

**‘The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5th, 2021**

9/4 Sat 4:30PM- Isabella Salvemini(D)-Carmen Salvemini
 9/5 Sun 9:00 AM-Rocco Molle(D)-The Gelsomino Family
 9/5 Sun 11:30 AM-Lawrence Rella(D)-The Bill Richardson Family
 9/6 Mon 8:50 AM – In Honor of Son Nicola-Vittoria Torrillo
 9/7 Tues 8:50 AM- Intention Available
 9/8 Wed –8:50 AM- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9/9 Thurs 3:00 PM-**Divine Mercy**-Saint Peter Claver-Intention Available
 9/10 Fri 8:50AM-Intention Available
 9/11 Sat 8:50AM-Blessed Virgin Mary-Intention Available
 9/11 Sat 4:30PM- Departed Souls of the WTC Tragedy-20th Anniversary
 9/12 Sun 9:00 AM-Anthony Lucyk(D)-The Lucyk Family
 9/12 Sun 11:30 AM-John M. Egan(D)-The Egan Family

Weekly Reflection

There is a lot of talk in our country about discrimination in relation to race, sex or religion. However, we are all guilty of discrimination in ways that often go unnoticed. We treat people differently because of the way they talk or dress. We want those we respect to like us and go out of our way to be nice to them while ignoring those we feel are “beneath” us. This is discrimination. It is passing judgment on those we have decided are not worthy of our time, attention, and respect. Make an effort to treat everyone you meet with the reverence and respect that you would give to Christ.

Who is deaf? An old man is talking to the family doctor. “Doctor, I think my wife’s going deaf.” The doctor answers, “Well, here’s something you can try on her to test her hearing, stand some distance away from her without facing her and ask her a question. If she doesn’t answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating this until she answers. Then you’ll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is.” The man goes home and tries out. He walks in the door and asks, “Honey, what’s for dinner?” he does not hear an answer, so he moves closer to her. “Honey, what’s for dinner?” still he gets no answer. He repeats this several times, until he’s standing just one foot away from her. Finally, she answers, “For the eleventh time, I said we’re having meat loaf!”

Keep Them In Your Prayers::

Our Country’s Armed Forces, Father John J. Lynch, Adidlid Nunez, Kevin Kingsley, Anthony Blackwood, Patricia Coniker, Heather Brown, Jim Lund, Regina Wagner, Jeanne DePuy, Alyssa Bivins, Robert Huggins, Stephen Moses, Nestor Derkach, E & J Zysk, Joe Lao, Helen & Irving Ruffin, Norman Feig, Rosalie Siegel, Deneje Weyman, Stephanie Pullon, Janet Davis, Susan Giangiacomo, Cesare Silvestro, Brenda Hay, Sara Marie Ward, James Rose, Barbara Boncek, Joe Marranca, Brenda Distel, Mary Caughey and ALL our first responders & several special intentions.

Dear Parishioners,

In today’s gospel Jesus says to a deaf man: “Ephphatha” be opened. The opening of the man’s ears is a sign. Venerable Bede says, “He is deaf and dumb, who neither has ears to hear the words of god, nor opens his mouth to speak them, and such must be presented to the lord for healing, by men who have already learned to hear and speak the divine oracles.” The opening of the heart that must happen for us all can be brought about through the instruments of Christ, through other preachers.

Time and again Jesus calls men and women to himself, by means of the witness of others. The love of another can open a heart, to word of god as if for the first time. This Sunday, consider what it means for ears to be opened to hear the word, that is, to be converted.

Life messages; 1) Learn and keep the spirit of the church’s laws and ritual practices. Eg. A) Sunday obligation is intended to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask his pardon for sins, to thank God for his blessings and to receive divine life and strength from him by Holy Communion. B) Holy water and sign of the cross as we enter the church: to remind ourselves of our baptismal promises and to thank Jesus our savior who saved us by his cross. C) Daily family prayers: to thank God for his blessings, to present the family needs before god, to ask pardon for the sin, to maintain the spirit of unity and live in the family. (Explain the spirit of sacraments the other religious practices and church laws). 2) Practice your Christianity by spiritual and corporal acts of mercy.

The second collection this weekend is for the Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday Collection	1341.00	Candles	136.00
<i>Fuel</i>	305.00		0.00

Memorial or Intercessory Gifts

All are invited to offer one or more of the items we use in worship for the intention of loved ones, living or deceased. Donations for your intentions (listed here for **two weeks**) are: altar bread \$15, altar candles \$20, altar wine \$10, the sanctuary lamp \$15, the children’s leaflets \$10. You can reserve one by placing a plain white envelope in the collection listing 1) your name, 2) the person remembered, and 3) the object donated.

*Your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ glorified must not allow of favoritism.
-James 2:1*