MASSES FOR APRIL 13 - 19



Monday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	**Mildred Luquette *(Janice McClain)***
		Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, 14	8:30 am (SJ)	**Ralph & Esther Pavia *(Family)***
		Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, 15	8:30 am (SF)	**Shirley Carnahan *(Ginny & Jerry Popson)***
		Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, 16	8:30 am (SJ)	**Cheryl Vukelic *(Valerie Vukelic)***
		Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday, 17	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People**
		Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, 18	5:00 pm (SF)	**William N. Heavener *(Mr. & Mrs. Chris Manbeck)***
Sunday, 19	9:00 am (SJ)	**Bill Swick *(Terri Stock)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Pete Graceffa *(Mary Ann Shuma & Family)***
		Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

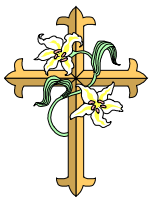
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY:	**Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)**
WEDNESDAY:	***Parish School of Religion* - 6:00pm (SJH)**
SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 04/07/2026: Trinity West: **Bonnie Trudics; Peggy Reynolds ;** 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.***

A Note from the Pastor

2026 D/PSC: We have received Diocesan approval to replace the boiler at St. Francis Church costing $48,000 and the rectory driveway at St. Joseph Church, totaling $24,300. We are able to move ahead with these two projects because of your continued support of this annual campaign. I have not yet received information from the diocese regarding how well our parishioners have responded to this year's D/PSC. I can only assume that many have already made contributions. For those who have not yet responded, I would encourage you to do so. Last year, about 40% of our registered parishioners made a contribution to the D/PSC. WE are all a part of the parish community and we all benefit from the services provided by the local church. The contributions above and beyond our individual parish goals are returned to the parish and make it possible to maintain our financial stability as well as performing major projects without the need to ask for additional funds from parishioners. To those who have already responded to the 2026 D/PSC, I extend my many thanks. If you have not yet responded, please consider doing so.



In May, The Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Francis Church. As the First Communicants and Confirmandi draw close to receiving their second or final Sacraments of Initiation, please keep them in your prayers. ***First Communicants:*** *Gino Provenzano, Carson Starr, Peter Swearingen.* ***Confirmandi:*** *Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, Connor Cavanaugh, Giovani Guerrero, Anis Guerrero, Sadie Ludewig, Ethan McClain, Aiden Myslinsky, Adam Starr, Samuel Starr, Sylas Trimmer, Wyatt Winters.* **First Communion is on May 3rd and Confirmation is on May 17th, both at the 11:00am Mass.**



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,605.00; Loose: $204.00; Candles: $90.00; Holy Land: $481.00; Easter Sunday: $2,225.00; Poor: $1,007.00 . St. Joseph: Adult: $1,675.00; Loose: $248.00; Candles: $52.00; Holy Land: $210.00; Easter Sunday: $1,186.00; Poor: $169.00 . May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for April 5****: **8:30pm**: 87; **9:00am:** 154; **11:00am:** 187.*

MASSES: For **Anthony Stasiulewicz** by Mary & Ron Dacko

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Pete Graceffa** by Betty Pierce.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, April 13th at 9am at St. Joseph Church Hall!** Interested in becoming a part of this worthy project? New members are always welcome! Call Janet (544-6097) with any questions. No sewing experience is needed!



Nut Roll Sales: There are still nut, poppy seed, and apricot rolls still available. Rolls are $12/each. They will be available after the weekend Masses for the next couple of weeks.

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 18 and 19

Altar Servers:

5pm: Hank Bodnar & Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Ethan McClain, Giovanni Guerrero, Anis Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Jane Rose; **9am:** Paul Giannamore; **11am:** Jesus Leija

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Can you imagine being Thomas and finding out that while you were gone from the Upper Room, the resurrected Jesus appeared to the other disciples? And then, according to the evangelist John, it was a full week later when Jesus returns to that room. If I were Thomas, I would probably be consumed with thoughts about how unfair the situation was – that I was being asked to believe without seeing while the other disciples were able to see the glorified Christ. And, of course, we don't know how Thomas reacted, except that he demanded to see and touch the wounds of Christ. We do know that when Christ returns he does not admonish Thomas, but offers his hands and his side to his disciple to touch. Christ responded to Thomas with mercy – inviting him into an encounter in a way that will draw him into deeper faith. And Christ also comes to us again and again and again, mercifully inviting us into relationship with him regardless of what we demand or how often we fall away.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We do not have a right to God's mercy. Humanity willingly and intentionally turned away from God in the Garden of Eden, and we continue to do so today when we choose to sin and turn away from God. But God extends mercy to us as an undeserved gift, and he calls us to be merciful to others. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first Christians devoted themselves to the love of God and others, and they forged an avenue for mercy to be made present as they cared for one another by dividing their material goods "according to each one's need." We, too, are called to be merciful. We are called to look beyond what someone should be able to do on their own and be open to responding to their need in love. And as we show mercy to others, we remind one another of our dignity and worth. As with Thomas, Jesus does not focus on what we lack, but instead generously offers what is needed to draw us into relationship.

RECEIVE

It can be just as hard to receive mercy as it is to extend it. In receiving mercy, we must admit that we are not capable of healing ourselves of all that keeps us from full communion with Christ. This week, pray for the grace to fully receive the mercy that God so lovingly offers, trusting that he desires to meet us where we are and draw us closer to himself.