



*He
makes the
deaf hear*

and the mute speak

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September 9, 2018 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We fear many things in our world in these times. The words of Isaiah are comforting: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened; Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, [who] comes with vindication; with divine recompense [God] comes to save you."

Even nature thrives in God's mercy and love. "Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water." We worry a great deal about the state of

our beautiful wild places, but here God promises healing of our lands and nature refuges as a reassurance of our own healing from sin and death.

The sin of destruction of our environment, and the serious evidence all around us of storms, wildfires, tornados, rising sea levels, floods, and increasing heat testify to our lack of care for our beautiful earth. But the earth, under God, resists our destructive actions and will warn us of our sin by the ferocity of its weather and wildness.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00 pm	September 8, 2018 †Barb Flatt req. by Jerry & Carmen Kinsella
Sunday, 9:00 am	September 9, 2018 The teachers & catechists of the Religious Education program to have a successful year / The Parish Family of St. Patrick
Monday, 9:00 am	September 10, 2018 Remembering the victims of September 11, 2001
Tuesday, 6:00 pm	September 11, 2018—NO MASS Adoration until 9 pm
Wednesday,	September 12, 2018—NO MASS
Thursday, 9:00 am	September 13, 2018 †Caroline Stromski req. by Family
Friday, 9:00 am	September 14, 2018 Adoration until 11 am
Saturday, 5:00 pm	September 15, 2018 †Jerry Robbins req. by Doug & Nola Johnston
Sunday, 9:00 am	September 16, 2018 †Barb Flatt req. by Paul & Cathy Engler / The Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, September 15 - 5:00 pm
Nick & Ella Phelps
Sunday, September 16 - 9:00 am
Jimmy & Nicole Quigley

Lector

Saturday, September 15 - 5:00 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, September 16 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, September 15 - 5:00 pm
Donald & Cynthia Raymond
Sunday, September 16 - 9:00 am
Grace Niemiec

Usher:

Saturday, September 15 - 5:00 pm
Mark Tillotson, John Meyer
Sunday, September 16 - 9:00 am
Eddie Horath, Bruce Boyle

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Hoehn & Nugent

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, September 2\$1,836.50
Maintenance.....\$559.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,910.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,411.00
2017 Rebate	\$ 0



Diocese of Joliet

Thank you for your generous response.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting the Online Giving link. It's easy and it's convenient!



Our Two Week
Candle is burning
For Shay Phelan
Req. by
Dan & Lynne Phelan



Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.



START COLLECTING YOUR SCRAP METALS

Religious Education will again be
having their annual
Scrap Drive

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9 am—12 pm

East Parking Lot

List of acceptable items
is in the vestibule

Religious Education classes start September 9, 2018 from 10 am until 11:30 am . The 7th & 8th grade will help with the scrap drive to receive their community service hours. Also, any high schooler can sign up to help for their community service .

We NEED YOU!

When Our Phone Rings, Will You Answer It?

Somewhere in the world, a lost soul is dialing our toll-free number hoping to find help. Will you answer that call?

If God is calling you to help others, consider becoming a phone counselor for The Upper Room Crisis Hotline. We are a Faith-Based Hotline in the Catholic tradition providing counseling and referral assistance to anyone struggling to find his or her way back to God. We help everyone regardless of their faith or background.

To be a phone counselor, you don't need experience in mental health or phone work, although it is helpful. What you will need is a love for people and a strong desire to help the lonely, frightened, and confused.

We provide all the training.

If this ministry touches your heart, please call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at [815-341-9124](tel:815-341-9124), or email catholichotline@gmail.com with questions. Our next training session begins September 11th. You can also check us out at catholichotline.org. Thank you and God bless!

Catholic Elementary School Educators Needed

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary Schools are seeking passionate and committed professional educators to fill the positions outlined below. Applicants must possess appropriate state licensure and be devout Catholics who have a passion for and commitment to Catholic Education.

-Full-time JHS Science Teacher: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, Naperville

-Full-time grade 4/5 Science and Religion Teacher: St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic School, Downers Grove

-Part-time Social Worker / Guidance Counselor: Holy Family Catholic School, Bensenville

-Part time Instructional Assistant (Preschool): St. Matthew Catholic School, Glendale Heights

-Part-time Spanish Teacher: St. Joseph Catholic School, Lockport

-Part-time Technology Coordinator / Teacher: St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School, Romeoville

-Part-time Aimsweb Resource Teacher (1 day per week): St. Joseph Catholic School, Manhattan

Please apply online at www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp

Should you have questions, please contact Karen Udell at 815-221-6123.

St. Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook is seeking to hire a full time secretary for its front office. Background or experience in administrative duties, computer literacy, bi-lingual (English and Spanish) written and verbal communication skills, and an ability to deal with the public, are necessary. This is a full time position with benefits. Applicants are requested to email a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to:

llewandowski@stdominiccc.org



Joyful Again !

Program for Widowed Men and Women

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

All are invited. The Joyful Again ! Retreat/workshop is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to again find hope and new joy in life. This unique program will be held at these dates/locations.

Oct. 6 & 7 - St. Ann's, Channahon

Nov. 10 & 11 –Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia

Nov. 17 & 18– Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Hse., Lemont

For further information, call : 708-354-7211

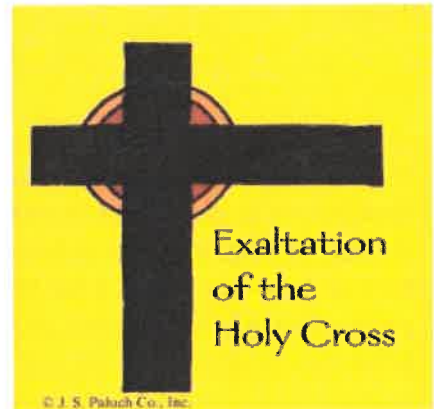
Email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org (includes video)

Register early, space is limited

Did not God choose those who are
poor in the world to be rich in
faith and heirs to the kingdom?

-- James 2:5





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Grace Niemiec; Cathy Engler, Loretta Long, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, Bonnie Hack; Ron Bzdil; Adrian Wilkerson, Michelle Schneider; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Jim McGrath, Sister Anne Ellen Quirk; Torie Jasinski; Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Don Tures; Kyle Cassidy; Derek Knauer; Marilyn Cieply; Norma Boyle; Gehrman family; Judith Wright; Lorenzo Rossi; Joyce Albers

Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

- That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



Our Lady of Sorrows

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
September 9, 2018**



Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day;

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.
--Marcus Aurelius



SHOW NO PARTIALITY

Not only do we at times show little care for the earth and its beauty, but we resist the command of God to care for each other in our need. James warns us not to give pride of place to those who are rich and obviously so. He points out the needy, those poorly dressed, and warns us to care for them and not to look down on them, for God sees their need and also their trust in God and love for others. It is to such as these that Jesus came, healing and giving hope.

Similarly, in the reading from Isaiah, God's coming is accompanied by the opening of the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind. God comes to make the lame leap and the mute sing. (So, everybody, please sing in church. It gives glory to God!)

BE OPENED

Jesus came to give hope to the little ones, those who could not fulfill the laws of the Pharisees to keep kosher with separate jugs, kettles, and so on, because they were too poor to afford two of everything. They could not afford doctors or the healing practices of the time. But Jesus gave them hope.

A person who was lame and mute would have had no way to be made "normal" in those days. But Jesus has mercy on those in need, and he cured the deaf and mute man and restored him to his community.

In what way are we lacking in faith or in hope that we will be healed by Christ? We often forget how much God loves us and how close God is to us every day. If we could just remember this, we would not be afraid, would not feel inadequate in our dealings with the world, nor would we lack courage in protecting our world from destruction.

God loves us beyond any love we could comprehend, and stands ready to heal all our wounds and to bless us with the gifts of secure faith, firm hope, and love for each other in Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

9/9/2018