

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 9-15

Monday, 9	8:30 am (SF)	Nora Stasiulewicz (<i>Julius Chetock</i>) 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 8, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, 10	8:30 am (SJ)	Pam Dunlap (<i>Richard & Lizzie Donnelly</i>) 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, 11	8:30am (SF)	For the People 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, 12	8:30am (SJ)	Bernadette Kondik (<i>CWC of Toronto</i>) 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13, 14b, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	John Littlejohn (<i>Bill & Judy Smith</i>) <i>St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday, 14	5:00 pm (SF)	Georgia Coulter (<i>Jim & Diane Orsini</i>) <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
Sunday, 15	9:00 am (SJ)	Melissa Watts (<i>Rick & Marian Barker</i>)
	11:00 am (SF)	John Haynes, Jr. (<i>Jan Bordeaux</i>) Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
FRIDAY: St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJH)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 09/03/2024: Trinity West.: ; Trinity East; . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.**

CWC News

Come join us for a **LADIES DAY OUT** at 12:00 Noon on **Tues. Sept. 17**. We will kick off our fall and winter activities with lunch and an ice cream social at the Parish Rectory. All women of SFC and SJC are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch is our treat! Be sure to add your name to the yellow sign-up sheets posted at the churches entrances so we can plan for **YOU!** In order to continue our successful projects, we need your help. Won't you say "yes" and take part in our ministries for our parishes and community? When you arrive, please enter the rectory from the rear door. You may also contact Michele Barnes (740-632-7845), Jeanine Keenan (740-537-2197), or DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) with questions or to let us know that you are coming. Please leave a message if no answer.



The Nut Rollers are coming back! With your help, the ladies will be returning to make the famous CWC Nut Rolls! Anyone wishing to provide assistance, **both new and past volunteers**, this fall need to contact **Judy Wnek (537-4715)**. Approximately 12-15 helpers are needed each week; if not enough people sign up, the rolls will not be made. **No baking experience required!!!**

SHARE HIS MERCY BENEFIT sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters, Sept. 28, beginning with Mass at 4:00 PM at the Motherhouse on County Road 46, Toronto, Ohio, and followed with dinner and the program at 5:30 PM at St. Florian Hall in Wintersville. Purple sign-up sheets are posted at the entrances to SFC and SJC. There is no charge for this event; however, the CWC will make a donation to the Franciscan Sisters on your behalf. Please let DeDe know if you will attend by signing up or calling DeDe by Mon., Sept. 16 (740-632-3372). A table will be reserved so we can sit together.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, September 9th 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!



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (89 Envelopes) \$3,525.00; Loose: \$105.00; Candles: \$87.00; Poor: \$723.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (36 Envelopes) \$1,083.00; Loose: \$153.00; Candles: \$52.00; Poor: \$132.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Sept. 1st: Saturday 5:00pm: 72; 9:00am: 99; 11:00am: 84.**

MASSES: For **John Haynes, Jr., Michael Sokol, Regis Mehalko, & Mary Grimes** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; for **Mary Grimes** by CWC of Toronto; Shuma Family; Mark & Judy Bodnar; Mary & Ron Dacko.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** in memory of **John Haynes, Jr.** by Jody Wickham.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert “Bob” Wilson**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Wilson Family. May Bob live in the eternal light of Christ.



With the beginning of the new school year, this means that the holidays are approaching and the need for non-perishables is tremendous. For many years, our parishes have given generously to the **Toronto Food Pantry**. Considering the economic times, our assistance is needed, now more than ever. Helping Hands will be in need of traditional holiday food items (dressing, white and sweet potatoes, vegetables, noodles, desserts, etc.) and monetary donations for perishable items. Marked boxes are in the back of both churches for the groceries, but **money gifts should be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the**

rectory.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

GROW: My first thought upon reading today’s Scriptures is that by healing the deaf man, Jesus is fulfilling what God had said he was going to do since the time of the prophet Isaiah: “making the eyes of the blind see and opening the ears of the deaf,” as we heard in the first reading. And indeed this is what Jesus did. But when I re-read the Gospel I was intrigued by the line: “[Jesus] took him off by himself away from the crowd.” Jesus had a reputation as a healer and a teacher, so it stands to reason that he healed people in front of the crowds often. Why, then, does Jesus remove the man from the crowd? In a commentary on this passage, Bishop Robert Barron suggests that Jesus removed the man from the crowd as a way of demonstrating that the loud and boisterous voices of the crowd could make it hard to hear when God is speaking to us. Even though this man was deaf and was not able to hear Jesus’ words, the crowds were a distraction, and a barrier to intimacy and communion. Doesn’t this same thing happen to us from time to time? The voices in our world that compete for our attention can make it difficult to hear God’s word. But it can be done, and the rewards are great. God is present with us; let’s make an effort this week to focus in on the things in our lives that point us toward God and ready ourselves to receive his grace.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears and looked up to heaven before healing the deaf man. By this action, Jesus is doing the will of the Father, which is to bring healing. Let’s consider the question about competing voices in our lives and what we can do about it. For starters, we can carve out a time every day to quiet our hearts so we can hear the “still, small voice of God.” Away from the crowd, we can put our whole being into truly hearing God’s voice and asking for the help we need to be in right relationship with him. He longs to give us what we need but we must be open to receiving his gifts and his peace. If we are “tuned into” God, we can hear his Word clearly and speak that Word to others with conviction.

PRAY: For me, there is no better way to spend quiet time with our Lord than Eucharistic adoration. Prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament transforms and heals. Give it a try.

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life Event

The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: A local observation of this memorial will be held next Saturday, Sept. 14th at 7:30am. A special Mass of Remembrance for all victims of abortion will be offered at the Franciscan University of Steubenville gallery chapel, located in the JC Williams Center. Following the Mass there will be a brief prayer service at the **Tomb of the Unborn Child**, located next to the Portiuncula Chapel on Campus.