

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 9 - 15

Monday, 9	8:30am (SF)	For the People 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, 10	8:30am (SJ)	Betty Miller (Gayle & Ted Troski) 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, 11	8:30am (SF)	Evelyn Ray (Peggy Anderson) 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31; 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, 12	8:30 am (SJ)	Tim Huff (Ellie Adams) 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106: 3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	Nate Rock (Janice McClain) 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11b, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday, 14	5:00 pm (SF)	Theresa Demko (CWC of Toronto)
Sunday, 15	9:00 am (SJ)	Eugene Michael Lucas (Vanihel Family)
	11:00 am (SF)	Hank Barto (Tim & Agie Rock) Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
FRIDAY: St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJH)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
Mardi Gras Party - 6-9:30pm (SFH)

As of 02/03/2026: 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**

Parish School of Religion: Parents, Please take note of the 2 back-to-back weeks of class instruction due to Ash Wednesday falling on a regularly scheduled class day. There will be class **this Wednesday from 6pm-7:30pm at SJH instead of on February 18th.**

Lenten Booklets: There are daily meditation booklets available for your own personal use during the Lenten Season. I certainly encourage parishioners to take one to aid you during Lent. I have found these books personally very beneficial. I hope that they are helpful to you as well.

SO MANY EVENTS TO MAKE NOTE OF THIS WEEKEND!

Today is the big day! Please pick up the completed Super Bowl Pool sheets for **Super Bowl LX (60)** . You can get yours in the back of both parishes. Thank you to all who participated and good luck!

This is the weekend that the Diocese of Steubenville Priests Retirement Fund Collection will be taken up. This collection, which is distinct from the collection for retired religious, from which our diocesan priests derive no benefit, is important to help stabilize the retirement fund for our priests of this diocese. 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. **PLEASE SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND** 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!



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$3,784.00; Loose: \$187.00; Candles: \$89.00; Latin America: \$30.00; Initial: \$15.00; Poor: \$618.00. St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,510.00; Loose: \$25.00; Candles: \$17; Poor: \$180.00 May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for February 1: 5:00pm: 78; 9:00am: 74; 11:00am: 92; Average Mass Attendance for January: 5pm: 91.5; 9am: 72.5; 11am: 65**

MASSSES: For **Michele Barnes** by DeDe Kidder; Tim & Agie Rock; Janice McClain.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Michele Barnes** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; Marie Bernabei; in memory of **Pete Graceffa** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; in memory of **Kathy Rawson** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Michele Barnes** by Bob & Anita Montgomery.

 On behalf of the parishioners of the Toronto parishes, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Pete Graceffa and Shirley Carnahan**, who died last week. We pray that God will grant them eternal rest and peace.

Comfort Bears and St. Anne's Society will be held this week at St. Joseph Church Hall. Comfort Bear ladies will be on **Monday at 9am** and St. Anne's Society will be on **Friday at 9:15am**. All women of the parish are welcome to join and no sewing experience is needed!

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 14 and 15

Altar Servers:

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

Lectors:

5pm: Betsy Pope; **9am:** Kathy Giannamore; **11am:** Mary Kay Petras

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

GROW: My understanding of prayer changed when I read St. Teresa of Calcutta's statement that says, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Prayer is not an incantation that can change the will of God. It is the act of raising our hearts and minds to God, and of opening ourselves — our will, our understanding, our joys, and our sorrows — to be sanctified. The prophet Isaiah seems to be saying something similar in the first reading. He lists off the commands of the Lord to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, and then tells the faithful that if they do these things, "then your light shall break forth like the dawn." We certainly serve those who are vulnerable because each person has immeasurable dignity and deserves to be cared for as a child of God. But the act of caring for another also changes us. We are made more fully into who we were created to be — not an individual living in isolation, but one who is deeply connected in community to the rest of humankind.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: An act of service, then, is much bigger than simply donating money or giving of our time. In caring for our neighbor, we proclaim God's goodness to a world in darkness, bearing witness to the love of God which is the source of all our actions. In the Gospel, Christ calls his followers to be "the light of the world," reminding us that he wants to shine his light through us. But we are not the source of the light. Even when we are the ones serving, we still remain only the vessel the true light shines through. When we love others, we are changed because we allow ourselves to be conformed more closely to Christ, allowing others to encounter his love in our actions.

SERVE: The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This is not a list meant to overwhelm, but rather to provide opportunities to care for God's children. What act of service can you and your family engage in this week to allow the light of Christ to shine through you?