

# Parish News...

The Parish office will be closed Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Labor Day

Liturgical Roles for Lectors & Eucharistic ministers are needed for all masses. Whether you have been one of the elects or start, please call the Parish Office with your intentions as well as the Mass time you prefer.

CCM Guild invites all women of the parish to join in an afternoon of **Prayer, Reflection and Friendship** on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm @ Fr. David Sambors' camp. Fr. Michael Carmola with the retreat minister. For more information and reservations, please call Ann Krol @ 315 794-8371 or Camelle Jasinski @ 315 736-9107. Deadline for reservations is September 13<sup>th</sup>



Faith Formation, the program is scheduled to start on September 12th and in person. I am currently monitoring the COVID numbers in the area. Given the COVID numbers in our area, this may change to September 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important that everyone please check your emails to see if the date has been changed. A decision will be made next Tuesday regarding any change in the date.

Any family who would like to pre-register their children, please call me to register. The cost will be the same as last year, \$25 per child or \$45 per family.

Attached please find a copy of the school schedule. This may be subject to change depending on certain circumstances. Should something change, I will send out an email to all families.

As in last year, we will provide each child their own packets of supplies, crayon, pencils and glue sticks. Please try and register your children before this date so we can have material ready when classes start.

I will be available for registration these following days, if you would like to register your children, Wednesday from 5-6:30pm and after the Masses in the school.

**Due to the increase number of COVID cases in our area, the following protocol will be implemented regarding entrance in to the school**

- 1) As like last year all parents will be required to sign the **COVID -19 Personal Home Screening and Personal Protection Covenant** before their child is allowed in the program
- 2) As directed by the Governor of the State of New York, all students in both public and private schools will be required to wear a face mask. This will also apply to the Faith Formation Program.
- 3) Anyone entering the building will be required to wear a face mask
- 4) Temperatures will be taken of every child before entering the classroom
- 5) No parent will be allowed to have excess on the floors where classes are being held. As like last year, all parents must exist through the Knights of Columbus exit door. This will be done by going thru the downstairs step and out thru the Knights of Columbus exit

Attached please find the Faith Formation Schedule, Permission Picture form and COVID 19 Personal Home Screening

This year, I have an opening Catechist for Grades for K and combined 4,5 & 6 Grade and combined 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Virtus is a requirement in order to be a Catechist. Also looking for assistants for these grades as well. This will also require each person to be Virtus trained. The program is based upon the weekly Gospel reading and is easy to teach the children. Anyone interested, please contact me directly. 315 527-8399.

Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation students is a 2-year program per the Syracuse Dioceses. Any child making First Communion would be 1 Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Confirmation is 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. If anyone has any questions regarding these requirements, please contact me directly.



**This is only for the Confirmation Students being Confirmed on October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Confirmation Students will be required to attend classes once they are until Confirmation. These classes are mandatory Direct Prep classes required for Confirmation. All information regarding sponsor and confirmation will be needed when classes start.

The mandatory retreat will be with St. Paul's in October at Syracuse University for the 10<sup>th</sup> Graders who are to make their Confirmation this October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-5pm. The cost of the retreat is \$40. The Parish will pay the \$20 with the remaining \$20 from the student. Transportation will be provided along with the lunch.

Confirmation is October 28th @ 7pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Whitesboro. Bishop Lucia will celebrate the Confirmation Mass

Confirmand/Sponsor sharing. The Summer with my Sponsor is due soon. You should have already chosen your Sponsor. This handout notes what a sponsor role is for the Confirmand and what you should have with your sponsor. There should be at least 5 sponsor-confirmand meeting between now and Labor Day. If anyone has any questions, please give me a call. 315-527-8399



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Is 35: 4-7a**

**Responsorial Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2:1-5**

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**



For this week's reflection, I have found this from Fr. John Barunek. Father John does a wonderful reflection in breaking down this Gospel by seeing Jesus as Lord, Jesus as Teacher, Jesus as Friend and Jesus in our Life's.

**Christ the Lord** Even though Jesus knew that reports of miracles and prodigious events would lead people to think of him merely as a wonder-worker and consider his Kingdom to be merely another earthly reign, he couldn't resist the pleas of those who were suffering. He wanted more time to explain his vision, to convince people that the Kingdom of God went far beyond politics and economics, touching people's hearts and bringing them back into communion with God. Thus, he tried to get them to refrain from broadcasting his miracles, but to no avail. The more the crowds heard about his wondrous deeds, the less it seems they understood them. The miracles were meant to be signs, confirmations of the truth of his teachings, and invitations to trust and obey him. Unfortunately, although many people were willing to be cured by him, few were willing to suffer with him – that became clear at the time of his passion.

And yet, to be a citizen of his Kingdom means both enjoying his benefits and living under his rule – i.e., bringing thoughts, words, and actions into line with his standard and example. We really can't have the latter without the former. Unfortunately, we often try to do just that: when the Lord gives, we rejoice; when the Lord asks us to give, we balk – much to his chagrin, and even more, to our loss.

**Christ the Teacher** We should never despair of the power of God. No soul is too hardened to be penetrated by Christ's love and forgiveness; the greatest sinners often make the greatest saints. Though someone appears deaf to the Word of Life and unable to respond to the invitations of the Holy Spirit, our confidence must never be shaken, for Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

This applies even to the lives of believers. Often, we seem to be stuck in our spiritual lives, unable to advance, incapable of overcoming certain defects or sinful habits. Sometimes this discourages us, and we slack off in our efforts to practice self-discipline and to live a vibrant life of prayer. That's when the devil can make a bold move on us, luring us into a relationship or an activity that actually obstructs the flow of God's grace in our lives. Precisely then, when we seem to have reached a spiritual plateau, we need to let Christ take us "away from the crowd" (perhaps on a retreat) to renew our interior hearing. His power is never lacking, but our faith oftentimes is.

**Christ the Friend** . Did Jesus need to go through that whole ritual of touching this poor man's ears and tongue and speaking the word of command? Certainly not. More than once Jesus performed miracles without any tangible contact with the beneficiary. What comes across in this encounter is God's humility. Christ deigns to bring the healing power of God into this man's life through symbolic gestures and visible signs. He continues using this tactic through the ministry of his Church: the sacraments (as well as many of the Church's other ministries) are tangible connections between concrete individuals and divine grace. God made us to exist in the unity of body and soul, and he comes to save us in a way appropriate to that nature. We should be grateful for his patience and condescension, and we should be careful to imitate it as we try to bring Christ to those around us.

**Christ in My Life** I want to follow you through thick and thin, Lord. You are faithful, and you govern my life and the entire world with perfect wisdom. Open my eyes, enlighten my mind, so that I will discover your presence and your will in each moment, in every circumstance. You never cease to draw me to yourself; never let me stop seeking your face...

Sometimes the obstacles to making your Kingdom grow seem insurmountable, but in truth they never are. You made the deaf hear and the mute speak, Lord! You can give me all the grace I need to overcome every sinful habit and fulfill my mission in life. Make me a channel of your peace, Lord...

Thank you for the sacraments, and thank you for the beauties of nature and culture. You show your patience and gentleness by speaking to me through these things, in ways that I can understand. Help me to take advantage of every moment in order to know and serve you better. In all my relationships, Lord, especially the ones most difficult for me, grant me the grace to be like you: patient, humble, and generous...



Theme: Jesus does everything to perfection.

Object: A soccer ball, a music book, a painting, or other objects representing activities that a person might do well.

Scripture: People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Mark 7:37 (NIV)

I have several different objects with me this morning. One of the things I bought is a soccer ball. How many of you would say you are a really good soccer player? Well, some of us may be very good soccer players, but some of us may not play very well at all.

Isn't this a beautiful painting? How many of you think you could paint a picture just as beautiful as this one? I wish that I could paint a picture as beautiful as this one, but I can't. The truth is, I really don't paint very well at all.

This is a music book. I hope you enjoy music. How many of you would say that you are a really good singer? Now, there may be some things that I can't do well, but that is one thing I think I can do pretty well.

All of us have some things that we can do very well, but none of us can do everything well, can we? I only know one person that does everything well. You probably know who that person is. His name is Jesus!

One day some people brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could hardly talk. The people begged Jesus to heal their friend. The Bible tells us that Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears and touched his tongue. Then he called out, "Be opened!" As soon as Jesus spoke these words, the man's ears were opened and he could hear -- his tongue was loose and he could speak. The people were amazed and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

Jesus has done many great and wonderful things for you and me, but he didn't tell us not to tell anyone. In fact, he told us to tell everyone. Have you told anyone?

Dear Jesus, you do all things well. We thank you for all that you do for us each and every day. Amen.

## Weekly Prayer

For this week's prayer we should ask the Lord to help and keep safe those who were tragically affected by Hurricane Ida. They need so much prayer to get them through this difficult time.

### **I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY**

I said a Prayer for you today;  
I know that our Lord heard.  
And asked that he would bless you,  
As He promised in his Word.  
I didn't ask for wealth or glory,  
I knew you'd understand.  
I asked for God to send you joy,  
and lend a helping hand.

I asked that He surround you,  
With his love and constant care,  
To give you health and bless you,  
With friends who will be there.

I prayed for comfort for you,  
For peace of mind, and then,  
I asked that He remind you,  
I'll pray for you again.





### **COVID Update:**

Some inquiries have been made by members of the clergy who have been approached to provide a religious exemption for the coronavirus vaccine. Please be advised

that religious exemptions *are not being granted* for the coronavirus vaccine. Secondly, we are monitoring the coronavirus situation in our diocese and if there are any updates to the protocols they will be distributed immediately.

### **Washington, D.C. – Continue to Oppose Federal Taxpayer Funding for Abortions**

Last week, in two separate votes on packages of appropriations bills, the United States House of Representatives voted to force federal taxpayers to pay for abortions domestically and overseas, ending the Hyde Amendment and similar provisions, such as the Helms and Weldon amendments, that have been in place for forty-six years and have protected federal taxpayers from being forced to pay for abortions both domestically and overseas. The statements of the USCCB Committee Chairs, Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop Naumann, and Bishop Malloy, can be found [here](#) and [here](#) . The appropriations bills move to the United States Senate next.

If you have not done so already, please click [here](#) to take action and contact your elected officials and please click [here](#) to visit [notaxpayerabortion.com](http://notaxpayerabortion.com) for more information and to sign the petition.

**From the Office of Liturgy and the R.C.I.A.**

### **Fatima Consecration**

A call to the world starting September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and ending October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Register at [fatimaconsecration.org](http://fatimaconsecration.org)

## Twentieth Anniversary of September 11, 2001 Liturgical Resources

Most of us remember where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001. We watched in horror as images of the terrorist attacks flooded the news media. We mourned the thousands of men, women, and children who perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. Churches, synagogues, and mosques opened their doors as people tried to find meaning. Believers - old and new - found comfort, strength, and challenge in prayer. This September, our assemblies will be faced with renewed turmoil. Media coverage, national observances and family gatherings will refresh their minds and open their wounds. Our nation will again express its grief. While politics and patriotism will certainly be visible, prayer should take the more central role on this somber anniversary. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions offers the following [Liturgy Preparation Aid: Prayer Resources for the Twentieth Anniversary of September 11, 2001](#) for communal and private prayer.

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