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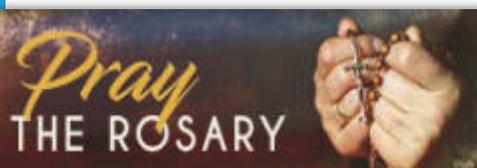
And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose, in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, build up a welcoming community of faith and hope, and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."



8:30am Weekdays ~ St. Rose
7:00pm Wednesdays ~ St. Agnes

CALENDAR

SAT 9/4 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Marie, Anna Marie & John Henry Fallon - By Estate

SUN 9/5 8:00am **SR** Joyce Rapp - By Ellie & Gabe Luhowy
9:45am **SP** Evie Francesca - By Family
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

MON 9/6 **Labor Day**
9:00am **SP** Toni Newhoff - By Sue & Frank Reynolds & Family

TUE 9/7 8:15am **SA** Larry Preston - *Birthday* - By Christ Preston

WED 9/8 9:00am **SP** Toni Newhoff - By Pat & Jeanette Amorese
4:30-6pm **SR** Adoration & Confession

THR 9/9 8:00am **SR** Ray Magar - By Joanne

FRI 9/10 8:15am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster

SAT 9/11 **Patriot Day**
3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Pete Mairs - By Mairs Family

SUN 9/12 8:00am **SR** Helen & Matthias Recktenwald - By Recktenwald Family
9:45am **SP** John Kuebel Jr. - By Family
11:30am **SA** Dominic S. DiPasquale - By Frances & Children

Readings

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

Observances

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

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A WORD FROM FATHER

Fundamental Orientation

There's a colloquial saying that God gave us two ears and one mouth so we can listen more and speak less. Conventional wisdom aside, the biological reason that we have two ears is to help us isolate the source of a sound or at least the direction from which it's coming. When we have our head pointed in the direction, oriented toward the sound, it hits both ears simultaneously and we know that's where the sound is coming from. In theology there is a concept of fundamental orientation; it refers to the health of our spiritual lives. Are our actions, words and thoughts directed in a manner as to be growing closer to God or moving away from God? In speaking and listening, if we choose to engage in lies, gossip, jealousy, slander or other malicious discussion about another person, our fundamental orientation is away from God. We are not recognizing that person's dignity as a child of God, the essence of Christian love.

God made us all in His image and likeness, "and He saw that it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) Even after our fundamental orientation had turned away from God, both in the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and in our own personal shortcomings, God did not abandon us. In fact, "God is with us" - Emmanuel - Jesus the Christ; to redeem us and restore us to friendship with The Father. His powerful healing is offered to each of us individually, by name. The tenderness with which He cured the deaf man with a speech impediment in today's gospel story shows compassion even beyond the desire to heal. Jesus took the man aside so that he would not be embarrassed by the attention to his disability. He looked up to Heaven to ensure that the man knew from where the healing power was coming. He groaned (as does the Holy Spirit helping us to pray), touched his ears and even used spittle to engage the afflicted man in a most down-to-earth, sensory way. In the healing power offered to us through His Only Begotten Son, God is not merely fixing us mechanically, bending us back into the correct shape, as it were. Our Creator, Savior and Giver of Life is enabling us to know Divine Love, return it to God in good fundamental orientation and share it with our neighbor. One way to share that love is by always speaking well of others, or...

If You Can't Say Something Nice,

Father Michael Fowler



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



Faith Formation Registration is now underway!

Registration information and forms can be found on our website:

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which of these is NOT a holy day of obligation?

- a. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- b. Christmas
- c. Pentecost
- d. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Answer: c
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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture 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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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

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

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Masks required for those not vaccinated.

Our speaker is Anne Costa. Anne is from Syracuse. She is the best-selling author of six books. Anne's writing and speaking ministries bring hope, practical help and spiritual healing and address such topics as addiction, suicide, abuse, relationships, boundaries and physical, spiritual and mental health.

Reservations \$25; after Sept 11: \$27; students \$15; *Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept. 15. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org.*

Rochester Catholic Men's Conference St. Joseph -- A Man of God

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 7:30am--12:30pm
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Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Notre Dame Retreat House's Day of Prayer

"Feeding the Spiritual Hungers"

Presented by: Rev. Robert Werth, a priest within the Diocese of Rochester for the last 42 years, serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in Rochester. He has a Masters in Scriptures and in Social Work and is also a Licensed Master Social Worker.

Conference 9:30am – 12pm | followed by lunch, free time, confessions. Day ends with Mass at 2pm. There is a \$25.00 fee. Please register by calling 585-394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com



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We are in need of members from all three parishes for Pastoral Council.

Please, prayerfully consider nominating yourself or fellow parishioner!

**Pastoral Council
Nomination Form**

Yes, I _____,
a member of _____ parish,
would like to offer my name in nomination for Parish
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My telephone number: _____.

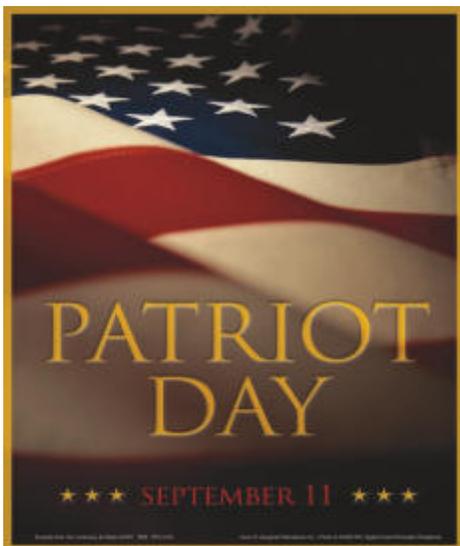
OR

Yes, I _____,
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His/Her telephone number: _____.

Qualifications:

- † A willingness to listen to others with patience & kindness.
- † A respect for others and the opinions held by others.
- † A willingness to express opinions with patience and kindness.
- † A desire for spiritual growth.
- † An openness to study & reflect.
- † An eagerness to set a vision or direction for the community.
- † An ease of working with groups.
- † A willingness to participate in the process of consensus building.
- † A willingness to be a liaison to a given group or committee.
- † The ability to act in a professional manner with information presented at meetings.

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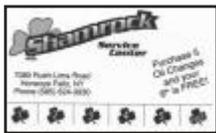
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