

09/05/2021

Important information enclosed in this bulletin

**Our Mission Statement at Holy Cross:**  
To walk as Jesus did caring for the  
poor, abandoned and the  
marginalized.

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Let us pray for the deceased members of our parish and their family and friends. For all those who have died from the Covid Virus.

Pray for the sick and their caregivers and all that have asked for our prayers, **especially Baby Roscoe and his continued recovery. Tucker Hull and Trinity O'Connor, my Brother, Michael Ahern who has Covid.**

Pray for all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all First Responders and emergency personnel. For all still in Afghanistan in need of rescue.

**There will be a prayer service next Saturday Sept. 11 – the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 – we will meet in church at 6PM.**

**We will celebrate with Father David this Sunday,  
September 5, at 8:30am**



This week we  
celebrated the  
Feast of St.  
Gregory the  
Great

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: (Israel's Deliverance) Isaiah 35:4-7**

**The Word of the Lord**

**Psalm 146:6-10 God always does what He says – He defends the wronged, He feeds the hungry, God frees prisoners – gives sight to the blind, lifts up the fallen. God loves good people, protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked. God is in charge – always; Our God is God for good! Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: Against Favoritism**

**James 2:1-5**

**The Word of the Lord**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance? “Ephphatha! – that is – “Be opened” How can I be more open to God working in my life? How can I be more open to the needs of others? What good things has God done in my life lately? How can I show my gratitude for God’s goodness? The opening of the man’s ears in this Sunday’s Gospel is a sign. Venerable Bede says, “ he is deaf and dumb, who neither has ears to hear the words of God, nor opens his mouth to speak them, and such must be presented to the Lord for healing, by men who have already learned to hear and speak the divine oracles.” The opening of the heart that must happen for us all, can be brought about through the instruments of Christ, through us. Time and again Jesus calls men and women to Himself, by means of the witness of others. The love of another can open a heart, to hear the Word of God as if for the first time. This Sunday, consider what it means for ears to be opened to hear the Word, to be converted.

Lord, may my ears hear Your Word and my lips voice my praise of You both in prayer and in my conversation with others. AMEN

One of our parish family has offered to be a fund raiser chairperson. We will begin our fundraising year with a Spaghetti Supper and Chinese Auction on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Flyer and more information to come.

If you are not able to attend but would like to be a part of the event – consider donating items on the list in the back of church.

Our offertory from 8/22-29/2021                      \$635.00

The Diocesan Appeal is now going to be held in line with the fiscal year. From July 1 through June 30 every year. Therefore, this year’s Appeal has begun.

The 2020 Appeal we were assessed                      \$8,933.00

We raised a total of    \$2,853.00

Your donations to this appeal – formerly the Bishop’s Appeal can be placed in the collection box in an envelope with your number on and Diocesan Appeal written on it. Donations can also be made online directly to the Diocese. God bless you for your continued support to your parish and your Diocese.

**Parish Offertory Giving Made Easy!**

Consider setting up *weekly or monthly automatic contributions* through your bank account allowing for steady giving to our parish! A sample selection of banks offering this service is listed below. You can set up via mobile banking or visit your bank branch to ask for assistance. Please give prayerful consideration to an investment amount that reflects the value of our parish in the life of your family. Help our parish mission flourish and grow—Thank you!

Citizens Bank	<i>Auto Pay</i>	M&T Bank	<i>Bill Pay</i>
Trustco Bank	<i>Auto Pay</i>	Berkshire Bank	<i>Bill Pay</i>
Bank of America	<i>Auto Pay</i>	CapCom FCU	<i>Bill Pay</i>
KeyBank	<i>Bill Pay</i>	SEFCU	<i>iPay (Bill Pay)</i>
Pioneer Bank	<i>Bill Pay</i>	NBT Bank	<i>Bill Pay</i>

*I am checking with Communion Bank*



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**“Remember, where your treasure is, your heart is also.” Matthew 6:21**

**The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Ed Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area of the Cathedral immediately following the Mass. Please let me know if you plan to go so I can register you.**

**Coming up – Annual Collection for the Catholic University of America. September 26<sup>th</sup> weekend. Place your offering in a blank envelope with your number/name and Catholic University of America on the outside.**

**Month of October – Respect Life Month. First Sunday of October – Respect Life Sunday. We will honor St. Joseph – Defender of Life on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with a prayer Service here at Holy Cross at 5pm followed by fellowship in the Hall.**