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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Paladino
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Paladino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7:30AM - Msgr. Guenther
9:00AM - Fr. Hanly
10:30AM - Fr. Paladino
NOON - Fr. Ortiz

OUR PARISH MISSION
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Jesus comes to heal the deaf and all who need restoring to right relationship.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus assuming a familiar role as a healer when he makes the deaf man hear. Indeed, Jesus’ reputation as a healer is the reason the people bring the deaf man to him; had their friend needed shoes, or a loaf of bread, we can imagine they would have taken him to a cobbler or a baker. Yet he needs to be healed from his deafness and speech impediment, so they bring him to the healer. When Jesus heals the deaf man, he is doing what God had long said he would do since the time of the prophet Isaiah: open the ears of the deaf and make the eyes of the blind see. For anyone who is aware of this prophecy and of Jesus’ other healings, this is an example of Jesus “being Jesus” – he is doing what is typical of him.

Jesus’ healing of the deaf man may be something typical to us, but we know it was a great surprise to the crowd who were, as the Gospel says, exceedingly astonished. And what about the deaf man himself? We do not know if it was his idea to call for Jesus – if he had faith in this healer or not. All we know is that Jesus took the man away from the crowd, touched his ears, and with a sigh to heaven made him able to hear. Whether the deaf man anticipated his healing or not, this moment changed everything as he received what he needed from the Lord.

This Gospel may not be surprising to us, for we who have heard the other Gospel stories know that Jesus is simply being himself: He is doing the will of the Father, which is to bring healing. Yet if our familiarity with Jesus’ healing power compromises our awe at his goodness, then we are in exactly the same position as the deaf man at the story’s beginning. If we are not only unsurprised but also unmoved by this story, then we, too, are in need of being restored to right relationship with God, and we need healing to hear his voice again. The healed heart not only hears that Jesus is the healer, but runs to him and begs for the help we need, that our families and friends need, that our world needs.

Thankfully, part of Jesus’ mission – his being who he is – is to come to heal the deaf in body as well as restoring us to right relationship with God. He comes for us, whether we know how much we need him or not, and he longs to give us what we need. The Lord’s groans to heaven are for us – for you and for me – to be open to receive all we need from him. Each time we approach the Eucharistic table, let us seek what we need. Our God is the God of healing, forever worthy of our thanks and praise.

FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. John Paladino

STORIES OF THE SAINTS
St. Nicola di Bari (St. Nicholas)

The annual Italian Mass and Festival has been held since 1974 in honor of St. Nicola di Bari and St. Bartholomew. The original St. Bartholomew community had roots in Montazzoli, Italy, whose patron saint was St. Nicola di Bari (known to most Catholics as St. Nicholas), which is why he is honored every year at the Festival and Mass.

Nicholas was born in 280 AD. He served as bishop along the Mediterranean coast, in an area where Saint Paul had first brought the gospel a few hundred years earlier. He was such a devoted and holy bishop that, much like Mother Teresa today, the people immediately recognized him as a saint after the death.

Bari, Italy, celebrates a feast May 9 of each year, as it has since 1087, celebrating the transfer of Nicholas’s remains to Saint Nicholas Cathedral there. Thus, sometimes Nicholas is called Nicholas of Bari.

The name Nicholas derives from two Greek words, Niki (“victory”) and laos (“people”). Thus, Nicholas means one who is victorious with the people. But he’s not victorious through some polemical means, but rather victorious through his saintly life. The story of Saint Nicholas always moves people to imitate his virtues of charity, love and zeal.

Nicholas set an example as a godly bishop who has a strong zeal for his people. That devotion was evident in his daring protection of those being treated unjustly and his selfless giving to those in need. He showed us how to find Jesus in the poor, the oppressed and abused. He was devoted to charity, but charity always linked to justice. Nicholas teaches us that faithful followers of Jesus defend those who are wrongly accused. Finally, Saint Nicholas shows us how to find Jesus through prayer and religious zeal.

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What is the purpose of this life?
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We hope to see you there!

9/11 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Remembering those who died and the families they left behind. Honoring First Responders.
As we commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11, we will hold a special Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, Sept. 11th at 5 pm. A candlelight vigil outside the Church will follow.

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We hope to see you there!
The fall Surviving Divorce Retreat will be held the following Saturdays from 9am-12pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. This 4 session retreat will be held on September 11th, October 2nd, October 23rd and November 20th. An additional session for those seeking information on the annulment process will be scheduled at a later time.

Each session features talks and videos that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations followed by small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who will witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. This retreat experience can offer valuable insight and support.

A few open spaces remain for the retreat. For more information and to register please visit, www.rcan.org/healing-retreats-events or contact the Family Life Office for more details.
Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
7:30AM Teresa Ryan
   req. by the Egerton Family
   Cindy M. D’Amata
   req. by MaryAnn & Bill Degnan
9:00AM Silvio DiFrancesco
   req. by Robert & Maria DiFrancesco
   Robert (Bobby) Mulcahy
   req. by his Wife, Rosanne
10:30AM Agnese Ferrara
   req. by Peter & Maria DiNizio
   Elizabeth Giblin
   req. by the Waltsack Family
Noon Joseph & Georgette Magrino
   req. by her daughter, Cathy Hirschorn
   Sidky Rizh
   req. by Dalida Nigro

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
No 6:30am Mass
8:30AM Elizabeth Norwick
   req. by Loving Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
6:30AM Ruth Rajgopaul
   req. by Fung A Fat Family
8:30AM Fr. John Paladino (Living)
   for 30th Anniversary of Priesthood
   req. by the Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
6:30AM Colleen Boylan
   req. by Peg Brennan
8:30AM Fr. David Santos (Living)
   for 9th Anniversary of Priesthood
   req. by the Rosary Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
6:30AM Thomas Faitoute
   req. by Loving Family
8:30AM Sheila A. Blom
   req. by Albert J. Blom
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:30AM Ruth Marie Marino
   req. by Ryan
8:30AM Fr. Mike Hanly (Living)
   54th Anniversary of Priesthood
   req. by the Rosary Group

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:30AM Sr. Margherita Marchione
   req. by Elsa Lamastra
5:00PM Rosemary Strish
   George & Theresa Flood
   Agnese Ferrara
   req. by Maria & Rocco DiFrancesco

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7:30AM Dorothy McLeavey
   req. by Daniel McLeavey
   James Waltsack
   req. by the Waltsack Family
9:00AM Mario DiFrancesco
   req. by Danny & Marissa Ferrara
   Consilvio Family
   req. by Antonio & Gisella Appezzato
10:30AM Mauro DiNizo
   req. by Robert & Laura Sorge
   Tom McBride
   req. by the Guarnuccio Family
   Donna Fantini
   req. by Al Fantini & Loving Family
   Maria Midrano
   req. by the Saliola Family

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please Note:
For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick.
In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be “gravely ill” to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD
Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of

Peter Delohery
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS!

Thomas Anglim & Jenna Rinaldi, August 5, 2021
Williams Alvarez & Kelly Maizenaski, August 28, 2021

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to complete Baptismal Preparation. Registration in advance is required. Please call 908.322.5192.

Congratulations to our newly baptized!
Wells Ann, daughter of Leo & Caitlin Nolan
Harper Jane, daughter of Christopher & Michelle Williams
Arthur Edward, son of Matthew & Karen Reilly
Carter Gianni, son of Ryan & Chelsea Tarantino
Franchesca Mary, daughter of Patrick & Juli Valenza
Cora Jean, daughter of Andrew & Christine Watson
Grace Rose, daughter of Michael & Kelly Rabbath
Emma Megan, daughter of Christopher & Gina Wiersielsi

Reconciliation
Confession is offered every Saturday at 4PM or call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Marriage
Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or deacon as soon as the engagement is announced.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!
Supporting Our Parish

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MASS AVAILABLE ON TV & ONLINE!
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COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE
If you are an individual, a couple or a family that is experiencing difficulties, there are counseling services available to you. All calls are confidential. Fees can be adjusted to one’s financial situation. Please note, that no one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Counselors available to you:

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