

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8- 9, 2018

Fr. Anthony Ligato

Ephphatha! Let Your Heart Be Opened!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Gospel of Mark, often after Jesus heals, he gives the command to those who were healed to stay quiet about the healing they received. This command was rarely if ever followed by those Jesus commanded to remain quiet. This is true in today's Gospel as well. Today's Gospel from Mark 7:31-37 this fact explicitly," he ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it." Jesus asked for nothing to be said after he had healed the deaf man who had a speech impediment. The words of Jesus which brought about the healing go beyond physical healing to spiritual and emotional healing as well. "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." Jesus not only opened the ears of the deaf man, he opened his mouth which allowed him to proclaim to others that he was healed. How do we know this? The fact we are telling others today about this healing. The deaf man must have told others and those who witnessed the healing as well. The Aramaic word Ephphatha is referring to far more than physical healing. Jesus opened the hearts of all those who witnessed the healing as well as the man who was healed. "They were exceedingly astonished, and they said, He has done all things well."

St. Augustine tells us that the ultimate act of healing happens on the cross, "By His death, the one most true sacrifice offered on our behalf, He purged, abolished and extinguished whatever guilt we had." When Jesus healed the deaf man, he groaned for his groan was the pain and suffering Jesus himself would suffer on the cross as he was bringing about a new creation. Recreation and Healing happens for us all by Jesus extending his hands on the cross. The Ephphatha prayer is said during the Rite of Baptism "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen." With the pouring of water and anointing with oil and extending of hands over the baptized, we are recreated and that which was lost in the garden at the first creation is made new in Jesus' extending of his hands on the cross.

The people of Israel had to remain hopeful even as they suffered and were persecuted especially when they were in exile in Babylon. They longed for restoration and the words of the Prophet Isaiah promised a future restoration. But just as they expected an earthly king, they expected a physical healing in turn they received a spiritual healing that brought about a new creation. "Thus, says the Lord, Be strong not! Here is your God he comes with vindication, with divine recompense he comes to save you." (Isaiah 35:4-7a) Isaiah encourages Israel in exile to remain open to God and not shut themselves off to divine healing.

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Just as Israel had to remain open to the future hope of restoration, the author of James encourages the early church to be open and not discriminate against the poor, the marginalized and the impoverished. The second reading this Sunday is a homily given by the author of James which encouraged the church to remain open to receiving all people into the church no matter what their station in life or their background, whether it be rich or poor, slave or free, man or woman. "Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters, did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him." (James 2:1-5) The Ephphatha prayer that Jesus makes is clearly about more than just physical healing. The author of James says for us to be open and not discriminate against the poor and destitute but rather to receive all people with an openness of heart. What we are healed from in our baptism is prejudice, anger and fear. Knowing we are healed and the Lord opens our hearts to God's eternal word and as Psalm 146 proclaims we open our mouths and proclaim, "Praise the Lord my soul!" The Ephphatha prayer of Jesus opens more than just the ears and mouth of those who need to be healed it opens first our hearts so that we can accept Christ's healing. Let your hearts be opened, Ephphatha!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Anthony Ligato

We need volunteers to help with various tasks as we once again meet to plan for our **FIFTH** Veterans' Day Celebration beginning with morning Mass on Saturday, November 10, 2018. If you would like to help out in any way, such as assisting in the Liturgical Celebration, planning the Memorial Service, developing the program, decorating or planning for refreshments in the Dammann Hall at the conclusion of the services, please contact Bill Dedrick at 518-283-0311 or b.dedrick@verizon.net. There will be a general meeting for all who would like to help on Tuesday, September 11 at 11AM in the Parish Center

CALLING ALL VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS

Chancel Choir begins rehearsing on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30PM, please meet in the Church. This group provides the music for 9AM Masses.

Project Praise will begin playing on Sunday, September 23, 2018. We will rehearse at 10:45AM on Sundays and then provide music for the 11:30AM Masses. Instruments are welcomed. If you have any questions regarding these groups please contact Nick Ascoti at naamusic@nycap.rr.com or see me after any Mass. Please consider joining either group and share your time and talent with our St. Jude Community.

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September 22, 2018
9AM until 3PM

Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville

In Catholic tradition, a “Eucharistic Congress” is a special gathering led by the Bishop focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. The day will include:

- Mass with the Bishop
- Inspirational speakers
- Activities for Children & Youth
- Eucharistic Adoration & Procession
- Tours of the Shrine
- Fellowship & Unity with other Catholics

All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Please register at rcda.org/heartsaflame.

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR HEARTS AFLAME

Hearts Aflame is only a few weeks away! It is important to register in advance at rcda.org/heartsaflame, or by using one of the printed registration forms. This historic gathering is for everyone in our diocese. Led by bishop Ed, the event’s primary focus is on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. This will be a time of spiritual renewal for our whole diocese. The day will include:

- *Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger*
- *Inspirational speakers*
- *Activities for Children and Youth*
- *Eucharistic Adoration & Procession*
- *Tours of the Shrine*
- *Fellowship & Unity with other Catholics*

Hearts a flame will be held on September 22, 2018 from 9AM until 3PM, at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. All in the Diocese of Albany are invited to attend. Register at rcda.org/heartsaflame

2018-2019 MASS BOOK
Thursday, September 13, 2018
9AM

Masses are still only \$10.00 per mass.
Reminder: first come—first serve, Only four masses will be taken at one time

PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Karen Cornwell, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Stephen Finelli, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Nancy Hannigan, Tony Huneau, Fran Geise, Mary Ellen Gibson, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Cheryl Kresky, James E. Madden, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, David Manning, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvelly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritovoto, Laney Robillard, Isabella Rodino, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Leona Toniatti, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Richard Vonk, Holly Wait, and Sharon Wiliking.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, Joe McMillen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz and Specialist Joshua Abbott.**



We pray for our recently
deceased parishioners and friends.

Joseph Elligott, Brother of Ronald Elligott

May he and all our departed loved ones, friends, relatives, and parishioners enjoy forever the brightness of the eternal light.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The buses are running and the kids are off to school, so drivers be alert! It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus in either direction when the bus has the red flashing lights on. You should always make eye contact with the bus driver before proceeding and make the driver wave you on to proceed

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

FR. LIGATO AWAY AT CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 14-20

I will be away at the National Conference of Diocesan Vocations Directors in Scottsdale Arizona from September 14-20. I will be representing the Diocese of Albany as Vicar for Vocations and as coordinating Vocations Director for the 8 Dioceses of New York State for which I will be leading the New York State Contingent of New York State Vocations Directors. I will be back on the 20th in time for the Eucharistic Congress on September 22. Fr. James Mackey, Fr. Carl Urban and Bishop Scharfenberger will be celebrating the 6 masses at St. Jude the Apostle and St. Michael the Archangel on the weekend of September 15-16. Fr. Mackey, Fr. Ingemie and Fr. Deimeke will celebrate the daily Masses. Fr. Mackey and Fr. Deimeke will be available in case of emergencies and Funerals.

Thank you, Fr. Anthony Ligato

VIRTUS TRAINING

There will be a Virtus Training on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:30PM in the School Gym. This one time training is required for all adults who will be working or volunteering for the Church or School where there is a program or an event that involves children. Please register online at www.virtus.org

FALL FESTIVAL 9/29 SAVE THE DATE

Planning has begun for our 13th Annual Festival and WE NEED YOU!!! We are looking for people to join one of our subcommittees which include advertising, sponsorship/donations, volunteers coordinating, entertainment, or you can chair a specific food booth. Please consider joining our festival planning committee—many hands make light fun work! Please contact Jessica at 518-229-3079 or StJudeFestival@outlook.com to help or share any new ideas or recommendations!

BAKERS NEEDED!!

VOLUNTEERS!!! Dessert Booth—Calling all of our fabulous bakers!! Looking for donations of baked goods for the festival. Donations can be dropped off Friday night (9/28). If you are able to help please contact Patti Mugrace at 283-1162 or at mugrap@gmail.com



DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned pasta/meat, shampoo, bar soap and feminine products.*

12 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.



Team Pathways representatives will be at the entrance of the Church after all Masses and at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast selling Fair Trade products—coffee, tea, chocolate bars, almonds and more—next weekend, September 15th & 16th. by your purchases, you act in solidarity with small farmers who feed their families, strengthen their communities and preserve their environment with your help. Together we can make a difference! Thank you for your continued support!!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

September 9, 2018

9:00AM Morgan McEvelly
11:30AM Michelina Wojton

CHILDREN'S
Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, September 16, 2018

9:00AM Morgan McEvelly
11:30AM Carmella Moore

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

First Class at 10:30AM September 9th in the Church
Parents & Children will meet in Church.

The end of the summer is fast approaching and with it comes a new year of school as well as Faith Formation! If you have not yet re-registered for Faith Formation—Grades K-6 or are registering for the first time, we ask that you complete a registration form (forms are available in the Parish Office) and submit it with the registration fee ASAP. You may also call the Parish Office and ask to have a form mailed or e-mailed to you. If you have any questions, please e-mail Patti Mugrace at: mugrap@gmail.com.



TEAM PATHWAYS

Grades 7-10

2018-2019 Registration

Team Pathways is the High School Ministry program for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th.

Registration can be done in a few easy steps:

Step 1: Go to <http://parishes.rcda.org/stjude/faithformation.html>

Step 2: Click on Faith Formation tab on right

Step 3: Click on online registration form under Team Pathways and fill out all and **CLICK SUBMIT**

Complete the registration process or by mailing to 42 Dana Avenue, Wynantskill, New York 12198 or bring it to our first meeting on September 9, 2018 in the gymnasium, (7th & 8th graders at 10:30AM) and (9th & 10th graders at 9:30AM). The cost of the program is \$45.00 per teen, \$75.00 for 2 or more children.

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Announced Masses

Saturday, September 8

4:00PM Frank Conron, *Leanne & Family*
 Millicent M. Malone, *Patti Embree*
 Joann Brochu, *Eileen Burton & Family*
 Anna Passonno, *Mike & Regina Helinski*

Sunday, September 9

9:00AM James Magur Sr., *Family*
 Kyran Devery, *Al & Mary Beth Spain*
 Thomas Gehrig, *Mary McDade*
 Eugene Flinton,
Peter & Marguerite McMillen

11:30AM Joseph Frost, *Mom., Dad,*
Matthew & Taya
 Diana Gobbi, *Maureen Hannigan*

Monday, September 10

8:00AM Jerry Jones, *Family*
2:00PM Audrey Reed, *Friends at St. Jude Apts*

Tuesday, September 11

8:00AM Victims of 9/11

Wednesday, September 12

8:00AM Carol P. Maloney, *Husband*
 Mary Dugrenier, *Family*

Thursday, September 13

8:00AM Larry Flinton, *Tom & Betty Zemanick*

Friday, September 14

8:00AM Anne Vadella, *Ligato Family*

Saturday, September 15

4:00PM Margaret Whitmore, *Family*
 Ken Burton, *Leslie Gracon & Ken Logan*
 Janet Christie, *Maureen & Ed Kehn*
 Pat Case, *Maureen & Ed Kehn*

Sunday, September 16

9:00AM Kyran Devery, *Yolanda & Ransen Caola*
 Larry Flinton, *Nancy Spain*
 Mary Jane Cioffi, *John & Hollis McEvilly*

11:30AM Louise Bowen, *Jack & Donna Singleton*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 15 & 16, 2018

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. J. Flanigan	N. Clemenzi	Family Mass
	2. M. Ghent	M. Goss	Family Mass
Ministers	H. C. Tenzyk	C. Aanonsen	MH Donnelly
	1. J. Tenzyk	P. Binck	B. Harris
	2. K. Caruso	D. Clement	Jessica D.
	3. P. Caruso	B. Cronin	
	4. K. Harriman	E. Cronin	
Servers	1. N. Harriman	E. Hansen	R. Donnelly
	2. A. Harriman	E. Parker	I. Joseph
	3. A. Hein	D. Parker	I. Joseph

Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
 Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
 9b [cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

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

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37,
 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Stewardship

Offertory support of our Parish Community week of
 9/2/2018 \$6,774.00

Total accumulated offertory for the current year to date beginning July 1, 2018 is \$54,142.00

Total Offertory budget for the current year beginning July 1, 2018 \$349,800.00

Offertory support of our Parish Community for the same week in 2017 was \$5,715.00

Total accumulated offertory for the same period year to date in 2017-2018 \$55,138.00

2nd Collection Repairs and Maintenance \$375.00

September 9, 2018 Coll. Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
September 16, 2018 Coll. Team #6 Tanya Halse
September 23, 2018 Coll. Team #7 Rose Galipeau
September 30, 2018 Coll. Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
October 7, 2018 Coll. Team #2 Peter McMillen
October 14, 2018 Coll. Team #3 Bob Myron
October 28, 2018 Coll. Team #4 John Waterbury
November 4, 2018 Coll. Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart Sat. 4P M, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM

St. Jude Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM

St. Michael Sat. 5:15, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM
 Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM

Van Rensselaer Manor Tuesdays at 1:45PM