

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 5, 2021



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### Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls  
5.30pm St James Saturday evening  
Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

### Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Greetings,

"He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha!'—that is, 'Be opened!'" (Mark 7:33-34).

Our Lord did what? Christ often used physical signs and gestures to accompany His healing: a touch, the laying on of hands, water, washing, mud, or his own spittle. These signs laid the foundation for the institution of the Seven Sacraments, the outward signs by which Christ, through His healing touch offered by his designated ministers, gives us His sanctifying and healing grace.

In healing the man who was deaf and unable to speak, Christ effectively opened His ears to hear God's Word, and enabled his tongue to speak His praises. The Church retains this Ephphatha, Aramaic for "be opened" in the Rite of Baptism, expressing that the newly baptized become open to the Word of God in his or her life.

"He makes even the deaf hear and the mute speak." This is an explicit connection to the fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah in the First Reading, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped" (Is 35:5).

Later when Saint John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?... Jesus responds: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. (Matthew 11:3-5)

Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Messiah who has come into the world, for the salvation of the world. More than just opening the man's ears and speech, the Lord wanted the man's heart to be opened. That's an important line today "Be opened."

The Lord Jesus wants to open our ears and our hearts. The healing of the man's physical affliction was a sign of the spiritual healing he wants to give to each of us. If Jesus wants deaf ears to hear, how much more does he want deafened hearts to hear his voice.

There is so much confusion, distraction, conflict, and noise right now in the world. Ask the Lord to open your ears to hear Him. Ask him to open your eyes to see him; to clear your speech of all impediments to declaring his goodness. Ask him to restore you—spirit, mind, and body—to the life he has always intended for you.

St. Irenaeus once said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." God wants his glory to be visible in men and women who are restored to him, fully alive in his Spirit. Our prayers continue for the people of Afghanistan. We pray for the souls of those service members and civilians whose lives were lost because of terrorism, may they rest in peace. We pray for those still struggling for freedom from oppression and tyranny, and the refugees. Pray for peace.

We lift up in prayer the people of Haiti where there was a devastating earthquake, and those affected by hurricane Ida, that the Lord would grant eternal peace to those who died, and that there would be an outpouring of generosity in the recovery efforts.

Lots to pray for in the world and in the Church, but we find strength in the words of Isaiah in the first reading:

"Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

'Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... he comes to save you.'"

God bless you all,  
Father Letona

## Character Builds Families

Are we teaching our children about their faith? Here are 7 Montessori-inspired ways to teach them the faith at home.

1. **Set an example of love for God.** Children learn more from observing and imitating the actions of their parents than from any advice you could ever give them. "Show them what it looks like to love Christ through your words and actions."

2. **Follow the rhythm of the Liturgical year.** Follow the "natural organic rhythms in our days, months, and year to pass on the faith. The beauty of following the liturgical year is that parents don't have to reinvent the wheel, but can teach the faith through simple customs that have been handed down for generations. "bring the traditions of the whole Church into the domestic church" November, the month of the holy souls, look at Mass cards from deceased loved ones and pray for them in a special way. Celebrate your child's baptism day or saint's feast day. Pray as a family in the morning, at night, and before meals. (Stay tune for next week and 2 more suggestions to continue teaching the faith to your children every week)



### Please remember our Military and their Families

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### FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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#### For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber

**Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.**

### Secretary's Corner

Sept 8th is Mary's birthday, Let's celebrate by learning more about our Mother, on [formed.org](http://formed.org) is the audiobook "*The World's First Love: Mary the Mother of God*"

6 Ways to make your day better when life feels heavy or monotonous

*Anybody need a mental pick-me-up these days?*

With back to school changes settling in, it's time for a quick mental health check-in. How are you doing? Have you fallen into a bit of a rut? Are the days dragging on and on? If you're feeling a little dissatisfied with life, and start and end many days more frustrated than peaceful, you need a mental pick-me-up. Here are some ways to turn blah days into more meaningful and pleasant experiences.

**Ask for help with something you have been putting off**

Asking for help is a difficult thing to do. But this important life skill is essential for our individual growth as well as the health and well-being of the communities we are part of. Additionally, if you are living every day with big tasks looming over your head, that burden will contribute to your mood and the atmosphere of your day, making it heavier and darker. Having a little help to lighten the load of a looming to do might just lighten everything about your day.

**Brighten someone else's day**

A surefire way to break through a heavy cloud that surrounds you is to put your focus on someone else. To whom could you send a surprise "thinking of you" card? Can you bring a pumpkin spice latte to the person who posts obsessively about all things autumn? Whose porch should you leave a chrysanthemum plant on as a little pick-me-up? Helping someone else can put your anxiety in perspective as well, a win win.

**Take some Vitamin D**

Most of us don't get enough of this essential vitamin, so make the effort to replenish it. You can do this either orally, with a vitamin, or you can try walking outside when the sun's out. Honestly, just do both. It's amazing what a little vitamin boost and fresh air can do for a weird mood or heavy state of mind.

**Change something in your routine**

Try the slower commute or go to bed half an hour earlier. Put your phone away at 8 p.m. or don't open any app other than texts before noon. Making a little change, especially if it gives you more rest or helps declutter your brain, can allow you to reframe part or all of your day.

**Take greater care with your daily responsibilities**

Spend a little extra time on a task that you do mindlessly. Maybe that is a job you have at work or maybe that's a chore you do at home. The little things that we do matter tremendously, and the better we take care of the mundane tasks that don't seem to matter that much, the better equipped we'll be to tackle the bigger, seemingly weightier, responsibilities we have.

**Appreciate the small beauties hidden in each day**

Noticing the little good things in life will help you develop a gratitude habit that can carry you through many of life's ups and downs. (alenteia.org)

**Family Builder Idea:**

The one short prayer that can turn a stressful day around.

These words are the perfect way to deal with anxiety and difficulties as they crop in your day.

With the start of school, maybe you are working or getting ready to return to work. We are faced with extra stress and frustration. Say this short prayer and watch as the stress melts away and your sense of peace is returned.

*Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.*

Say this out loud anytime you find yourself in a place of stress and grumpy attitude. For the whole novena visit <https://surrenderprayer.weebly.com>

Attend in person

**6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas**

**8am St Michael's Indian Creek**

**10 am St Paul's New Lisbon**

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time with

**Father Letona 10:00 am**

Readings

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

Ps 15: 2-5

Jas 1:17-18,21b -22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15 ,21-23

**Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's**

**Tue—Fri 8.30 am**

**Feast of The Exaltation**

**On the Web**

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
- Like our parish page on Facebook
- Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
- [www.mjpcatholic.com](http://www.mjpcatholic.com)
- In person for private prayer
- Sunday 11am—7pm
- Monday Noon—7pm
- Tuesday—Saturday 9am—7pm

**St James Schedule Sept 11**

**Lector**

Gary DeChant

**Money Counter**

Gary De Chant

**We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135**

**St. Michael's Schedule Sept 12**

**Lector**

Ted Schultz

**Ushers**

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

**Offertory**

**Suspended until further notice**

**Money Counters**

Marian Belcher/Steve Belcher

**St. Paul's Schedule Sept 12**

**Lector**

Mary Schumer

**Eucharist Minister**

Rose Clark

**Ushers**

Tom Heindl

**Money Counter**

Mary Peterson/Karla Quist

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

**FORMATION IN FAITH:**

**Saint of the Day for Sept 8**

**The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

**Reflection**

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

# Announcements for Tri-Parish

## Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

Sept 5 **St Teresa of Calcutta** *Mother Teresa*

Sept 8 **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *Mary of Nazareth, The Woman, Footprints of God: Mary, the Mother of God*

## St Paul's

### St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot is **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

## St James

### Fundraiser

St James will be having a fundraising event! Help us by purchasing your raffle ticket after Mass on Saturday evenings or contact your friendly PCCW member for your ticket. **\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

Items to be raffled off include:

New Powersmart Snow Blower w200 cc Engine

A "Painting" by Mary Singleton

A Jim Shore "Santa"

Full size Handmade Quilt

"One of Kind" garden ornament

\$100 cash.

## St Michael's

### Mass of Thanksgiving

There will be **NO 8am Mass** Sept 19th Sunday.

For the completion of our remodeling project on **Sunday, Sept 19th at 2:00pm**. A reception will follow.

Please RSVP to Rachel Tambornino at 608-427-2090 or email [tambyfam@gmail.com](mailto:tambyfam@gmail.com).

**PCCW** does intend to have a **Christmas social and basket/gift raffle** once again in December - date to be announced later.

Just a heads up so everyone can be thinking of an idea and/or creating their work of art.

Monetary donations or purchased gift items are welcome as well!

## CCD Students/Parents

St Michael's & St James

**CCD registration** has begun, please registrar your child with Deb Granger @ 608-387-0808 or email her [debgranger85@gmail.com](mailto:debgranger85@gmail.com)

### Start date is September 15th

St Paul's **CCD registration** has also begun and you can contact Sue LaBudda @ 608-728-7267 or email her [susan-labudda@gmail.com](mailto:susan-labudda@gmail.com)

Under the fourth commandment "Thou shall honor thy father and thy mother" It is our duty as parents to provide **spiritual** welfare for our children. Teach them in the ways of the church and God, through Catholic education.



## ST. PAUL

**Intentions for our Tri-Parish**  
**Saturday Sept 4 First Saturday Mass 8.30am @ St Paul's**  
 Living & Deceased Members of Miller & Marhafer families by Robert & Jeannette Jasinski  
**@ St James 6pm**  
 + John Maki by Al & Arris Sullivan  
**Sunday Sept 5**  
**8 am @ St Michael's**  
 +Wilda Paulson by family  
**10.00 am @ St Paul's**  
 For the People  
**Monday Sept 6**  
**NO MASS**  
**Tuesday Sept 7**  
**NO MASS**  
**Wednesday Sept 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 +Frank Machnik by the Knights of Columbus  
**Thursday Sept 9**  
 Special Intention for Pat Wyss by John & Laura Wyss  
**Friday Sept 10**  
 +Michael LaHaye by Julie Huth  
**Saturday Sept 11**  
**@ St James 6pm**  
 For the People  
**Sunday Sept 12**  
**8 am @ St Michael's**  
 +John Strangle by Karen Riggs  
**10.00 am @ St Paul's**  
 +Ernest Salter by Janette & Rick Barrett

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** –Aug 29 , 2021  
 Offertory \$ 45.00                      Envelopes \$ 1505.02  
**Total \$ 1550.02**

## St. James

**Saturday Sept 4**  
 + John Maki by Al & Arris Sullivan  
**Saturday Sept 11**  
 For the People

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Aug 29, 2021  
 Offertory \$ 125.00                      Votives/improvements \$240.00  
 Envelopes \$ 203.00  
**Total \$ 568.00**

## St. Michael

**Sunday Sept 5**  
 +Wilda Paulson by family  
**Sunday Sept 12**  
 +John Strangle by Karen Riggs

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Aug 29, 2021  
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 Improvements \$ 500.00                      CCD \$ 10.00  
**Total \$ 1117.00**



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