

September 9, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckley and Tylor Wedding • †Rena Conroy by Allen and Lynda Galachiuk • †Jean Trudeau by Debbie and Pierre Lanouette • †Deceased members of the Kennelly and Fitzmaurice families by Michael Kennelly • Birthday Blessings for William O'Keefe by Pat and Jim Smith
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †Deceased members of the Morand and Boucher families by Dianne and Pierre • †Aggie Burke by Aurore and Doug Rogers • †Alex Milosek by the family • †Annie Kelly and †John Dermody by the Dermody family • †Lourdes Cui by the family
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In honour of St. Jude by Anne Delaney
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In honour of St. Jude by Anne Delaney
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In honour of St. Jude by Anne Delaney
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †Don and Jane Corbett
September 16, 2018		
Saturday	2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beg and Patterson Wedding • †Katherine and †Jeff and †deceased members of the McLaughlin/ Kennedy families by Irwin McLaughlin • †Richard Kearns by Maralyn Kearns • †Olga Nagy by Nancy Nagy • †Bob Durant by John and Marilyn Toccalino
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • †Rudy Bonin by Mary and Joe Walsh • †Michael Pierrynowski by Lena Van Doormaal
	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of the Parish
<p><u>Reconciliation</u> (In the Sacristy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday: 4 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment 		

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, O my soul! – Psalm 146

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – Isaiah 35.4 – 7

Second Reading – James 2.1 – 5

Gospel – Mark 7.31 – 37



Feast of St. John Chrysostom
September 13

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office has returned to regular hours.

The office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Submissions for the weekly bulletin need to be received Tuesday by 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is offered during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and is open to all children, kindergarten aged through Grade 3. No registration is required. We will begin again on **September 16**.

REFLECTION

The key line in today's Gospel by Mark is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (Genesis 1:31). Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God." Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

Excerpted from Scott Hanh's Sunday Reflections, stpaulcenter.com

CWL NEWS

The CWL School supply drive was a great success! With the support and generosity of this parish, they were able to distribute 55 backpacks and a massive amount of school supplies to Dr. F.J. McDonald, Our Lady of Peace, St. Elizabeth, St. Anne and St. James Elementary Schools. Special thanks to Anne Lamont who organized the drive for us. The kindness and generosity of the parishioners at St. Patrick's Church is second to none! Once again, each school and the ladies of the CWL thank you.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Our parish relies on volunteers serving in ministries and committees to help make our parish a vibrant community. On **September 16**, there will be an opportunity to meet with representatives from these groups in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and treats will be served. Please come, meet other parishioners, and speak with ministry representatives about what they do and how you might share your gifts with our parish.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – COME AND SEE

Each year our parish offers a program of faith formation for adults who are interested in and seeking welcome into the Roman Catholic Church. The Christian Initiation of Adults is a work of the whole parish. It is through a series of preparatory steps (rites and ceremonies), and reflection on the word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church, that those who are not baptized, and baptized non-Catholics are received into the Church at Easter. There will be an information meeting on **Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Parish Office. All who are looking to become full members of the Catholic Church are invited to "Come and See" what we have to share with you in the Catholic Church. At this meeting, Fr. Paul will provide an overview of the Initiation process, the schedule of meetings, a description of the series of Rites, and will explain the Sacraments of Initiation. Parishioners (baptized Catholics) who would like to join the Initiation Team are also welcome to "Come and See" how they can be part of this work of evangelization and faith formation.

PARISH FALL SUPPER

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings on **Sunday, September 23, at 5:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$20. Take out dinners are also available. Tickets will be available for purchase at both entrances to the Church after all weekend Masses.

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY DONATIONS

Please consider contributing on a monthly pre-authorized contribution plan. We offer direct debit from a bank account on the 1st or 15th of the month. We also offer credit card; however, we pay 3.5% of what is contributed **each month** in processing fees. If you are currently on a credit card donation plan, we encourage you to consider switching to Bank Debit where the fees paid by the Parish are much lower. Should you have any questions about pre-authorized donations, don't hesitate to contact the office.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1), begins the Season of Creation, and it ends on the Feast of St. Francis (October 4). This year's theme: "Your Father Feeds the Birds and Clothes the Flowers in Beauty" (Matthew 6: 25-33) invites us to consider the examples Jesus pointed out to illustrate the providential equilibrium instilled by the Creator for the continued well being of his Creation. Our actions can uphold or upset this increasingly delicate balance.

During this season, we are invited to set aside time to deepen our relationship with our Creator, with each other and all of creation. Resources are available on the Green Churches (<http://greenchurches.ca/season-of-creation/>) and the Season of Creation websites (<https://seasonofcreation.org>).

COMMEMORATING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Archbishop Prendergast will preside at this commemoration at the Notre-Dame Cemetery on **Sunday, September 9, at 2:30 p.m.** and at the Hope Cemetery on **Sunday, September 23, 2:30 p.m.** For more information, contact: Notre-Dame Cemetery at 613-746-4175, and Hope Cemetery at 613-822-1212.

NEW OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Chesterton Academy of Ottawa, in its first year, will offer Grades 9 and 10. It will provide a classical education, including daily Mass, and aiming to graduate joyfully Catholic leaders. Located at St. George Catholic Church, 415 Piccadilly Ave. Tuition: \$7,750 (inquire about family and affordability discounts). For more information, please call 613-729-2247, email jdldg@rogers.com, or visit the school's website; www.chestertonacademyofottawa.ca.

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The CCCB has been informed that a consultation is being undertaken by the federal Department of Health on developing a national strategy for palliative care. The consultations follow the passing of Bill C-277 and the giving of royal assent on December 12, 2017 to *An Act providing for the Development of a Framework on Palliative Care in Canada* (the "Gladu Bill"). In recognition of the importance of the human and personal dimensions in the care to be given, including the dimensions of family, community and the spiritual/religious. The Conference will participate in the closed process of the consultation. For public consultations, visit: letstalkhealth.ca/palliativecare/faqs#2918

PAPAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

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