

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

Monday, 25	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday, 26	8:30 am (SJ)	Ethel Green (John Green) Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday, 27	8:30 am (SF)	Matthew Barcus (Family) Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps) Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday, 28	8:30 am (SJ)	Marty Motto (Steve & Jennie) Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9
Friday, 29	8:30 am (SF)	Alice Sinclair (John Green) Dn 7:9-10, 13-4 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138: 1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday, 30	5:00 pm (SF)	Stella Kowick (CWC of Toronto)
Sunday, 1	9:00 am (SJ)	John Miller (Frank & Theresa Popp)
	11:00 am (SF)	Cesaria Leija (Greg & Gloria Zamborsky) Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY: Nut Rolls - 9:00am (SFH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 09/19/2023: Trinity West: ; Trinity East: . Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.***

CWC News

Mark your calendar. On **Wed., Oct. 4**, (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), we will host the **“Day with the Bishop”** sponsored by Mother of Hope Deanery CCW. Rosary will be said at 10:30 AM at St. Francis Church followed with Mass at 11:00 AM celebrated by Bishop Monforton. Iggy’s is providing lunch in St. Francis Hall following Mass, and Bishop will address the women with various topics and answer any questions you may have. Signup sheets are available at the churches entrances. Women from all parishes in our Deanery will also be in attendance. You may call DeDe (740-632-3018) with questions or to register for the day. There is no charge for this event. Hope to see you there.

Last Chance to sign up for the Franciscan Sisters “Share His Mercy Benefit” on Sat., Sept. 30. Mass is scheduled at 4:00 PM at their church on County Road 46 and dinner begins at 5:30 PM at Florian Hall. Six of us have already signed up. If you would like to join us for the dinner, please call DeDe **TODAY** – 740-632-3018 – so she can add your name to the list. The date for individual registration has already passed, but we have a table reserved. A seat is waiting for you. Please leave a message if no answer. .



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Daniel J. Henry, father of Jessica Breon**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Henry Family. May Daniel live in the eternal light of Christ.

MASSES: For **Todd Barnes** by Bill & Fran Rensi; Joe & Suzan Kovaleski; Marlene & Regis Mehalko; Doug & Karen Simmons; Carol Rogers; JoAnn Fogle.

MEMORIALS: To the **SF/SJ Educational Fund** in memory of **Todd Barnes** by Michele Barnes; George, Karen, & Jaime Vojvodich; Robert Anthony; Sharon Zarych; to the **CWC Comfort Bears** in memory of **Irene Miller** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; to **St. Francis Church** in memory of **Jackie Maple** by Mary Anne (Batcho) Palko.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (73 Envelopes) \$2,237.00; Loose: \$41.00; Candles: \$59.00; IHF: \$356.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (56 Envelopes) \$1,185.00; Loose: \$65.00; Candles: \$8.00; IHF: \$96.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Sept. 17th: Saturday 5:00pm: 80; 9:00am: 85; 11:00am: 78.**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
by The Faithful Disciple**

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

GROW: Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY: The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

BULLETIN BOARD



The **Weirton Catholic Pro Life** group is organizing our city's **Life Chain** again this year. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It's a chance to involve your whole family. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcomed and encouraged. Life Chain will take place rain or shine on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st** from 2:30pm to 3:30pm along Main St. in Weirton. Signs will be available at St Paul

Church. Come and stand with thousands of Pro-Lifers in the U.S. and Canada. You will be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! The challenge Christ presented to His disciples, He presents to us today - "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"



Register to Vote by October 10th: This November, Ohioans will vote on a proposed change to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine abortion into law. Our Catholic faith tells us that God places no condition on the value of human life from conception until natural death. Therefore, the Catholic Church cannot be silent when vulnerable women and preborn children are threatened by an amendment that...1) Puts women at risk by endangering medical and safety standards; 2) Allows painful, late-term abortions by not setting any clear limits on abortion; and 3) Threatens parental rights by challenging notification requirements when minors seek abortions or other reproductive interventions. **Your vote is needed to**

save Ohio from this extreme amendment. Register to vote or update your information by October 10th at www.voteohio.gov. Jesus calls us to stand up for "the least of these" in our society, including preborn children and vulnerable women. Catholics must protect both women and children by **Voting No on Issue 1.**