MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 21 - 27

Monday, 21	8:30 am (SF)	**Shirley Carnahan** ***(Tim & Agie Rock)***
		Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 *Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle*
Tuesday, 22	8:30 am (SJ)	**Barbara Carter** ***(Dave & Mary Jo Kuhn)***
		Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday, 23	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People**
		Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday, 24	8:30 am (SJ)	**John Haynes, Jr.** ***(Jane Hanuscin)***
		Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday, 25	8:30 am (SF)	**Michael Horkulic, Jr.** ***(Jim & Diane Orsini)***
		Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday, 26	5:00 pm (SF)	**Evelyn Ray** ***(Linda Burkey & Family)***
Sunday, 27	9:00 am (SJ)	**Ida Haynes** ***(Rick, Marian, & Nate Barker)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Matthew Barcus** ***(Mary Dacko)***
		Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF**)**
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 09/15/2026: Trinity West: 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.***

CWC News

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!**

A NOTE OF THANKS. I would like to thank the CWC officers for very nice meeting and luncheon. I greatly appreciate all those who were able to attend. The CWC plays an important role in our parish community, and I hope that with everyone's support we can continue all the projects undertaken by the Woman's Club. Again my thanks for a delightful evening.

COMFORT BEARS: On the second Monday of each month, a substantial number of women from the parishes gather at St. Joseph Church Hall to make "Comfort Bears," which are given to Valley Hospice to care for their patients. They have produced over 7,500 bears and they are greatly appreciated by patients and their families. Sometimes we make a bulletin announcement regarding their "sewing sessions" and think little of it. Jesus asks us to visit the sick and care for those in need. This is one way that these ladies by association of our parishes can make an effort to take the words of Jesus seriously. There is always room for additional volunteers. Keep up the good work ladies.

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $2,087.00; Loose: $140.00; Building: 686.00; Candles: $72.00; St. Joseph: Adult: $1,117.00; Loose: $25.00; Building $360.00; Candles: $47.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for September 13th**: **5:00pm**: 67; **9:00am: 95; **11:00am: 112**.*

MASSES: SFC: For **Tom Grimes** by Catherine Reeves, Mary Lou & Bob Deku; for **Stan Augustinowicz** by Mary Lou & Bob Deku, Mary Ann Huff.

MEMORIALS: SFC: For **Julius** Chetock by Valerie Irwin; for **Tom Grimes** by Catherine Reeves.

MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 and 27

Altar Servers:

5pm: Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Carmen, Lincoln, Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Giovanni Guerrero, Anis Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: John Blosco; **9am:** Kim Dougherty; **11am:** Curtis Mitch

D/PSC: There is still time to make a contribution to the 2026 D/PSC. 40% of registered parishioners at St. Joseph parish have already responded and 37% at St. Francis parish have responded. With rebates from the D/PSC and the monthly "building fund" collection, we were able to complete several major projects for both parishes. Your continued generosity makes these things happen without putting too much stress on an aging pastor.

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

Writing to the Philippians while in prison, St. Paul feels complete peace about his fate. To stay on this earth means fruitful labor for him; to die means entering eternal life with God. Having lived apart from God in the past, he finds immense joy at being able to labor for the Lord, despite the suffering it entails. Upon first glance, the parable St. Matthew recounts in his Gospel offers a glimpse of God's generous mercy. But reading the parable alongside Paul's letter reveals another layer of meaning: Those who have more time to labor in the vineyard of the Lord are given a great gift – the chance to bear immense fruit. Our long hours laboring in the Lord's vineyard are not something we're meant to merely suffer through on our way to our eternal reward. Rather, they are an opportunity to be drawn into communion with the Lord. As with St. Paul, the joy that comes from realizing that we share in the very life and work of God is available to us now, not only in the life to come.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of the vocations to which God calls us requires sacrifice and includes challenges. Living in humble obedience to the will of God is not easy, but it is full of peace. To focus only on the eternal reward offered after death disregards the love, peace, and joy of the kingdom that we are gifted *now*. We are invited to be laborers in the vineyard, co-creators with the Master of the universe. As we creatively and compassionately allow God's love to flow through us, we infuse new life and love into the world around us. When we truly believe that a life lived in Christ is the most abundant life, we stop asking what is fair and we begin to eagerly invite others to join us in the vineyard. Doing the will of God in this life is a reward unto itself.

STUDY

This week, return to the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. As you reflect on his call to "seek the Lord while he may be found," consider the gift of God's love and presence in your life right now. And as we labor in the vineyard, keeping our eyes on the ultimate reward of eternity with our Creator, may we also recognize the immense gift of knowing, loving, and serving God in this life.