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September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offertory: Be Not Afraid #432

**You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.**

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

**If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.**

Communion: Seed, Scattered and Sown #352

*Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup
that is shared by all; the living cup, the living bread of God.*

Recessional: America the Beautiful #735

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.**

Entrance: Table of Plenty #310

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

September 5th - September 12th

Sunday, September 5th -

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5a/Mk 7:31-37

5:00pm Vigil Decd Timothy M. O'Brien
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd John & Ida Cammarosano
11:30am Decd Freeman & Areizaga Families

Monday, September 6th -

Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

8:30am Decd Jesus Limsiaco (Anni)

Tuesday, September 7th -

Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

8:30am Decd Fr. Vincent Capodano, M.M.

Wednesday, September 8th -

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1+4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

8:30am Decd Fran Cirone Allen
7:30pm Decd Charles & Hilda Williams

Thursday, September 9th - St. Peter Claver

Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

8:30am Decd Baniel Santillan

Friday, September 10th -

1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/Lk 6:39-42

8:30am Decd Kathleen Neary

Saturday, September 11th -

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

8:30am Decd 20th Anniversary of 9/11
Victims of 9/11

Sunday, September 12th -

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

5:00pm Vigil Decd Irene Fitzgerald
8:00am Sp Int For Our Parish Family
9:45am Decd John Tangredi
11:30am Decd Thomas F. Ryan

Week of September 5th

Bread and Wine
Sp Int **Nina Miller**



Sanctuary Lamp
Decd **Fr. Vincent Capodano, M.M.**

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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sept 6th.
The Office will reopen on Tuesday, Sept 7th at 11:00.
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Week Ahead

Monday

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 Mass

Wednesday

Our Mother of Perpetual Rosary & Novena 6:30 pm
Confessions 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Thursday

Adoration 3:30-7:00 pm

Saturday

Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm

Please Pray
for the repose of the souls of
and all the deceased parishioners of Sacred Heart,
and the Special Intentions of
Our Parish Family members,
listed in our Prayer Intention Book.

Wedding Banns

III George Bulaj & Shaqe Mitaj
II Daniel Couto & Maria Candacse
I Omar Colon & Stefanie Goncalves

From the Pastor's Desk

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Be Strong, Fear Not!"

Those words taken from today's first reading bring great consolation to all whose "hearts are frightened," as do the words that follow: "God...comes to save you." What are our greatest weaknesses? In what ways are our hearts frightened? Do these words from the prophet Isaiah instill strength and remove fear for us? The litany of all the good that God does for His people includes (but is not limited to) opening the eyes of the blind, clearing the ears of the deaf, giving strength and flexibility to the lame, freeing the tongue of the mute. Nature, too, shall experience God's salvation: streams will burst forth in the desert, rivers in the dry lands; burning sands will become refreshing pools and the dry, thirsty ground will become springs of water. Wow! That is some miraculous vision of all that God can do if we let go of our fears and embrace the strength He gives us.

In the letter of James, the Christian community then – and now – is reminded that membership is not determined and should not reflect (by our design) any societal hierarchy. We learn from the Scriptures that God reverses hierarchy according to human terms: the last shall be first, the first shall be last; "God chooses those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom." Do our ideas, attitudes, prejudices, expectations, desires, and judgments reflect the way God sees us or do they reflect the way WE see us – and others?! Are there any poor in this world that I can identify as being rich in faith? Where does that strong faith come from? What can I learn from them?

Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man in the gospel today and as he puts his finger into the deaf man's ear, and looks up to heaven, exclaims, "Ephphatha – Be opened!" It must have taken courage and strength for the deaf man to allow the people to bring him to Jesus. Maybe he was afraid that Jesus couldn't do anything to heal him. Maybe he was afraid "it wouldn't work!" But Jesus' cure did work! The man's ears were opened and he spoke plainly. More than his ears were opened that day! The Lord wants to open us up the miracles that God can work in our lives. He wants to open our hearts and well as our ears. Are we afraid? Are we strong in our belief in the power and love of God revealed to us in Jesus? Have our personal experiences of the Lord's healing empowered us to bring others to the Lord as did the crowd in today's gospel? Isn't that what evangelization is all about?

Perhaps this week we can find a little extra time to pray for someone we know whose ears need to be opened (or re-opened) so that they might hear the message of the Lord's love and mercy. Maybe we know someone who isn't yet opened to a relationship with the Lord; or maybe some event in their life or in the life of a loved one has caused them to put their relationship with the Lord on hold. Praying for one another is a great act of kindness and charity. Thanks for your prayers! Together, may our ears be opened to hear what the Lord has to say to us today.

Did you RSVP yet?

Do you plan to attend our upcoming
Sacred Heart High School Salutes Yonkers
On Saturday, September 18th – 3:00-7:00 PM in Mary's Field?

There is no charge for this event. However, in order to prepare for the barbecue, we **MUST** have a count of those who wish to participate. For that reason, please contact us **no later than September 10th**. In order to respond, you may: call the parish office, email Claire Sullivan (csullivan@sacredhearths.org) or scan the QR Code found on the small flyer in this week's Bulletin.

Bounce Houses, Tug of War, Lawn Games, Barbecue, Beverages

Mass for Peace and Healing in Our World ~ Please Join Us

Everyone in the community, in and beyond the parish, is invited to join us **next Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:30 PM** for a *Mass for Peace and Healing in Our World*. September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honor Mary, the Mother of our Lord, our Queen of Peace, and to seek her intercession for peace and healing in our world.

We have all been touched by so many recent, difficult events in our country and in our world. Let us gather in prayer, with the Lord in our midst, to remember all those who have suffered the effects of terrorism, flooding, fires, earthquakes, draught, violence, the coronavirus, and so much more. Let us remember our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces and all First Responders, who lay down their lives daily for others they do not know! Many of our neighbors, near and across the globe, have lost family members, property, and possessions. Many live in fear, desperation, and without the basic necessities of life. As a Church community, we are at our best when we come together in prayer for these brothers and sisters. Therefore, please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us.

[There will be an opportunity to make a free-will offering that will be sent directly to an agency serving the victims of Hurricane Ida and/or the earthquake in Haiti. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters, you do unto me."]

Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

As our students, teachers, and staffs return to school this week, let us remember them in a special way at prayer. Please consider praying this prayer while you are still here in church today, or perhaps during a visit to church this week, or while you are sitting quietly at home. Let us pray that this year, despite the many challenges that the ongoing pandemic presents, will be a year of blessings, great learning, and much spiritual and moral growth.

*Lord, our God, in your wisdom and love
You surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws
And to bear witness to your undying love.
You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example
That true wisdom comes from you alone.
Send your Spirit upon our students and teachers
And fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies
And share what they have learned from others.
Bless our administrators and all staff members who assist, guide, and direct our students.
May this new academic year be marked by patience, peace, courage and flexibility
As we continue to navigate the challenges presented us by the pandemic.
Keep all of them, and all their families, safe, healthy, and energy-filled. Amen.*

Eucharistic Adoration Resumes

Eucharistic Adoration resumes this coming Thursday, September 9th. Please remember to sign up in the vestibule for a time slot when you can be present for adoration. We would like to make sure that there always faithful parishioners and friends present in the church for the entire time that the Eucharist is exposed on the altar. Thank you for your prayerfulness and your many acts of devotion. *"Stay here and keep watch with me..."*

In Celebration of Creation Continued...

For the next several weeks, we will include a brief bulletin insert, courtesy of Sr. Carol De Angelo, SC, the Peace/Justice/Integrity of Creation director for the Sisters of Charity. As part of the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement, she is trying to help Pope Francis get the word out to parishes about Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* and about the role we play in the care for creation. As a Capuchin-Franciscan parish, we are happy to share these inserts as we do our part to care for God's creation. The inserts have been composed by Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement.

WEEK II: SEPTEMBER 5-11th

This year's symbol for the Season of Creation, Abraham's tent, signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis. We are invited to pray with and for the most vulnerable in our community and world.

Fr. Bob

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