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Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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.

Isaiah 35:5-6

GOD LIFTS US UP

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded, and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God's presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God's healing of us in our own vulnerability.

BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

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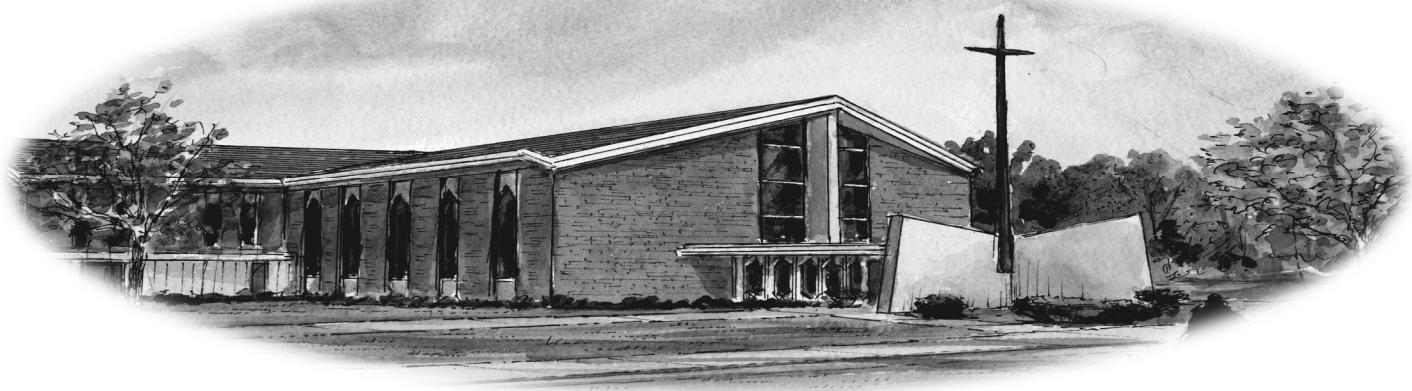
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Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before

9:00 am daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 pm

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 4th

5:00pm— Joseph M. Hallisey

Sunday, September 5th

8:30am— Albert & Germaine Bernard

10:30am— Antonietta & Salvatore

Santilli

Monday, September 6th

9:00am— For all our deceased
parishioners & benefactors

Tuesday, September 7th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Wednesday, September 8th

9:00am— Joseph E. Ware Jr.

Thursday, September 9th

9:00am— Sal & Dolores Brunetti

Friday, September 10th

9:00am— Michele Orsini

Saturday, September 11th

5:00pm— Ludger & Celena Martin

Sunday, September 12th

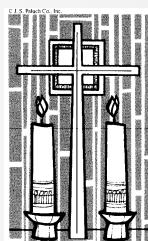
8:30am— Reverend John J. Crawford
and Tom & Charlotte Crawford

10:30am— Luigi Gaetani

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will burn from 9/6/2021—

9/12/2021 in memory of Arlete
Santos.



The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle will
burn from 9/6/2021—9/12/2021 for All
God's Children.



**The Second Collection next weekend will
be the monthly collection.**

To our generous parishioners:

**Due to our participation in the Archdioce-
san Forward in Faith Campaign, this year
there will be no Annual Collection the first
weekend of October.** The emphasis this
year will be achieving the goals set forth in
the Forward in Faith Campaign. Half of all
funds raised will help parishes meet their own
needs. The remaining funds will help The
Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) carry
out the mission of the Catholic Church by
meeting the evolving needs of the parish
communities.

**The rectory will be closed on Monday,
September 6th for Labor Day.**

**Thank you to all who donated to our
special second collection last weekend to
help the devastation in Haiti from the
Earthquake and Tropical Storm. We offer
continued Prayers for Haiti.**

**A message from the Archdiocese of
Hartford:** Due to a further threat of the spread
of COVID-19, the archdiocese is recommend-
ing but not requiring the wearing of masks in
church to everyone at this point.

**We have recently restored our lovely statue
of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** We ask your
cooperation in refraining from touching or
placing flowers or any items on Mary or on her
pedestal. These items often damage the finish
on Our Lady. Thank you so much!



WEDDING BANNS
WILLIAM CARNES &
KIMBERLY BRONSON

We have remaining 2022 MEMORIAL MASSES/SANCUARY and BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CANDLES. To reserve a mass for a loved one call the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Our weekday Mass offering is \$10 & our weekend offering is \$20. Our Candle offering is \$10.00.

Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes an urgent matter. Father Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

Attention all parents/guardians: During Mass we request that children would always be accompanied to the restrooms by a parent or adult.

F.Y.I: We have a CINTAS Professional First Aid Cabinet available if an injury occurs to a parishioner during Mass. Please alert an usher to notify the Sacristan of the injury. We have a disabled restroom in the west corner of Fr. Crawford Hall.

Hartford Polish Saturday School welcomes all children (ages 5 & up) to learn the Polish language, history, culture and traditions. We offer classes from Kindergarten through 8th grade as well as a “Polish as a foreign language” program. We invite all interested to our Open House September 11th 2021 from 10am – 1pm at 35 Groton Street in Hartford. Visit us at <http://www.polskaszkolahartford.com>. Call 860-966-9825 or e-mail hpss@polkskolkahartford.com.

INCARNATION WOMEN'S CLUB

UPDATE: We will resume General Meetings in October. The membership mailing will be sent out in early September and will include info. about club activities planned for the remainder of the year.

We ask parishioners to please notify the rectory if you will be moving so that we can update our records. Thank you!



What is The Hartford Bishops' Foundation?

Founded in 2016, The Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) is dedicated to engaging donors in helping the Archdiocese of Hartford carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. The independent Foundation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the Archdiocese's constituencies: parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. For more information, please visit www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org

What is *Forward with Faith*?

***Forward with Faith* (FWF)** is a fundraising campaign to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

What are the objectives of *Forward with Faith*?

Forward with Faith seeks to raise funds to support:

Vibrant Parishes: Half of all funds raised will help the parishes meet their needs;

Educating to Re-ignite the Faith: by expanding and strengthening learning for students, administrators, teachers, clergy, and the faithful;

Champions in Service: by helping Catholic Charities with better facilities and new programs; and,

Innovation and Emerging Opportunities that promote long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes, and meet the evolving needs of the community.



PRAYER CORNER

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word mogilalos appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word ephphatha, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ephphatha, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? — James 2:5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day;

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver

Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the anamnesis, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II). Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

Church of the Incarnation Parishioners: For your information: In order to comply with the new regulations from our church envelope company, we ask parishioners to PLEASE refrain from cutting, taping, stapling or putting any stickers on their envelopes. This makes it much more difficult for the machines to process our church envelopes. Thank you!

100th Anniversary Year of The Legion of Mary: Legion of Mary Pilgrimage will be held at Lourdes in Litchfield Shrine, 50 Montfort Road, Route 118, Litchfield, CT 06759 on Saturday, September 11th. Registration is at 9am. Confessions will begin at 10am. Mass begins at the Grotto at 11:30am. Concluding prayers will begin at 3:15pm. Call (860) 567-1041 for more information. Hail Mary.....Hail Mary.....Hail Mary!!!!

Attention Pro-Lifers!! If you wish to help the endangered Unborn in the most efficacious and easy way possible. Please join us to pray the Holy Rosary on the second and/or third Saturdays of each month at Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT at 9am. Parking available in the fast track lot on New Park Avenue around the corner. Questions? Call Laura Alasso at (860) 416-2129.

JOIN US! for THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCECAN RESPECT LIFE MASS TO BE celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 AT 2P.M. at ST. BRIDGET CHURCH, CHESHIRE, CT. Archbishop Blair will present the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Award which is given to persons who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the protection of all human life.

The Jubilee House, a program of the House of Bread, is looking for volunteers to assist with teaching English to the adult immigrant and refugee population in Hartford.

Please join us for our next session of the ESOL program which will begin in mid-September and run Monday through Thursday, from 9:30-11:30 am. We ask for a 2-hour commitment from our volunteers one or more days per week. The Jubilee House is located at 40 Clifford Street in Hartford (former St. Augustine School convent). Interested volunteers should contact Michele at (860)247-3030, ext. 1048 for more information.

We welcome you to the Jubilee House!

Encounter Jesus in Sacred Scripture!

Not every Christian disciple “gets” the Bible. So why is it considered God’s sacred Word? Because Sacred Scripture is indispensable for knowing Jesus! The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School can help you engage the Bible in ways that will deepen your relationship with God. In-person, virtual and hybrid classes available: In-person classes at Saint Aloysius, Southington & Saint Gianna, West Hartford. Virtual classes as well! - Enroll now to start on 9/11 at: www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org (860)242-5573, x 2679.



Church of the Incarnation Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration for the 2021-2022 academic year for families in Grades K-9 will take place soon. Look for email notifications, details, and information coming your way shortly for options beginning this fall. All registration will take place on-line via our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

The Year of Saint Joseph: In December 2020, Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 the Year of Joseph, thus celebrating the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Protector of the Universal Church. Marking the occasion, the Pope issued the apostolic letter “*Patris Corde*” (With a Father’s Heart) in which he lovingly reflects on St. Joseph as a beloved, caring, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous working father, and a father in the shadows. An opportunity to delve into the richness of the Pope’s letter will be offered at Christ the King Parish on 8 Wednesdays from September 8th to October 27th. Sessions will be held at 1:30 p.m. (Group 1) and at 7:00 p.m. (Group 2). Call Sister Mary Bernard (Shanley) at: marybshanleycsj@hotmail.com.

It is not too late to give to the 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal!! It is only with YOUR help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of \$10 Million! This year’s Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2021 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need throughout the Archdiocese. All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

9/11 DAYS OF RELECTION AND REMEMBRANCE

The Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford invites people of all faiths to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with two days of prayer, reflection/remembrance of the victims of that day and the ensuing Gulf Wars. 9/11 Memorial 2-Day Event lead by The Knights of Columbus: Friday, Sept. 10, 2021; 7:30AM-8PM; Sat., Sept. 11, 2021; 7:30 AM-9AM Mass; 4PM-8PM. Program includes: color guards, masses, patriotic rosaries, prayers & reading of the names of victims. 4:00 PM Vigil on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 9/11

Mass of Remembrance with Color Guards and excerpts from the Faure Requiem.

Come and pray for the souls of all those lost and their descendants who are also victims. Everyone is welcome. Parking is accessible from Asylum Avenue. Knights will be there to guide you. Spend as little or as much time as you wish. Name reading and other volunteers can contact Laz Donabedian at 860 966-7226, or Laz@sipusa.com. Also please contact Laz with the names of any victims’ family members and descendants.

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