

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:3-37



KEY VERSE: "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (v 37).

READING: Jesus went to the Gentile area of the Decapolis, a league of ten cities in eastern Palestine. There a deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him for healing. Perhaps it was the man's inability to hear that made his speech unintelligible. The gestures that Jesus used to affect the cure were used by healers of his time. Jesus put his hands in the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle, which was thought to have curative powers. Then he groaned "Be opened" (Aramaic, "Ephphatha" used in baptismal ceremonies even today). Jesus looked to heaven, the divine source of his healing power, and with a word and touch, the man's hearing and speech were restored. He thus fulfilled the Messianic promise that "the deaf shall hear" and "the mute will sing" (Is 29:18, 35:6). Fearing his deeds might be misinterpreted, Jesus asked the people not to speak of this miracle. But they acted like the deaf, unable to hear his command. Yet they were not mute in announcing his praises.

REFLECTING: Am I deaf and mute to the proclamation of the Gospel?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, open my ears to your word and loosen my tongue to praise you.

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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
September 6, 2009

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P: Come to our aid, O God of the universe, and put all the nations in dread of You! Raise Your hand against the heathen and they may realize Your power.		
R: Take pity on Your holy city, Jerusalem, Your dwelling place.		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.		
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R: Praise the Lord my soul!		
Second Reading		James 2:1-5
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
C: Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!		
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“Hear the prayer of Your servant, thus it will be known to the very ends of the earth, that You are the eternal God”

Sirach 36:16



Seventh Annual Fall Golf Outing

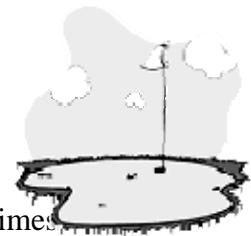
October 4, 2009

Butler Lakeside Course

Price \$80 Tee Off Time 12 Noon

Sign up as soon as possible so an estimated number of tee times needed. Final date for sign up and payment is September 13th

See Neil Rushnock or Dick Contrella



Adult Bible Class and Church Apologetic

Beginning on Tuesday, September 22nd, Father Bruce will be offering an adult Bible study and Church Apologetic Class at 7:00P.M. The classes will be informal. Many times we wonder why we do things in the Church and what are the Church's teachings and where they came from. These classes will explore through Holy Scripture, Ancient Church Traditions and Writings, and PNCC Doctrines to understand our Catholic Faith and bring a renewed interest to our formal Church education. We are never too old to learn about who we are and bring a deeper meaning to being a member of Christ's Church. These classes are opened to all and yes, you can bring friends from outside our parish to class.

Youth Organization

Holy Family parish would like to revitalize the Youth Club of the parish which has been dormant the past few years. Fr. Bruce is looking for someone(s) to head the Youth Ministry for Holy Family. The future of our parish lies in our youth and this is a much needed organization. Please call Fr. Bruce of your interest.

Congratulations to Neil Rushnock, winner of the YMSR Steeler Ticket Raffle. The winning number was 981.

Mon Valley “Believe Campaign”

Extra buttons have been ordered. The purpose of the “Believe” campaign is to help people believe in something again. The emphasis is to believe in God, but also to believe in themselves, so they can have a better self esteem to better their lives, their neighborhoods, and their community and churches.

**Parish Annual Family Picnic
Sunday, September 13th
Lake Emily Pavilion
1:00 P.M.**



A sign up sheet for covered dishes is in the parish vestibule. Please sign up to eliminate entrée duplications. Everyone, come and enjoy the day with your Church Family and Friends.

Autumn Flea Market

Start cleaning out the garages and basements for the Autumn Three Church Flea Market, Saturday, September 19, 2009

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in the parish parking lot
\$10.00 per table. For table reservation
Call Janis Gibala @ 412.678.7347



SAMBS Annual Steeler Party

Sunday, September 20th

Door Opens 3:00 P.M. Big Screen TV

Dinner Buffet, Chinese Auction, Complimentary Drinks
(BYOB)

Adults \$15.00 Child (under 10) \$7.00

For Tickets call Barbara Tadajski @ 412.953.7823
or any SAMB Member



Spojnia 100 Percent PNU Family Campaign

Is everyone in your family a PNU member? Not yet? From now through September 30th, everyone in your family will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of being a PNU member. During this open enrollment period, all medical exams will be waived making enrollment easier. For more details on the PNU, its products and benefits, please contact Irene Jugan or Rosalie Clark here at Church so they can show you the many benefits of the PNU and welcome you as part of our 100% PNU Family.



Opening Hymn: "Just As I Am"

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me.
And that Thou bidd'st me, come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fighting's and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Closing Hymn: "This Day God Gives Me"

This day God gives me, strength of high heaven
Sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth
Flash of lightning, wind in its swiftness
Depths of the ocean, firmness on earth.

This day God sends me, strength as my guardian
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful. Your ears are list'ning
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way; God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
All that would harm me stand by me still.

Rising I thank you, Mighty and strong One
King of creation, Giver of rest,
Firmly confessing, Three-ness of Persons
Oneness of God head, Trinity blest.

Theme: The Eyes of Faith.

We begin our solemn celebration with the ancient hymn, "Just as I Am." Each year a popular magazine lists the 100 Most Beautiful People. Usually they are listed as beautiful for their celebrity, their physical appearance and sometimes their achievements. Most often they are listed because of their fame. James in the second reading even mentions how a fashionably dressed person is placed in a seat of honor. We stand in awe of these types of people and sometimes lower our own self esteem. Personally I know more than 100 beautiful people that will never make a list because they are not a celebrity, just people who love and keep the faith.

Faith does not mean seeing clearly and knowing the answers. It means, trusting God amid doubt and uncertainty; being open to truth as far as we can discern it in God's word in Scripture, in the reality of our lives. Just as our opening song suggests, we walk in faith knowing God will take care of all our needs.

We close our solemn liturgy with the song, "This Day God Gives Me", highlighting the belief we keep each day following the guidance God gives to us. He takes care of our needs as long as we keep our eyes and ears focused to Him and not be blinded nor deafened by this secular world which is so desperately trying to eliminate Him from society and unfortunately succeeding in the name of political correctness and diversity even when it is in direct conflict to God's Word.

My friends, God is calling you to respond and not lose faith. Do not let secular distractions keep you away from Him and His Church. God is calling you, just as you are to keep His banners flying.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team
Greeters	B.Kijowski
Ushers	J. Lawrence & R. Contrella
Acolytes	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth
Greeter	M. Sleczkowski
Ushers	Youth
Acolytes	All Servers



This Week

Sunday, September 6, 2009 **23rd Ordinary Time**
SAMBS Mission Collection

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
+Tom Tondera Int. wife Kay Tondera; +Anthony Davelli Int Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Parknavy

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 **Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Church Banner Making 6:00 P.M.

Chopin Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 12, 2009

PNU Seminar 10:00 A.M.

All Saints, Carnegie

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Brotherly Love Sunday

Special Envelope for the Spojnia Home, Waymart, PA

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.

+Mary Paliscak Int. Mr. & Mrs. T. Kleckner; +Vincent Leo Int.

Josephine Tarli

SAMBS Monthly Meeting 10:15 A.M.

Parish Family Picnic, Renzie Park 1:00 P.M.

School of Christian Living Classes will resume Sunday, September 20th after the 9:00 A.M. Mass

Second Sunday Mass will resume Sunday, September 20th. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. upon request of those who attend this mass celebration.

Banns of Marriage II: Valerie Lazar and Shawn Davis. The Marriage will be solemnized September 19, 2009.