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Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30am

ALL SAINTS PARISH / ST. CHARLES CEMETERY OFFICE

The parish office is open Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:30-1:30pm. Thursday and Friday we can be reached by phone.

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You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!

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SACRAMENTS

We hold baptisms one Sunday a month at 12 noon. God parents must be a catholic in good standing and receive a sponsor certificate from their parish. To schedule your child's baptism, please call our office

Cemetery Burials

To buy a plot/columbaria or book a burial please call the office. We have many different options to suit your needs.

September 5th, 2021

Pastor's Ponderings...

Dear Saint Joseph and All Saints Parishioners:

"Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, 'This saying is hard; who can accept it?'" Deacon John did an outstanding job preaching this Gospel last weekend but these words have been resonating in my heart and prayer all week long. What does it mean that our Lord's saying is "hard"? It could mean that it's difficult to understand? Since our Lord is teaching about the Eucharist, that would be a fair reaction. But that's not what it means. The word "hard" here indicates something offensive and intolerable. That's why our Lord asks, "Does this shock [literally, scandalize] you?" In other words, "Do you find it offensive and intolerable?" The problem here is not with the intellect, but the will.

More to the point, they were unwilling to accept what he taught because then they would have to change their lives. He was inviting them to abandon their earthly way of thinking about things and adopt a new, spiritual mindset. So, they balked. As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." (Jn 6:66)

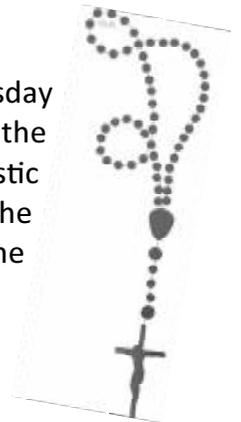
All of this brings to mind what has come to be called "Eucharistic coherence"—the simple truth that those who receive the Eucharist ought to live lives coherent with it. We should strive to draw life and the very meaning of our lives from the Eucharist. Put differently, our lives should be coherent with the Eucharist because they are determined by it. Dietrich von Hildebrand writes that to be a disciple of Christ requires "the readiness to change, the waxlike receptiveness to Christ." Eucharistic coherence requires the willingness—indeed, the desire—to receive the imprint of Christ on our hearts, minds and souls. This, then, is a good way to prepare for Holy Communion—by asking ourselves if we have the proper docility and waxlike disposition so that the Eucharist benefits us as He desires and impresses His image upon us more deeply.

Peace,

Father Ryan

Rosary Congress

Saint Joseph's will host the Diocesan Rosary Congress on Wednesday October 6th and Thursday October 7th, which is 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration with the Rosary being prayed at the top of each hour. We are in need of two people each hour to pray with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 9AM on Wednesday and ending at 9AM on Thursday. Think of the graces you will receive coming to church at 3 or 4 AM!!! If you would like to sign up for one hour, please contact Terry in the Saint Joseph's Rectory Office at 766.0626.



Knights of Columbus to Host Silver Rose Prayer Service

The Woonsocket Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Silver Rose Prayer Service on Thursday September 9th at 7 PM in Saint Joseph Church. All are welcome!



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday September 5th 9:30am
 Francis J. O'Reilly, *by Edward Phillips*
 Roger Bibeault, *by wife Arline*

Sunday September 12th 9:30am
 Pauline Urban Tondreau, *by Louis & Pauline Demers*
 Louis & Gertrude Martinelli, *by family*

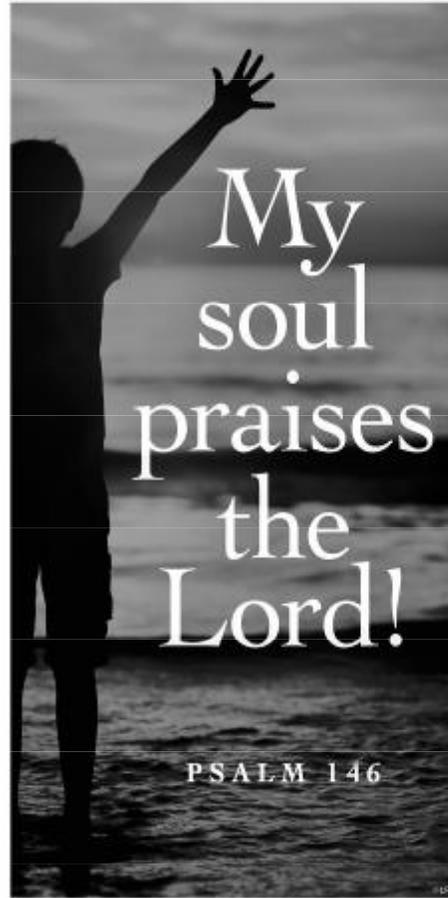
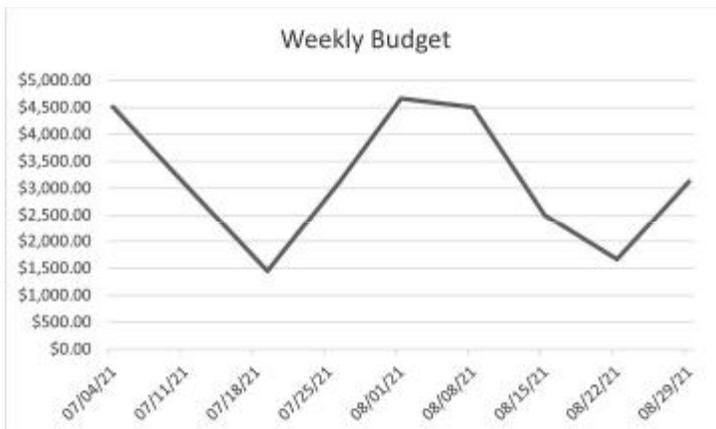
Sunday September 19th 9:30am
 Caroline Turner, *by Edward Phillips and Robert Tardif*
 Adele Regina Laflin, *by Robert Tardif*

If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the office 762-1100 or email allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com

WEEKLY BUDGET COLLECTION

August 29th, 2021
 Budget: \$2932.00
 Fuel: \$145
 Building: \$48
Total: \$3,125

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And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. 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!"
 - Mk 7:32-34

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CLPI SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday Mass Intentions

Beginning September 4th, All Saturday mass intentions will be moved to the Sunday of the same weekend. If you have any questions, please call during office hours.

COMING SOON ...

**Our Christmas card raffle is back and better than ever !
 Stay tuned for more information.**



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think this is such an important virtue?

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)
In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the "people" close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?

FOOD PANTRY Update:

In August, our food pantry distributed food to a total of 154 families. That's 338 individuals that were helped!

We were able to give out pork chops, hot dogs, cereals, condiments, chicken, and we even have non-food products occasionally.

I am so proud of all the hard work the food pantry volunteers put in each and every week.

If you ever experience food insecurity, our pantry is available the 2nd, 3rd, 4th (and 5th if there is one) Wednesdays of the month from 10am to 11am. Just come to the Privilege St. side of the church.

We are always accepting donations of food, money and gift cards. You can contact the office (762-1100) if you'd like more information.

-Deb



Our Parish office will be closed on Monday September 6th in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday September 7th at 8:30m.

Read Our Bulletin Online

Please visit www.parishesonline.com to view the weekly bulletin!



Want to become a member of All Saints?



To be added to the weekly tithing envelopes and mailing list, please call or email the office for a registration form. Registration forms can be returned via email, mail or dropped in the weekly collection basket.

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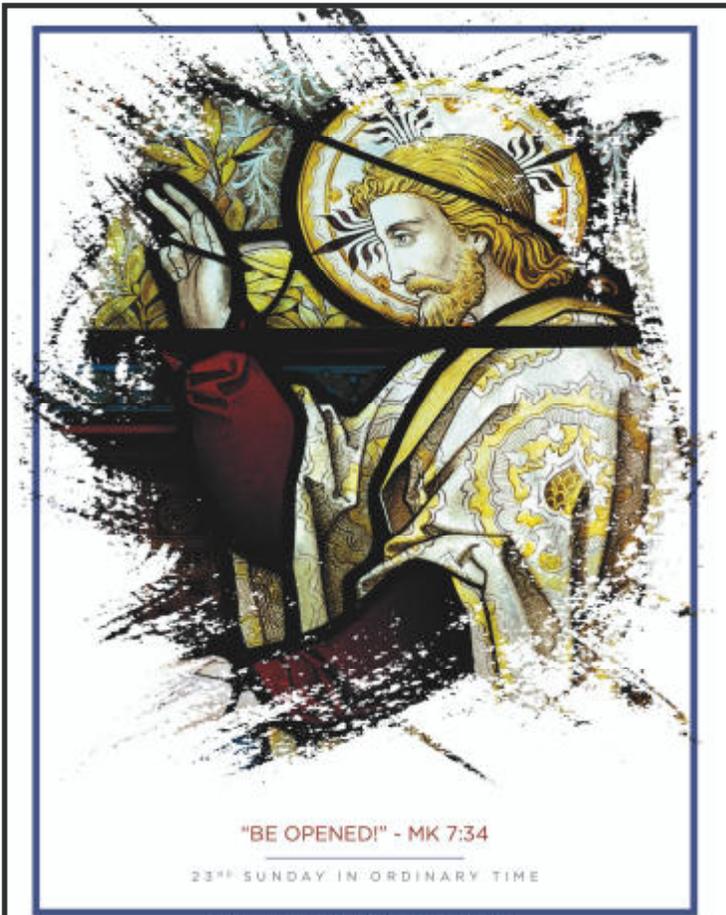
What is the RCIA Program?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process offered for adults to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program is for men and women 18 and older who have: 1) Never been baptized at all; 2) been baptized in another non-Catholic Christian denomination (ex. Methodists, Episcopalians, etc.) who want to come to full communion with the Catholic Church and receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation; 3) Were baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive First Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Participants in the RCIA program will take classes throughout the year learning more about our Church, our beliefs, Sacred Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will receive those sacraments next Spring at the Easter Vigil Mass.

If you are interested in joining RCIA, please see or email Deacon John before the end of September for more information.





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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