MASSES FOR AUGUST 24 - 30

Monday, 24	8:30 am (SF)	**No Mass** *Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle* Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday, 25	8:30 am (SJ)	**Bill Swick** ***(Janice McClain)*** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, 26	8:30 am (SF)	**Margaret Wenner** ***(Sally Wenner)*** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, 27	8:30 am (SJ)	**Huck Hanuscin** ***(Louie Nelson)*** *Memorial of St. Monica* 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday, 28	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday, 29	5:00 pm (SF)	**Helen Scalley** ***(Paul, Lola, George, & Chloe Orsini)***
Sunday, 30	9:00 am (SJ)	**Cecilia Petras** ***(Mike & Linda Petras & Family)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Pete Graceffa** ***(Joe & Sherry Neeper)*** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 08/18/2026: Trinity West: **;** 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.***

Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion: Parents of past and newly incoming students of our Parish School of Religion program, please be sure to check your emails this coming week for the **2026-2027 Year** paperwork to be completed and returned when your child attends the first class which is on **September 2, 2026 at St. Joseph Church Hall beginning at 6:00pm.** There will be paperwork for a parent to sign, so it will be **required for one parent to attend the class that night.** If a parent is unable to attend, it will be your **responsibility to contact the parish secretary to obtain the correct paperwork and return it to the parish office before the next class on September 16, 2026.**



Do you have any religious articles that you would like to donate? **In September, St. Mary Recycle Mission Group** will be in the area to collect Crucifix, Statues of any size, Rosaries (damaged are ok), Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Prayer Books or Bibles (***Please, no story type/ regular books or pamphlets/ magazines/DVD/ or VHS tapes***), or Framed Pictures. **Please bring your donated items to Church and place them in the back and place them in the boxes indicated with signs.**



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.



FOLDING CHAIRS: We have about 100 folding chairs that never get used. They are in excellent condition and I would like to sell them for $5 each. Please contact the rectory for additional information. We don't deliver.

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $3,166.00; Loose: $186.00; Candles: $41.00; Assumption: $350.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $1,136.00; Loose: $39.00; Candles: $23.00; Assumption: $215.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for August 16th****: **5:00pm**: 75; **9:00am:** 56; **11:00am:** 94.*

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: To **St. Joseph Church** in memory of **Sr. Martha Leonard** by Bob & Anita Montgomery.

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 29 and 30

Altar Servers:

5pm: Hank & Haley Bodnar; **9am:** Carmen, Lincoln, & Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Giovani & Anais Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Sally Wenner; **9am:** Steve Zdinak; **11am:** Judy Koehnlein

Rest in Peace: We extend our sympathy to **Butch and Ban Waggoner**. Butch's brother, **Kenny Waggoner** and to the family of **Christine Mackov**, a former parishioner, who passed away last week. May God grant Kenny and Christine eternal rest and peace.

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul reflects in awe over the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." God's judgments are inscrutable, his ways unsearchable, he goes on to say. While on our own, we cannot know the depth of who God is and the beauty of his plan for us, we have been given access to this knowledge by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Peter is able to grasp that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," not by "flesh and blood," but by a revelation from our heavenly Father. The Church that is still led by Peter's successor continues to be guided by the Spirit into the fullness of truth. (Jn 16:13) As individual believers, we, too, have received the Spirit in our hearts. By living in communion with our Holy Father and by seeking to listen to the Spirit who also speaks into the depths of our hearts, we can rest assured that we are in a "sure spot" where we can receive all that the Lord wishes to reveal to us about what it means to live in him.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel demonstrates that Christ desired to place Peter – and his successors – as the visible head of his Church. Yes, God willed from the beginning to leave his Church with a leader who could safeguard the quintessential confession of Christ as the "Son of the living God," but there's more to it than this. Peter is given *keys to the kingdom of heaven.* And what are keys for if not to open doors? In a very real way, the mission of our Holy Father is to open up access to God's kingdom, and there are many examples of this. On World Mission Sunday in 2011, Pope Benedict said, "The proclamation of the Gospel is intended for all peoples." And Pope Francis, speaking at World Youth Day in 2023, emphasized that the Gospel is for *todos, todos, todos* – everyone, everyone, everyone, without exception. As we pray for our Holy Father and the immense task with which he has been entrusted, let us work in our own way to ensure that the doors of our churches, the way to the kingdom of heaven, remain open for all.

PRAY

As we reflect on the gift that Jesus left us by making Peter and his successors the visible head of his Church on earth, take some time to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions. You can pray along with the Pope at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (a site which contains a short video of the Pope's monthly prayer intention and other prayer resources) at www.popesprayer.va.