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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues.
through Fri. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Mon. Labor Day 9:00 am.
Tues., Thurs., & Fri. @ 8:30 am fol-
lowed by the Rosary.

Adoration:
Thursday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat. Confession: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Thurs Confession: 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm

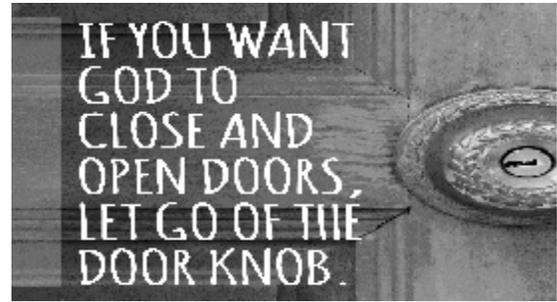
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**23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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 7:33b-34

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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times - September 5, 2021



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. 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.

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.

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!

There is always hope. Remember, 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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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?



Readings of the Week © LPI

MASS SCHEDULE © LPI

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 8:27-3



The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week
in loving memory of:

Sept. 5 - Sept. 11, 2021 Mary L. Weibel

Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to sched-
ule a Mass intention or to arrange for the sanctu-
ary lamp to be burned in memory of your loved
one.

Mon., Sept. 06 - 9:00 am - Katie Mickel Smith
by the family

Tues., Sept. 07 - 8:30 am - For a Happy Death
Ann Baddour

Wed., Sept. 08 - NO MASS

Thurs., Sept. 09 - 8:30 am - Elizabeth Gregory
by the Whitney's

Fri., Sept. 10 - 8:30 am - Travis McKenna by
Marcia & Ron Tavernier

Sat., Sept. 11 - 5:00 pm - David Geoffrey by the
Carrara & Foster families

Sun., Sept. 12 - 8:00 am - For our Parishioners

10:30 am - Harold Thompson
by friends



Adoration

Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Eucharist is alive. When we approach the Eu-
charist would others believe that we are approach-
ing *the living person, Jesus Christ*? We can treat
God as a dead object, or we can prostrate our-
selves in front of Him, in Adoration, in love, in
reparation. Jesus is alive and well!

Please join us Thursday for Adoration at 7:00pm
to 8:00pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available
at that time.

September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday



Offertory

August 28 & August 29, 2021

Envelopes (94)	\$ 5,710.00
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Very Young Catholic Project

AUTHOR TEA:

Three years ago, author and Divine Mercy parishioner Emily Koczela began a project to find Catholic children in all the 24 time zones of the world, and write a book about each of them. *On Sunday, September 26th, after the 10:30 Mass*, in the parish hall, Emily will recount some of the stories and adventures from the first nine books in the project, known as the Very Young Catholic Project, www.veryyoungcatholic.com.

Parish members may recall that stories from different countries appeared month by month on the parish website through last winter, as Austria, Fiji, Taiwan, Ireland, Canada, and Togo all took their turn in the spotlight. Kids of all ages may enjoy hearing the latest updates - from Ecuador - and seeing the latest book, *Very Young Catholics in Kenya*.

Parents and grandparents who understand the concept of the universal church may enjoy the presentation for entirely different reasons, as the work of God's people is revealed across the earth. The project presentation is light-hearted and joyous. Don't forget that there will be cake!

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The Twenty-Third Sunday



Congratulations to Edward Sweeney and Carmen Curzado who were married at Divine Mercy Parish on Saturday August 28, 2021. We wish them many happy years together.



Parish Immunization Clinic

In conjunction with Rite Aid Pharmacy of Peterborough, Divine Mercy Parish nurses will be offering an Immunization Clinic next weekend, Sunday, September 12 from 9-11 am for those 16 years of age and older.

The following immunizations will be offered: Influenza (flu vaccine) including high potency dose for those 65 years of age and older, as well as Pneumonia vaccine.

These vaccines will be billed through your insurance (please be sure to bring your card) or you may pay by cash or check made out to Rite Aid. Your Primary Care Physician will be notified by the pharmacist that you have received the vaccine unless you specify otherwise.

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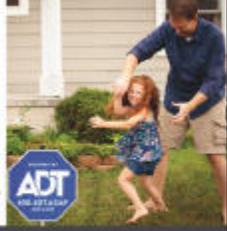
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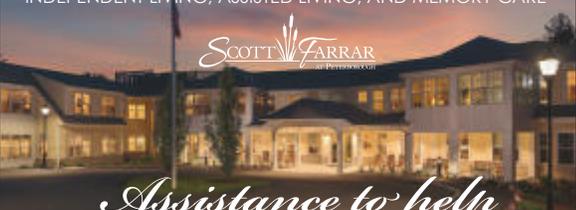


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