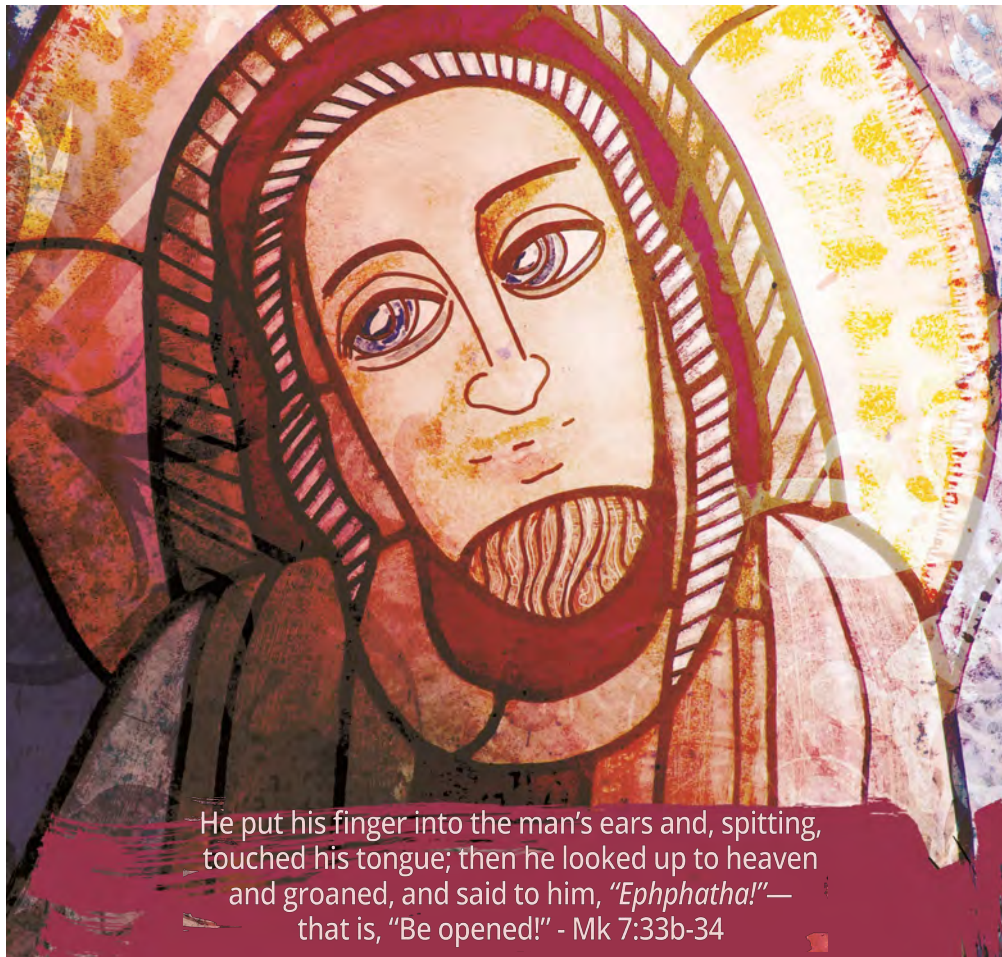


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He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

For over 80 years, Alcoholics Anonymous has helped people overcome addictions to alcohol, drugs, and other destructive behaviors. When people working the program achieve a certain level of serenity and healing, they learn that it is not enough to simply stop drinking or using drugs. If they are to know true and lasting healing, they cannot keep their stories to themselves. They have to reach out to others with the good news. The same is true with those who are healed by Jesus. They are so overcome with joy after their encounter with him that they have to tell everyone about it. It is interesting that throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus commands people not to tell anyone who he is and what he has done for them. He

needed it to be clear that he was not a political Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule, but a suffering servant who would free them from the tyranny of sin. Nonetheless, those whom Jesus heals cannot help but tell everyone they meet about the prophet who restored them to health. For them, telling the story of Jesus' healing power is part of the healing process itself.

This Sunday's gospel is no different. Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man and heals his speech impediment. Throughout his whole life he was unable to hear the sounds all around him. Now the first voice he hears is that of Jesus commanding his ears to be opened. He cannot help but tell everyone about the miracle that God performed.

Jesus continues to be in our midst exercising his healing powers. Because of our own prayers or those of others, we may find ourselves finally able to forgive someone who has hurt us. Or we may find the ability to let go of a burden of anger which we have been carrying for years. Or we may simply be overcome with a sense of God's infinite mercy and believe that our sins have been forgiven. In one way or another, each of us has been touched by Jesus and healed. Now it is up to us to tell others about it so that they too may meet Jesus, the healer. If we want to hold on to the healing we have received, and if we want it to deepen in our lives, we must spread the good news about what Jesus has done for us. - Douglas Sousa/edited

**PM** MASS INTENTIONS


<b>SEPT. 4 SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Oakland Family</i>
<b>SEPT. 5 SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. Stephanie Phillips Eddy†</b> <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. Rodney Kerekes</b> <i>Rachel Kerekes</i>
<b>SEPT. 6 - SEPT. 10</b>
<b>No 8:00 a.m. WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
<b>SEPT. 11 SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m. Lena Klug†</b> <i>Joan Klug</i>
<b>SEPT. 12 SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Ralbusky &amp; Beck Family</i>
<b>10:00 a.m. Megan Freeland Roskovensky</b> <i>Latrisha C. Whitelatch</i>

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns this week for  
*Stephanie Eddy*

*To the family and loved ones of Sara Walters, our heartfelt condolences.*

*With Sympathy*

*Oh Virgin immaculate, thou who by a singular privilege of grace wast preserved from original sin, look in pity upon our separated brethren, who are nevertheless thy children, and call them back to the center of unity.*



*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Feast Sept. 8



**St. Joseph Pilgrimages Planned**

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with faithful from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by making a pilgrimage to significant churches in the state named for the Guardian of the Redeemer and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider embarking on a St. Joseph pilgrimage at one of three notable churches under his patronage with Mass and special tours of the churches on the second Sunday of each month from September to November (Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14.)

- St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Queen St., Martinsburg. Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 13th and Eoff streets, Wheeling. Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 229 California Ave., Weirton. Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Mark Brennan encourages Catholics in West Virginia to visit the churches, chapels, and missions in the diocese named in honor of St. Joseph. This act of faith and spiritual renewal will gain a plenary indulgency under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and total detachment from all sin, including venial sin. The faithful are also invited to join fellow Catholics in the Parkersburg Vicariate for a special pilgrimage to St. Joseph

Chapel at 101 W. Penn Ave., Pennsboro, from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Volunteers will lead a rosary at 3:45 p.m. followed by the Litany to St. Joseph and silent prayer. A tour of the church and reception will follow.

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph for the worldwide Church, which began Dec. 8, 2020, and will conclude Dec. 8, 2021. Bishop Brennan has extended the Year of St. Joseph in our diocese to conclude on the Solemnity of St. Joseph March 19, 2022. The culmination of the Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated with Mass and other special events at the Co-cathedral of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.


“May our faith in God and our devotion to His great servant, St. Joseph, bring us closer to Jesus Christ and one another,” Bishop Brennan says.

*To the family and loved ones of Patricia Kurelac, our heartfelt condolences.*

*With Sympathy*



**WE ARE TAKING UP A** collection this weekend for Haiti after the recent earthquake and tropical storm that devastated the island nation.



**Prayer REQUESTS**

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Mike Gardill, Richard Targosky Sr., Sandina Leonard.

**CALENDAR**

Monday Sept. 13	<b>PSR (CCD) REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/PSR-Form">sfxmoundsville.org/PSR-Form</a>
Tuesday Sept. 21 6:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall</b>
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	<b>EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS</b> Church Hall 6:30 p.m. <a href="http://sfxmoundsville.org/Romans_Registration.pdf">sfxmoundsville.org/Romans_Registration.pdf</a>
Oct. 7,8,9	<b>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS</b>
Friday Nov. 12	<b>K of C FISH FRY</b> Time TBA

**SCHEDULES SEPT. 11 & 12**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / L. Magnone**  
8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**  
10:00 a.m. **R. Petrone / L. Yoho**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**ALL MASSES - Please Volunteer**

**SACRISTY - Please Volunteer**

Jenny Ingram / Daunell Gump

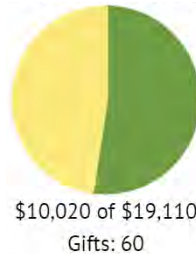
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Candles	\$54.00
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Online Giving	\$320.15
Attendance	203

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THANK YOU

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W. Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**WE ARE PAST** the halfway point of our CSA goal, and that means all donations now come to the parish. Thank you to those who contributed. Please consider sharing a gift if you can. [sfxmoundsville.org](http://sfxmoundsville.org)



**FR. THAT SON WILL BE AWAY** for the next two weeks, so in case of emergency, please text or call him at 408-858-7467. For any funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Arul Anthony at 304-281-4844. Please Inquire at the parish office should you have other needs while Father is away.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE**

who supported the SFX Relay for Life team for the American Cancer Society. We raised \$2,220 at this year's event themed "Pirates of the Cure-abbean."



Lilly Whitelatch, team Leader Lottie Durbin's granddaughter, helps out in pirate style!

We appreciate all who attended, donated, and volunteered. The SFX team participates in the track-and-field inspired event as part of the Marshall County Relay for Life organization.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

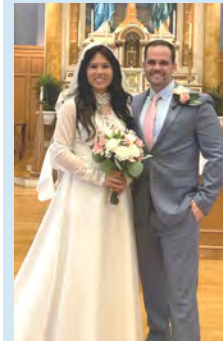
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

*Happily Ever After ...*



Congratulations and our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Albert, who exchanged wedding vows Aug. 19 in the church. May God bless Meagan and Jacob abundantly in love, joy, and happiness as they begin their new life together.

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF OUR** Lady of Peace Parish is sponsoring a quarter auction Sun., Sept. 19, at the Peace Family Center in Mount Olivet.

Doors open at noon, and the auction starts at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5.00. For more information please contact the parish office at 304-242-6579.

**PARENTING AND FAMILY EXPERT**

Dr. Ray, host of the EWTN show "Living Right with Dr. Ray," will visit St. Michael Parish in Wheeling Monday, Sept. 13, to talk about confident parenting, stronger marriages, and better families.

Dr. Ray's presentation, titled "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent," starts at 6:30 p.m. The doctor will hold a question-and-answer session following his talk and after that refreshments are being served.

If you need childcare so you can attend, please contact Amanda Voellinger at 304-780-7096.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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