MASSES FOR JULY 13 - 19

Monday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	**Evelyn Ray *(Michael & Amy Heiss)***
		Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday, 14	8:30 am (SJ)	**Anthony Lamantia *(Bill & Mae DeFallo)***
		Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, 15	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People**
		Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, 16	8:30 am (SJ)	**Nora Stasiulewicz *(Pamela Fithen)***
		Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday, 17	8:30 am (SF)	**Charles Argentine *(Paul & Susan Heffner)***
		Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; (Ps) Is 38:10-12d, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, 18	5:00 pm (SF)	**Mary Ann Liddick *(Tim & Agie Rock)***
Sunday, 19	9:00 am (SJ)	**Paula Vanihel *(Steve & Jennie Herrick)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Michael Shuma *(Mom, Sisters, Nieces, & Nephews)***
		Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 0r 13:24-30

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY: Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 07/07/2026: Trinity West: **Julius Chetock; Peggy Reynolds;** Trinity East; Weirton: **;** Pittsburgh: **Mary Ann Shuma** 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.***



Rest in Peace: We extend our sympathy to **Jim Martaus** whose brother, **Robert,** died last week. May God grant him eternal rest and peace in the kingdom of heaven.



2026 D/PSC and St. Joseph Church: As you know, last week we replaced one of the air conditioning units for St. Joseph Church. The cost was $10,800.00. We might keep in mind that most likely the second unit will need to be replaced (hopefully not until next year). We will likely need to plan on replacing the heating units as well. All of our HVAC units are around 30 years old. Some have asked me if we can afford this expense and the answer is yes. The rebates from the D/PSC as well as the monthly "Building Fund" offering are able to provide the needed money. With this in mind, I ask that you continue with your generosity.



O.C.I.A.: The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (formerly RCIA): If you or someone you know is interested joining the Catholic Faith, please contact the rectory office. I anticipate beginning the program in the Fall.



CWC Nut Rolls still for sale! There are still Nut Rolls available for purchase for **$6/each.** Please contact **Judy Wnek (537-4715)** to make arrangements for pick-up.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, July 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!

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,686.00; Loose: $166.00; Candles: $49.00; Holy Father: $50.00; Poor: $802.50. St. Joseph: Adult: $1,006.00; Loose: $197.00; Candles: $60.00; Poor: $160.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for July 5th****: **5:00pm**: 61; **9:00am:** 92; **11:00am:** 108.*

MASSES: For **Helen Scalley** by Ron & Mary Dacko; for **Robert (Bob) Martaus** by Rick, Marian, & Nate Barker; for **Jenny Dickenson** by Rick & Marian Barker; for **Leslie Leavitt** by Rebecca VanNuys.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** In Memory of **Bonnie Trudics & Ida Haynes** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; in memory of **Rosemary Bonofine** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; Helen Scalley Family; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Rusty, Kitty, Patty Roth, Ray & Nancy Ludewig** by Sally & Mark Ludewig.

MINISTERS FOR JULY 18 and 19

Altar Servers:

5pm: Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Aidan Myslinsky, Giovanni Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Betsy Pope; **9am:** Kathy Giannamore; **11am:** Jenny Myslinsky

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

If you're anything like me, you probably hear today's Gospel and immediately try to identify yourself with one type of seed Jesus talks about: the seed that fell on the path, the seed that fell on rocky ground, the seed among thorns, or the seed in good soil. But have you ever stopped to wonder why the sower is throwing seeds so haphazardly? This is worth meditating on, too. I believe it says to us that God is generously offering his grace and his mercy to everyone equally, in all places, at all times. But we aren't all in a place where we are open to receive that gift. In those moments when we feel as though we're not bearing the fruit that we hope to, perhaps it's time to examine our spiritual surroundings and see if there is something we can change that might help us to be more receptive to God's grace. Perhaps it's as simple as checking out a faith-sharing group that can help us tend our spiritual soil so it is ready to receive what God is doling out.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of the power and efficacy of God's word, comparing it to the rain and snow that come down and water the earth, making the soil fertile, helping the seed to grow into a bountiful harvest that can be made into bread that nourishes. What we grasp from all of this is that God's word bears fruit *over time.* As evangelizers, it's important to consider that we often won't see fruit right away when sharing God's word with others. That word must take root, grow, and be cultivated. This process will take time, but the long-term fruit is worth our sustained and patient effort as we nurture relationships of accompaniment with others.

PRAY

There's a certain patience we must exercise when sharing God's word with others. When I find myself struggling with impatience – with myself or with others' slow progress – I often find solace in the prayer "Trust in the Slow Work of God" from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, particularly these lines: *Above all, trust in the slow work of God / We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay / We should like to skip the intermediate stages / And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time*

PATRIOTIC PHILADELPHIA PILGRIMAGE You are invited to join Father James Dunfee and St. Agnes Parish on a patriotic pilgrimage of Philadelphia and other stops as part of the 250th Anniversary of our country. The tour will leave by motorcoach on Tuesday, September 29 from the St. Agnes Church parking lot and return late on Thursday, October 1. Stops will include the musical production of "Joshua" at the Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, the Liberty Bell, Independence National Park, and the shrines of Saints John Neumann, Katherine Ann Drexel and St. Padre Pio, and more! (Mass will be celebrated at two of these shrines.) For all the details, please call the St. Agnes Parish Office (740-535-1491).