diocese, it is imperative that we continue to fund the essential ministries and services so that the work of the church can continue. Please be assured that all funds received through the D/PSC are donor restricted and will remain in the Diocese of Steubenville. I will be sending additional information regarding the parishes needs; in the mean time, I ask that you prayerfully consider to making a commitment to this year's appeal. ~ **Fr. Vennitti**

CWC News



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our 1st Mardi Gras celebration a big success! To our committee, those who helped set up, all those who donated a basket for the raffle, and those who attended and brought the abundance of food to share. We hope to make this an annual event to start the Holy Season of Lent. God Bless! ~ **C.W.C. Officers**



Pasta Dinner: Anyone who is interested to help plan a Pasta Dinner is invited to a meeting this **Tuesday, February 24, 6:00pm in St. Joseph Church Hall.** Everyone is welcomed! Any questions, please call Marian Barker (740) 632-2574.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$3,314.00; Loose: \$45.00; Candles: \$26.00; Steubenville Priest Retirement: \$125.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,536.00; Loose: \$105.00; Candles: \$22.00; Steubenville Priest Retirement: \$70.00 May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for February 15: 5:00pm: 75; 9:00am: 97; 11:00am: 75.**

MASSES: For **Pete Graceffa** by Tim & Agie Rock; for **Shirley Carnahan** by Tim & Agie Rock.

MEMORIALS: For **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Marion Wilson & Pete Graceffa** by Bill & Mary Catherine Straka.

Applications for the John and Blanche Mussio Scholarship: Just a reminder to graduating seniors that scholarships are available to students planning to attend a Catholic college this fall. Guidance departments at our local schools have received notifications regarding this scholarship and application forms are also available at the parish office.

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 28 and MARCH 1

Altar Servers:

5pm: Mike Henry & Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue;
11am: Aiden Myslinsky, Anthony Mitch, Giovanni Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Jim Orsini; **9am:** Jennie Herrick; **11am:** Jim Lamantia

GROW AND GO

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

GROW: Although we're at the very beginning of Lent, today's first reading from Genesis prepares us for words we will hear on the night of the Easter Vigil: "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" (Exsultet) *O truly necessary sin?! O happy fault?! What could these words actually mean?* I think the Exsultet is drawing us to see that sin is not the end of the story. In the mysterious working of grace, being in a state of needing God's forgiveness (sin) opens us up to the possibility of experiencing and receiving his endless love and mercy. As we take on practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, may we not grow discouraged when we inevitably fall short, but may we recognize that our very weakness presents us with an opportunity to rejoice in his merciful love.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: At the heart of evangelization is announcing the good news that our sin doesn't have the last word. St. Paul puts it this way: While death came through Adam's sin, "the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many." While sin certainly wreaks havoc by bringing suffering and death into our world, the conviction of the Church is that the restoration God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus elevates humanity to a state far better than what we lost in the fall. What might it look like to witness to this great hope we have in Jesus in our own lives? How can we offer encouragement to those who feel they have fallen too far from grace that God's mercy is far more powerful than any transgression they may have committed?

REFLECT: Throughout the Gospels, we hear story after story of sinners ending up closer to God than those who think themselves to be perfectly obedient (The Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]; the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Lk 18:9-14]). As you contemplate which Lenten practices to adopt in these next few weeks, keep in mind that holiness isn't found in perfect adherence to these practices, but by humbling yourself to recognize the God who loves you even when you fall.