

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

LIVING GOD'S WORD: Lord, open our ears to hear the many ways you speak to us in our lives, to listen for the gentle sound of your voice that often comes to us in stillness. May we be still and know that you are our God, ever ready and desiring to draw closer.

Mass Intentions for the Week

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY 9/6

8:00 A.M.
STANLEY SLOVINSKY (Maureen B Smallacombe)

TUESDAY 9/7

8:00 A.M.
JENNIFER GALKO (Sheila & Pete Wilkes)

WEDNESDAY 9/8

8:00 A.M.
JAMES MULLEN (Earl Bishop & Mary Ann Malloy)

THURSDAY 9/9

8:00 A.M.
Michael Hemak JR (Parents Mike & Patricia Hemak)

FRIDAY 9/10

8:00 A.M.
MARION SKUBIS (Margaret Holland)

SATURDAY 9/11

4:00 P.M.

BOB SHERDEL (Annette O' Bell)

SUNDAY 9/12

8:00 A.M.
JOSEPH KOPA (Joan & Ken Lowe)
 10:30 A.M.
THOMASINA & PATRICK MCHALE (Family)
 12:00 P.M. - SPANISH MASS
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

OFFERTORY	\$ 2,580.00
ON-LINE GIVING	\$ 460.00
DUES/SALARY	\$ 65.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$ 108.00
INCOME	\$ 3,213.00

COUNTERS FOR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

Phil Tochelli
Jim Perry
Kevin Toolan



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: The Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 P.M in the Parish Center. The second Early Bird Drawing for the Christmas Cash fundraiser will be held. All are welcome to attend.



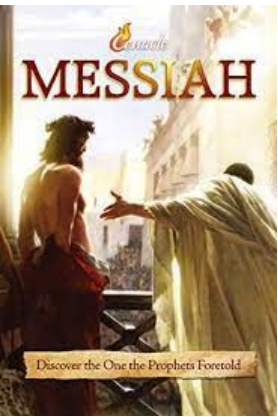
MASS INTENTIONS 2022: The Mass Book for 2022 is now open and available to schedule Masses for your deceased loved ones. We are in need of Masses for this year and next year. Please consider Masses for your loved one's intentions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEK-END SEPTEMBER 11/12

	<u>4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>8:00 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>
E. MINISTER	M. Golden	M. Sparato	J. Rzucidlo
LECTOR	J. Joyce	S. Serniak	K. Owen



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE: In memory of Christopher Marsico, given by family.



Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



MASKS ENCOURAGED: Bishop Bamera strongly recommends masks for all parishioners at Mass due to the continued spread of the virus, regardless of their vaccination status, while masks are not be mandated at this time, we all have a responsibility to be humble, put aside our pride, and political beliefs and just wear the mask to protect our friends and neighbors.

WALKING TOUR: Please join us for the historical Main Street Walk through history! September 19th- Sunday at 2:00PM. Gathering at the United Methodist Church Parking Lot 520 Washington Ave., Jermyn, PA. Enjoy the history of 150 years of businesses, homes, and families who gave birth to a town – memories of yesterdays.



BAKE SALE: The annual Mary Perrault Memorial Bake Sale will be held before and after all Masses on the weekend of September 11-12. Baked goods can be dropped off on Friday, September 10, between 3-5PM in the church basement. Please contact Mary Malec (home; 570-319-1028 or cell: 570-862-4725) if you are able to bake for the sale. *Please note: baked goods should not need to be refrigerated.* Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes are set to begin on Sunday, Sept. 12. Registration forms are available in the Church. All young people are encouraged to attend, especially as we prepare for First Communion and Confirmation.



CHRISTMAS CASH/EARLY BIRD

DRAWING: The second Early Bird Drawing will be held at the monthly Stewardship Meeting on Wednesday, September 8. The prize is \$50. To be eligible, please turn in your ticket stub and payment no later than Monday, September 6. Good luck!



IN MEMORY OF 9/11: Let us pray for all pray for all who lost their lives on 9-11, for their families and for the survivors. On Saturday 9/11 one decade of the Rosary will be prayed before the 4:00 P.M Mass.



SONNY SAYS: What is God's phone number? Answer – Et-cum-spirit-2-2-0.



BUILDING FUND: Thank you to Mary Ryczak for her recent donation of \$25 in memory of Charles "Chuck" Petrokonis.



LAKE FRONT HOME FOR SALE: Chapman Lake 39 Lake Front Lane. Scott Twp call 570-780-8180.