MASSES FOR JULY 20 - 26

Monday, 20	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, 21	8:30 am (SJ)	**David Huff *(Kathy Reeves)*** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	**Rachel Marchetta - Birthday Blessings *(Mom & Dad)*** *Feast of St. Mary Magdalene* Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday, 23	8:30 am (SJ)	**John Haynes, Jr. *(John & Janice Scalley)*** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	**Gary Bonnizzio *(Tim & Agie Rock)*** Jer 3:14-17; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday, 25	5:00 pm (SF)	**Christinia Achebe *(Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mambeck)***
Sunday, 26	9:00 am (SJ)	**Staff Sgt. George Breuder *(Susan Targoss)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Pete Graceffa *(Mary Ann Shuma & Family)*** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 07/14/2026: 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 **Shirley Coulter and her family**. Her husband, **Robert,** passed away on July 6th. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.



Excommunication: As you are probably aware, recently Pope Leo has determined that a group of "catholics" who referred to themselves as the Society of St. Pius, needed to be excommunicated. Although some may interpret Pope Leo's decision as a rejection of those would make a greater effort to return to some of the traditional practices of the Catholic Faith, especially in the light of the documents from the Second Vatican Council. What Pope Leo is upholding is the very traditional value of the Church, **the appointment of Bishops.** Although there are several practices regarding the selection and appointment of bishops, it is always a matter of the Pope who gives final approval of an individual to serve as a bishop within the Catholic Community. The current situation is the result of this particular group not only selecting an individual to be bishop but to ordain a bishop without the approval of the Holy Father. There are rule that all of us follow; some folks choose not to play by the rules of the Church under the leadership of Pope Leo. That as a result of this disobedience, they can no longer consider themselves to be members of the Catholic Church. I hope that this is helpful.



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.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $3,047.00; Loose: $143.00; Candles: $619.00; Building: $327.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $2,265.00; Loose: $120.00; Candles: $54.00; Building: $365.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for July 12th****:* ***5:00pm****: 74;* ***9:00am:*** *94;* ***11:00am:*** *94.*

MASSES: For **Robert (Bob) Martaus** by Steve & Jennie Herrick; for **Kristal Cronin** by Steve & Jennie Herrick.

MEMORIALS: To **St. Francis Church** In Memory of **Robert Coulter** by Mike & Bridget Cernansky; in memory of **Rosemary Bonofine** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; Tim & Agie Rock; in memory of **Patricia Young** by Tim & Agie Rock; in memory of **Wanda Hughes** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; Ron & Ellen Hughes; in memory of **Charles Argentine, Ida Haynes, & Cecilia Horkulic** by Greg & Gloria Zamborsky; to **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Helen Scalley and Bob Martaus** by Bob & Anita Montgomery.

MINISTERS FOR JULY 25 and 26

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

There have been moments in my life when I have not been able to find words for prayer, which leaves my efforts feeling unproductive and fruitless. But prayer's worth is not measured by the words we say. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and the heart to God. We place ourselves in the presence of God and allow our desires, our suffering, and our weakness to be transformed by his grace. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans he writes, "we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." In prayer, we place our hope in that what we bring to God will be heard and magnified by his divine grace. And as Christians, we live with the intention of pleasing God, and we trust that God transforms our actions into something meaningful as well. As the mustard seed grows into a large tree or a small teaspoon of yeast enlivens an entire loaf of bread, God takes what we offer – regardless of whether or not we have the right words, or even any words at all – and transforms it into something extraordinary.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the first reading, we are reminded of God's leniency in the face of justice. God's mercy does not mean a lack of accountability – Christ desires and commands that we love God and love our neighbor. But in his mercy, he does not condemn us for our sin but rather gives time for us to repent. As a Christian community, we are called to show that same mercy – that same patient forbearance with one another. By doing so, the love of God ripples across a community through acts of charity and compassion, making individuals feel known and cared for. In this kind of environment, like the birds who find rest in the branches of the large mustard bush, all who seek the Lord will find a welcome among God's people.

PRAY

Prayer is not only offered in word but also in sacrifice offered on behalf of another. Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. Bring their intention to God either in word or by offering a sacrifice on their behalf, not thinking about what is equal but what reflects God's mercy.



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).