MASSES FOR MAY 18 - 24

Monday, 18	8:30 am (SF)	**No Mass** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, 19	8:30 am (SJ)	**Doris Martaus *(Mary Lynn & Steve Lewis)*** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, 20	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, 21	8:30 am (SJ)	**Michele Barnes *(CWC of Toronto)*** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	**Dave Huff *(Ron & Mary Dacko)*** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, 23	5:00 pm (SF)	**Barbara Carter *(Amy & Michael Heiss)***
Sunday, 24	9:00 am (SJ)	**Pete Graceffa *(Mark & Judy Bodnar)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Dorothy & Anthony Lamantia *(Children)*** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 05/12/2026: 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.***



Confirmation: Following the Confirmation Liturgy at the 11:00am Mass this weekend, the CWC will be hosting a reception for our Confirmandi. All are invited to attend. Due to Bishop Lohse's schedule, he has delegated me to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.



O.C.I.A.: The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (formerly RCIA) will be offered this Fall. Anticipating this I would like anyone interested in coming into full Communion with the Catholic Faith to contact me by calling the rectory office. I would hope to begin the program sometime this summer.



St. Francis Church Repairs: Work began this week to replace the heating system at St. Francis Church. This is a much needed replacement. Your support for the D/PSC will help to finance this project. Also, during a previous rain storm, the downspout on the tower was damaged. Some of you may have noticed that after the storm there were pieces of the downspout scattered around the front of the church. We are presently looking at our options. A portion of the cost will be covered by our insurance. I will keep you updated.



Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign: The current update for the 2026 D/PSC indicates that St. Francis has received $24,809 in contributions with 29% of parishioners having responded. St. Joseph has received $15,905.00 in contributions with 34% of parishioners responding. Both parishes have reached and exceeded their diocesan goals. All contributions beyond the goal are returned to the parishes. Thanks to all who have already responded.

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,258.00; Loose: $141.00; Candles: $99.00; Building: $841.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $2,246.00; Loose: $50.00; Candles: $28.00; Building: $360.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for May 10th****:* ***5:00pm****: 83;* ***9:00am:*** *97;* ***11:00am:*** *86.*

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Cecilia Horkulic** by Helen Scalley Family; in memory of **Marion Wilson** by Lou Simone.

MINISTERS FOR MAY 23 and 24

Altar Servers:

5pm: Hank Bodnar, Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen Abdalla, Lincoln Abdalla, Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Aidan Myslinsky, Giovanni Guerrero, Anis Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Shelly Meyer; **9am:** Jennie Herrick; **11am:** Curtis Mitch

DCCW Annual Convention: The Annual Diocesan Catholic Club for Women Convention will be held on **Wed., June 3rd at Holy Family Church in Steubenville.** All the women of our parishes are invited to attend. If you would like to go, please contact Marian Barker for reservations.



Have you done your spring cleaning yet? The **Comfort Bear Ladies** are looking for some supplies! They are in need of clean lace, bias tape, neck ties, thin ribbon, or 3 inch wired ribbon. You can leave them in from of either church marked **BEARS.** Call Janet Olesky (740-544-6097) if you have any questions.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

This year, I cannot help but notice how kingdom-centric the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension are. In our first reading, Jesus appears to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and speaks to them about the kingdom of God. Our psalm beckons us to rejoice that God is mounting his throne – another kingdom image! Our second reading tells us that God has given Christ authority over "every principality, power, and dominion" – a clear sign that he is the one reigning over all. These references seem to be telling us that today's feast is Jesus' "coronation day" – the day he takes his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. From the moment Jesus ascends to heaven, he is reigning. What a consoling thought for us, who may at times find ourselves discouraged by our lives or the state of affairs around us. We have hope because we know that despite appearances to the contrary, Jesus reigns, and it is only a matter of time until the Father puts all things beneath Christ's feet.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." It's a tall order – bringing every nation under the reign of Christ. But we needn't be intimidated. The Ascension offers us hope, for – as the Catechism reminds us – "Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit." (667) Jesus ascended into heaven and now is constantly interceding for us before the Father, constantly pouring out his Spirit on us! In all our efforts to evangelize, we have that constant support and grace being sent our way to equip us for this work.

REFLECT: Oftentimes, we think of the Ascension as Jesus leaving us after the end of his earthly ministry. But Jesus promises that he does not leave us, but rather, that he is always with us, "until the end of the age." Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways that, having taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, Jesus is now ever-more present, pouring out his grace and his Spirit upon us at every moment.