

Mass Intentions for the Week



Anointing
of the Sick



Monday, September 7

7:00 A.M. Eugene Boschini (M/M Frank Dombeck)
8:00 A.M. George Mastilak (Lil Barbatì)
9:00 A.M. John Sirimarco (Family)

Tuesday, September 8-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

7:00 A.M. Fay Murphy (Sam & Pat Unrue)
8:00 A.M. Bill Hand Sr. (Bill & Marci Malkowich)
9:00 A.M. Josephine DeCaria (Husband, Frank & Family)

Wednesday, September 9-Peter Claver, priest

7:00 A.M. Jim DeLoia (Frances & Cheech Fotia)
8:00 A.M. Dino Turconi (Pat & Cos Morabito)
9:00 A.M. †John Fajerski (Mary Anne Mansell)

Thursday, September 10

7:00 A.M. Joe Evans & Tommie Drescher (Lil Evans Family)
8:00 A.M. Mary Terese DeCaro (Stella Zingaro)
9:00 A.M. Susie Damato (Daughters)

Friday, September 11

7:00 A.M. Irene Carver (Ed & Linda Malack)
8:00 A.M. Hilda Ferrigno (David and Michelle Shoer)
9:00 A.M. James Gruber (Grandchildren)

Saturday, September 12-Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Gene Boschini (Ang Ottavio Family)
3:00 P.M. Leslie McElwain & Ryan Stewart-Wedding

Sunday, September 13- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 P.M. Saturday Louis Varrato, Sr. (Wife & Family)
8:00 A.M. Larry Crespo (Delphine Crespo)
10:00 A.M. John N. Fabyanic, Sr. (Heather Ferguson)
12:00 P.M. Deceased of Conforti Family (Family)



Scripture Verse

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"---that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

ANOINTING SERVICE for the ill and infirm of Holy Redeemer and Queen of Heaven Parishes on Saturday, 12 September at 1:00 P.M. at Holy Redeemer Church, 415 4th Street. All Holy Redeemer and Queen of Heaven parishioners who are ill or infirm are invited to participate in this service. Registration will take place in Church.

The final appointments for pictures to be taken for the Parish Directory will be on Friday, Oct. 2, from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. and on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. To make an appointment, please call Louise Carrozza at 724-752-1851. Directory Books will not be available until February of 2010.

Pictorial Directory: If you have not purchased additional pictures, please pick up your free 8 x 10 photo at the church office.



Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild meeting on

Monday, September 14. Members will meet in church for Mass at 6:00 P.M. Following Mass, members will assemble in Catholic Center for business meeting and lunch. Time 7:00 P.M. Our main speaker at the meeting will be Father Mark Thomas, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We remind parishioners to contact the parish office with any changes regarding your census information. Changes in **marital status**, **phone numbers** or **address changes** should be sent to the parish office so that our records can be updated. Young adults who have established new residences outside of their parents' homes or those newly married and remaining in this area need to register if they wish to remain parishioners here at Holy Redeemer. We appreciate your help in keeping our census records updated.



Please keep in mind that all offices will be closed on September 7th (Labor Day) The offices will reopen on September 8th at their usual time.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24---2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

When the Gospels were first translated from Aramaic into Greek, the word, "deaf" was sometimes used to describe a person who was "mute." For example, in Matthew 11:5 the deaf are made to hear, but in Luke 11:14, the deaf are made to speak. The ancients associated these two words because the two skills are related. Speaking involves the ability to repeat what one hears.

In our Gospel today, the meaning is clear: the man cannot hear and has a speech impediment. This may mean that his hearing loss may not be total, or it may be the result of illness or injury.

There is a great deal of tradition nestled within the lines of the Gospel passage. First, it is significant that Jesus takes the man away from the crowd. In those days, daily life was lived "in the crowd." The man needed time alone with Jesus. That is our first invitation.

Next, Jesus extends His hands over the man. In the world of the Scriptures, the hands become the vehicle by which therapeutic powers are transmitted to the sick person. Today, grace is transmitted through the hands of the priest during the Eucharist, Sacrament of Confession—in fact, all of our Sacraments. Our second invitation is to recognize that we need to have our priests pray over us in the Sacraments and the great power that can be unleashed when each one of us raises our hands in prayer.

When Jesus spits He is continuing the Middle Eastern precaution against evil. In the past, a person may spit in order to deactivate or deflect the "evil eye." In this action, Jesus is rejecting human illness with His entire being. How can we reject what is physically and morally unhealthy for us?

Finally, while the Gospel is translated into Greek, the writers are careful to not translate the word, "Eppattah." The ancients believed that words contain power. If the word was translated it would lose its potency. By recording the actual word, Jesus is shown to be "Traditional Healer."

The appropriate actions and words result in the immediate healing of the man: He heard clearly and spoke properly.

This Gospel story invites us to recognize that our words and actions have power. We can heal or we can cause more harm. In the ancient world, healing meant the "restoration of meaning" to people's lives. Our definition of that term has become more amplified.

Jesus restored meaning to the man's life. Ultimately, that is what healing means for us, as well. Our words and our hands can be the vehicle by which meaning is restored to the lives of those around us.



Jean Yoho, Michael Spiegel, Donna Lample, Velma McNaughton, Mollie Pelligrone, Rose Reda, Debra White, Peter Bietch, Carol Woods, Marie Pander, Ida McClland, Ron O'Donnell, Sr., Jodi Minter, Michael Henderson, Elizabeth Pullion, Carson Kellar, Tina Jeannette, Corey Ayres, Elizabeth LaCava, Cindy Cancelli Buffington, Margie Pelloni, April Samsa, Karen Rybka, Benny Birtalan, Mafalda Dombeck, Richard Cox, Ann Moczan, George Bokor, Sr., Joan McDonald, Edward J. Stemmerick, Anna Marie Bucci, Dan "Joe" Weisz, Damien DeCaria, Mary (Tootles) Millhouse, Bob Greene, Fred Faroni

Eucharistic



Adoration

Eucharistic Day September 15

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the last morning Mass until 7 PM. Parish Ministries and Organizations will be assigned scheduled times to be present before the Blessed Sacrament during the day. All parishioners are encouraged to make time on September 15 for Adoration on our Eucharistic Day. At 7 PM the Eucharistic Day will close with Solemn Vespers and Benediction led by Fr. Carmen D'Amico. Be sure to attend this holy day!

Adult Education—Catechist Certification—Morality

The class "Morality: Life in Christ" (with Catholic Vision of Love) will be presented for seven Thursdays beginning October 8—6:30 to 9:30 pm. The first two evenings will be at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Mahoningtown. The evenings will then alternate between Christ the King Parish— St. Lawrence in Hillsville and St. Vincent de Paul. Presentors are Fr. Jim Downs and Fr. Steve Palsa. Please call Diana Kerr to register 724-652-5829 x 6. (Please note that the class was originally scheduled for Wednesday evening, but several parishes have CCD on Wednesday evenings.)

| SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS | |
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| Week of 8/29-30 | |
| Weekly collection needed..... | \$12,300.00 |
| Weekly collection received..... | \$9,503.20 |
| Second Collection for the Needy..... | \$1,532.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

Remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

SERVING THE PARISH
SEPTEMBER 12/13

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 6:00 P.M. *Marion Gruber, John Folino, Stan Wrona, Kay Bellissimo, Connie Kreshon, Lou Ann Salvati, Patty Kuhn
- 8:00 A.M. *Philip DeCaria, Mimi Spade, Michael Gaydosz, Elaine Ferruchie, Jane Petrak, Veronica Pacella, Cathy DeBlaso
- 10:00 A.M. *Julie Strosnider, Mark Strosnider, Rose Fox, Janet Hall, Lisa Greco, Debbie Pagley, Cheryl Rangle
- 12:00 P.M. *Kathy Bucci, Ann Tomak, Francine Hunter, Sharon Razani, David DeCaria, Pat Gerello, Jim Gillespie

LECTORS

- 6:00 P.M. Tony Pietrocollo
- 8:00 A.M. Janice Chesko
- 10:00 A.M. Jane Crowley
- 12:00 P.M. Grace DeCaria



CANTORS

- 6:00 P.M. Gail & Patty Frisk
- 8:00 A.M. Jim Hackett
- 10:00 A.M. Karl Zimmerman
- 12:00 P.M. Mary Beth Spielvogel

SERVERS

- 6:00 P.M. Mike Perry, Geene DeCaria, Mikaela Wadding
- 8:00 A.M. Nathaniel Wiley, Maria Wiley, Paul Sutkowski
- 10:00 A.M. Matt, Christopher, Tomas Maielli
- 12:00 P.M. Ashley Farone, Isabella Williams, Christopher Green

GREETERS

- 6:00 P.M. Guy Calabro, Joann Hart, Sharon Rombold
- 8:00 A.M. Felix Cistolo, Joyce Hackett, Pat Morabito
- 10:00 A.M. Marilyn and Steve Frost, Ann Plavecsky
- 12:00 P.M. Pat Gerello, Patty D'Ambrosio

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Please pick up your new schedules in the sacristy.

BAPTISM



BAPTISM CLASS will be on Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Religious Education Center on Bridge Street. Please call the parish office to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: September 23-25 at Seven Spring Resort in Champion, PA and November 13-15 at Bishop Connaire Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at www.e-pittsburgh.org.

CCD REGISTRATION: Have you re-registered your child or children for the 2009-2010 CCD year? All children must be registered every year. Placement on a particular day is on a first received, first placed basis. Re-registration forms (white) and New Student Registration forms (blue) may be found in the vestibule of the church. Call the CCD Office for more information. Please make sure your children are registered, as calendars will be mailed out the first week of September. Elementary CCD sessions will begin Monday, September 14th and Wednesday, September 16th.

ELEMENTARY CCD CLASSROOM AIDES NEEDED: High school students and adults are asked to consider helping out in the CCD program as classroom aides. If you believe strongly in your faith and wish to help to pass that faith on to the children of the parish, the catechetical ministry may be your calling. For more information about this ministry please call Laurie at the Religious Education Office.

UPCOMING PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

SEMINARS: All volunteers and ministers of the parish and school are required to take this seminar in order to be in compliance with the Diocese's Safe Environment Policy. Please note dates the seminar will be offered in the area in the month of September:

Date: Wed., September 16
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: St. Vincent de Paul, New Castle

Date: Tuesday, September 29
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: St. Vitus, New Castle

RCIA THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A

CATHOLIC? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is fundamentally the process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community. If you think you may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church and would like more information, please call Kay Bellissimo or Laurie Nocera at 724-752-1271.



Coffee & Donuts Social Club Mini Breakfast will be on September 13th after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. Everyone is welcome!

GOLDEN AGERS will begin on September 16th in the Catholic Center. They will begin at 12:30 P.M. **Please enter the Center from the Lawrence Avenue side.** Thank You.



There will be a Blood Drive on **October 6th** at the Calvin Presbyterian Church on Crescent Avenue from 12 Noon until 7:00 P.M.