MASSES FOR APRIL 6 - 12



Monday, 6	8:30 am (SF)	**No Mass** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday, 7	8:30 am (SJ)	**Clarence Cronin *(Steve & Jennie)*** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday, 8	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday, 9	8:30 am (SJ)	**Mary Grimes *(Cathy Smurda)*** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday, 10	8:30 am (SF)	**Larry Giangulio *(Roger Clark)*** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday, 11	5:00 pm (SF)	**Evelyn Ray *(Rob, Tammy, & Kelli Comer)***
Sunday, 12	9:00 am (SJ)	**Huck Hanuscin *(Lucy Timko)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Kathy Rawson *(Mary Ann Shuma & Family)*** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY:	***Parish School of Religion* - 6:00pm (SJH)**
FRIDAY:	St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJH)
SATURDAY:	**No Confessions**

As of 03/31/2026: Trinity West: **;** Trinity East; Weirton: **Jeanine Keenan; Marie Bernabei**; 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

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my prayers and best wishes to all our parishioners and their families for a blessed and joy filled Easter. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, I certainly hope that each of you will experience the peace that Jesus bestowed upon the Apostles on the evening of the Resurrection. I would also like to express my deep appreciation for all the kindness, love, and support that you extend to me each and every day. May our faith in the Resurrection be reflected in our lives.

Many Notes of Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped both with the preparation for and participation in the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum. Many thanks to those involved in the music ministry, your gifts and talents certainly help to enhance our celebrations. Thank you to the Altar Servers, I am grateful for the generous gift of your time and your reverent attention to the Liturgies. I am appreciative of those who volunteered for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. To those who offer their time and talents throughout the year please accept my thanks and appreciation.

To all those who helped with and prepared the Pasta Dinner last Sunday, thank you! Although the CWC had never done this before, it was met with great success. I hope that all who attended enjoyed the delicious dinner and also had the opportunity to visit with each other. I hope that we can look forward to additional events.

I would also like to express my thanks to all the CWC members who worked so hard to once again make the delicious nut, poppyseed, and apricot rolls. I am sure they were enjoyed by everyone. We will have some remaining. Let us know if you would like to purchase additional rolls.

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $3,101.00; Loose: $134.00; Candles: $43.00; Rice Bowl: $15.00 . St. Joseph: Adult: $1,578.00; Loose: $160.00; Candles: $42.00; Rice Bowl: $15.00; Catholic Relief: $5.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for March 29th****: **5:00pm**: 75; **9:00am:** 110; **11:00am:** 115.* ***Average Mass Attendance for March:*** *5pm: **81** 9am: **91** 11am: **101.***

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **William & Juanita Sloane, John, Donna, & Chris Keener, & Rita Huddle** by Helen Rawson.

On behalf of our parishioners, I would like to express our sympathy to the family and friends of ***Cecilia Horkulic*** who died this past Wednesday. May she know the joy of eternal life that was promised to us by Jesus, our Risen Savior.

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 11 and 12

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

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

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to him alone; his resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in him will one day rise with him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life he won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that *love* and *faith* often precede *understanding*. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord – before they have all the answers worked out – is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

CELEBRATE

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!