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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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MASS TIMES
Daily (M-F) 8:30am (P-Church) & 12:15pm (Chapel)
Saturday 4pm(L) & 5:30(P)
Sunday 9am(L) & 11:30am(P)
1st Saturday of the Month: 8:30am (P-Church)

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4:45pm(P)
& 3:15pm(L)
or anytime upon request

DEVOTIONS
First Friday-Eucharistic Adoration
9am-12 Noon (P-Church)

HOLY DAYS: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 6pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4—Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM (P-Church) First Saturday: Franca Cardamone by Husband & Children
2:00 PM (L-Church) Wedding: Devon Strassburg and Kimberly Sansano
4:00 PM (LEO Church) Mary Ann Hagaman by Frances & Michael Raynor
5:30 PM (POP Church) Antoinetta Perricelli by Family

Sunday, September 5—Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (LEO Church) Laurie Chudy by Mark
11:30 AM (POP Church) Gordon Blood (21st Anniv) by Family

Monday, September 6—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Joe DeMarco by Allen Storms
12:15 PM (Chapel) Duane Frost by Thomas Loncto

Tuesday, September 7—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) Paul J. O'Leary by Family
12:15 PM (Chapel) Edward J. Mash, Jr., by Dana Tweed

Wednesday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM (Church) Thanksgiving for 64th Wedding Anniversary for Peter and Dorothy Fatouros
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Father's Living and Deceased

Thursday, September 9—St. Peter Claver
8:30 AM (Church) All Mother's Living and Deceased
12:15 PM (Chapel) Deceased members of the Ayoub & Michael Families by Family

Friday, September 10—Weekday
8:30 AM (Church) John Polka by James and Barbara Ciurczak
12:15 PM (Chapel) All Mother's Living and Deceased
2:00 PM (POP CH) Wedding: Matthew Shumace and Dana Soluri

Saturday, September 11—Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM (LEO Church) Abraham Shiah (19th Anniv) by Children
5:30 PM (POP Church) Phyllis Mis by John & Breanna

Sunday, September 12—Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM (LEO Church) Anna and Joe Casale by Jim and Filomena Palazzo
11:30 AM (POP Church) Marie S. Mocny by Daughter Linda

THIS WEEK'S TABERNCLE CANDLES BURN FOR

POP Church Candle:
Prayers for Patricia Lynne Parrillo by Sam and Carol

POP Chapel Candle:
SVDP PARISH FAMILY

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Parish Groups

Baptism Sessions:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200
Bereavement Meals:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

Bereavement/Grief Support:
Maria Stevenson: 297-1816
Catholic Men's Group:
Bob LaBarbera: 297-1057

Legion of Mary:
Fred Curcione: 297-2489
Parish Events:
Vicky C.: 417-5109 / Dorothy S.: 297-5927

Prayer Chain:
Pat Stanley: 297-2224
Pre-Cana—Marriage Prep:
Deacon Chris and Caroline Privitera
283-2715 x 200

Pro-Life:
Barb Skowronski: 731-9072
Spiritual Life:
Maria Stevenson: 297-1816
(Parish Nurse Health Care Ministry)

Ushers:
Rectory: 283-2715 x 200

Letters of Recommendations: To receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, it will be gladly given to *registered* parishioners **(for at least 3 months)**, who are active, supporting members of our parish who regularly attend Sunday Mass and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, and if married, has done so in conformity with the laws of the Church.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Your continuing generosity is greatly appreciated. It is because of your support that our St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is able to continue to feed the many needy families in our area. We would appreciate donations of the following non-perishable foods:

Cereal, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, Ramen noodles, Jello, Instant Puddings.

If you know of anyone in need of food, please call our pantry at 957-7146. ***Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted***. Please mail to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society, attn: Treasurer, 1040 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, and our food barrels are located at both parish sites for non-perishable food donations. GOD BLESS YOU for all you do to help these families.

(The Poor Box is the Bread Box for the Poor)

JOINING OUR PARISH:

New members are warmly welcomed! Please call the rectory to register . Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or if you would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, call us at 283-2715 x 200.

BEREAVEMENT / GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet on **Friday, September 10th, at 2:30pm** in **St. Leo's Church**. Coping with loss and grief does not go away. Join our support group. Comforting all those who mourn. Call Maria at 297-1816.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Magnificat Women's Breakfast will be held at the Millennium Hotel on **Saturday, September 11th**.

This is a morning of prayer, testimony and praise helping women to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. The cost for this event is $20.00. The guest speaker will be Arlene Meyerhofer. For more information, please go online to https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-n/ny-buffalo/

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Please stand with us on **Sunday, October 3rd,** from 2-3pm in front of Popeyes on NF Boulevard, Ollies Plaza. Let's show that SVDP Parish stands for and respects life.

As is says in scripture, Isaia 49:15, ***"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she forgets, I will never forget you. See, I have written your name on the palm of my hands."***

Please stand with us and show that SVDP Parish stands for and respects life from conception until our Lord calls us home to him.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

We invite individuals over the age of 18 that have never been baptized or have been baptized into another faith and now feel called to embrace the Catholic Faith to join us in this process. Also invited to participate are baptized Catholic's who never completed their Sacraments of Initiation with the reception of First Eucharistic and Confirmation. This process is for you.

Sessions begin on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021.** For more information and to register, please contact the Rectory Office at 283-2715.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Help For Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 visit https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

The next weekend is September 17-19 2021

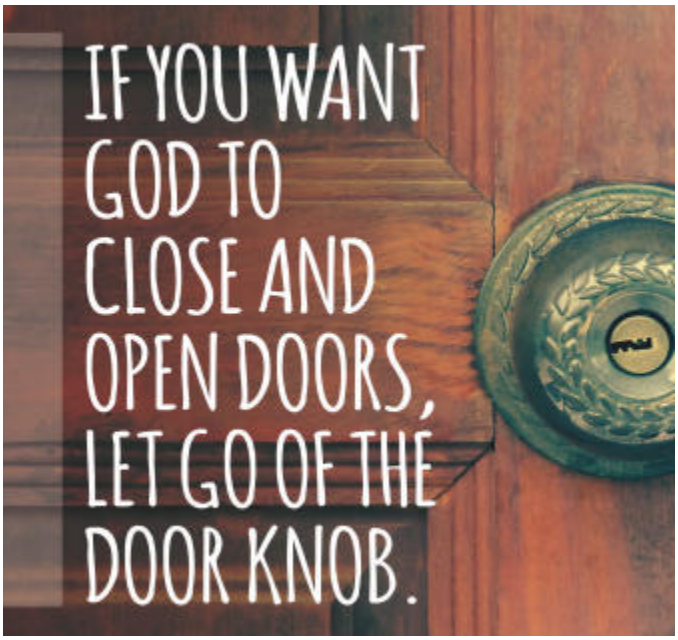
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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. ©LPi



Holy Land Gifts
Will be at St. Jude's Parish in North Tonawanda on **September 4th and 5th**.

There will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as rosaries, crucifixes, nativity scenes and more. Stop by!

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

(See page 6 for answer!)

**** CANCELLATION: AARP SMART DRIVERS: Insurance and Point Reduction Program**

The AARP drivers class for **September 7 & 8** is **now CANCELLED**. The company has cancelled the class due to Covid issues.

The class scheduled for **October 19 & 20**, (which is full), is now on hold, waiting to see if AARP will cancel. We will know more in the next few weeks.

40 Days for Life Coming to Niagara Falls

A prayer vigil for life sponsored by 40 days for Life will be coming to Niagara Falls from **September 22, 2021 through October 31, 2021**.

Volunteers are asked to sign up to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, located at 750 Portage Road, Niagara Falls. For more information call or e-mail Pastor Bill Ruminas at (585) 480-2034 or e-mail 40dayspastorbill@gmail.com. You may use the following link to sign up for dates and times for prayer: https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/niagarafalls

BINGO HELP IS NEEDED

BINGO is back at our St. Leo Church Site on Saturday evenings!

We are in great need of bingo workers for Bingo floor and kitchen help! Call Maxine with questions or to sign up at 807-7870.

Doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 7:25pm!

Tell your friends and neighbors and come join us!

The St. Vincent dePaul Parish Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and the Parish Nurse Ministry will be sponsoring a ***Suicide Prevention Workshop*** on **Monday, September 13 at 6:30 pm** in dining room #4 at the parish center, located at 2748 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY. This workshop is being offered free of charge through the services of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. Come and develop healing skills to know how to assist those who may be struggling.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

You are not alone. The Diocese of Buffalo reaches out to expectant mothers via:

The St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center: The center follows the example of St. Gianna Molla in respecting, protecting, and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God. The center serves life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to single mothers and young families in need, from pregnancy through the first years of life. Donations of diapers, new/gently used baby items, and monetary gifts are always needed and much ap-preciated. For a current list of items needed by each of the five outreach center locations, go to www.buffalodiocese.org/stgiannacenter.

Volunteer opportunities are also available. Call 842-2229 (BABY) or the Pro-life Office at 847-2205.

Mother Teresa Home: The pastoral mission of the Mother Teresa Home is to promote safety, stability and well-being for people who have experienced or been exposed to pressure related their pregnancy. The Mother Teresa Home achieves this through programs that provide shelter, community service, and education referral services for all mothers in need. For more information, call: (716) 424-0217 or (716) 847-2205 or www.buffalodiocese.org/mother-teresa-home "***LOVE begins at HOME and it is not how much we do but how much love we put in that action" - - Mother Teresa***

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Lifelong Faith Formation

It's Time to Register for Faith Formation Classes!

Faith Formation Classes for 2021-2022 begin on **Sunday, September 26**, **Monday, September 27 and Thursday, September 30**. We are encouraging all families with school age children to register by September 15.

Give your children the greatest gift you can give them, the gift of faith! We have a wonderful program to help your children grow in their knowledge and love of God.

To register, go to **svdparish.org**. Click on the "faith formation" tab at the top. Then click on student registration. You may register entirely online or download and complete the form and mail it in. If you register online you need to use a credit card.

Abundant Thanks!

We extend our deepest and most abundant thanks to **Mona Schmelzle**, **owner of the Dairy Queen franchise on Military Road** for hosting our recent ice cream fundraiser. Through her generosity and that of all those who attended, we received a donation of $400 for our Faith Formation program. Thank you for your goodness to us which reflects God's love!

Attention Catholic High School Parents

If your child is a 9th or 10th grader or beyond and wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, they need to be enrolled in the parish Confirmation Program. Please contact Sr. Joanne for details and information.

Attention Catechists!

There will be an organizational meeting of all Faith Formation Teachers on **Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 PM.** It is important that everyone attend this meeting so that we can get off to a good start with our students.

Health and Well-Being Opportunity

The past two years have been difficult in many ways. The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and the Parish Nurse Ministry will be sponsoring a Suicide Prevention Workshop on Monday, September 13 at 6:30 PM in dining room #4 at the parish center. This workshop is being offered free of charge through the services of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. Come and develop healing skills to know how to assist those who may be struggling. Through attendance at this workshop we participate in the healing ministry of Jesus.

Returnable Bottles and Cans

Thank you to everyone for your support and continuing generosity of returnable bottles and cans. We are able fund wonderful programs through your donations. You may bring your rinsed and bagged bottles to faith formation, church or to Empower on Military Road. *If you take them to Empower please let them know that our account number is #64.*

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