MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 14 - 20

Monday, 14	8:30 am (SF)	**Dave Huff *(Christine Augustynowicz)*** *Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday, 15	8:30 am (SJ)	**Theresa Popp *(Family)*** *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows* 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday, 16	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 32:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday, 17	8:30 am (SJ)	**Bob Petras *(Tom & Judy Koehnlein)*** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday, 18	8:30 am (SF)	**Angel M. Jones *(Greg & Gloria Zamborsky)*** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, 19	5:00 pm (SF)	**Chuck Rogers *(Carol Rogers)***
Sunday, 20	9:00 am (SJ)	**Marlene Kuhn *(Blanche Babela)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Alex & Sarah Bloomer *(Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mambeck)*** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
TUESDAY: CWC Meeting - 5:00pm (Parish Rectory)
WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ**)**
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 09/08/2026: Trinity West: **John Carducci; Peggy Reynolds**; Pittsburgh: **a.** 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.***

We are looking forward to the **Suzanne Kresser Memorial 5K**. It is a great way to participate in a 5K, support the United Way of Jefferson County and honor the life of Suzanne Kresser. The event will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 19th at the United Way Office, 511 N. 4th St in Steubenville (Please note the change of address).** It is a great way to participate in a 5K, support the United Way of Jefferson County and honor the life of Suzanne Kresser. You can register for the 5k at runsignup.com. For those who would like to make a donation in support of the United Way of Jefferson County, you can do so at https://www.unitedway-jc.org/donate. Please call the United Way Office at 740 -284-9000 to register for the 5K or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities. For the parishioners who aren't aware, Suzanne Kresser is the daughter of **Frank and Linda Slowikowski**. Suzanne passed away in 2021 at the age of 51 after a very courageous battle against cancer. As with the **Biasi - Shuma Memorial 5k Run / Walk** which our parishioners support in many ways, let's get out there and show them our support! ***If anyone has questions, please contact Linda Slowiikowski at (740) 381-1065.***

CWC News

Attention all Women of the Parishes: Our C.W.C. meeting will be held thiis Tuesday **September 15**, 2026 at **5:00 p.m. in the Rectory**. All women of the parishes are invited and encourage to attend, so please mark your calendar. We will have a meeting updating you on all of the activities we have done this past year and hope to continue with some new ones. After the meeting we will provide dinner and a time to socialize. Please sign up at the entrances of the churches if you are able to attend. We hope to see as many of you as possible. Thank you in advance.

The Nut Rollers are coming back! With your help, the ladies will be returning to make the famous CWC Nut Rolls beginning sometime in September! Anyone wishing to provide assistance, **both new and past volunteers,** this fall should contact **Judy Wnek (537-4715)**. Approximately 12-15 helpers are needed each week. **No baking experience is required!**



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $3,692.00; Loose: $156.00; Candles: $79.00; Poor: $1,417.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $1,245.00; Loose: $15.00; Candles: $36.00; Poor: $218.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for September 6th****: **5:00pm**: 76; **9:00am:** 93; **11:00am:** 93.*

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: None

MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 and 20

Altar Servers:

5pm: ***Volunteers Needed***; **9am:** Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Giovanni Guerrero, Ethan McClain

Lectors:

5pm: Shelley Meyer; **9am:** Laura Ray; **11am:** Mike Cernansky



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, September 14th, 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!

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

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. "Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others' wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, "There but for the grace of God, go I." When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul's example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God's grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is "kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

PRAY: Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen*.

BULLETIN BOARD



Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet Walk: In honor of the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**, all are invited to join us for a **Seven Sorrows of Mary Chaplet Walk** on **Tuesday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m.** at **Mount Calvary Cemetery in Steubenville**. Led by **Fr. James Dunfee**, we will walk the Seven Sorrows of Mary trail, visiting each of the **Seven Sorrows stations** along the way as we pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows and reflect upon Mary's sorrows. **All are welcome to walk with Mary and unite our prayers with her Seven Sorrows.**