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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Bernard M. (Mike) Harcarik, S.T.L.

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Frank Szemanski

Director of Religious Education

Sr. M. Christine Sinkovich, C.S.S.F.

Social Minister

Sr. M. Cecilia Jacko, O.S.F.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.—St. Adalbert, 160 S. 15th St.

Sunday:

9:00 a.m.—St. Adalbert—160 S. 15th St.

11:00 a.m.—St. Peter—S. 28th St. & Sarah St.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday:

10:00 a.m.—St. Adalbert, 160 S. 15th St.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday:

11:00 a.m. at St. Adalbert, or after any Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

First Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at St. Adalbert. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Program.

Matrimony:

The diocese requires weddings to be scheduled 6 months in advance. A pre-marriage course is also required.

SPONSORS

Sponsor certificates are available to **registered parishioners** who are confirmed, practicing their faith and at least 16 years old.

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PRINCE OF PEACE

81 SOUTH 13TH STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 15203



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For people brought to Jesus to be healed, the Gospel's implications are deeper than a simple cure. Jesus' healing of the deaf man is a powerful sign of his mission to bring the Kingdom of God to all people. He is not just a healer, but a savior who brings life to the marginalized and the oppressed. He is the one who says, "Be opened!" and the man's ears are opened, his speech is restored, and he speaks plainly. This is the power of Jesus' love and the power of his word.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

"Jesus, went by way of Sidon, into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!" Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

We welcome you to join Prince of Peace Parish

If you would like to be a member of our parish, please fill out this form. Place it in the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please circle one:

New Registration

New Address

Moving out of Parish

Want Envelopes

September 8, - 16, 2018**SATURDAY SEP 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St. A 5:00 p.m. LaVerne Longo (*Nancy*)
Prince of Peace Parishioners

SUNDAY SEP 9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. A 9:00 a.m. Leo & Ann Kalupa (*Family*)
St. P 11:00 a.m. James (Jim Joe) Thornton (*Crawford & Thornton Families*)

MONDAY SEP 10

St. A 10:00 a.m. Lorraine & Major Fronczak (*Janie*)

TUESDAY SEP 11

St. A 10:00 a.m. Intentions of the Prayer Ministry

WEDNESDAY SEP 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

St. A 10:00 a.m. Joseph Rogozinski (*Mother*)

THURSDAY SEP 13 St. John Chrysostom

St. A 10:00 a.m. Chuck Gasior (*Carol Smerdell*)

FRIDAY SEP 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St. A 10:00 a.m. Andrew Macurak (*Family*)

SATURDAY SEP 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

St. A 5:00 p.m. Helen & Chester Bakowski and Jim Cantine & Alice Cantine (*Nancy & Larry Koscielniak*)

SUNDAY SEP 16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. A 9:00 a.m. Nicholas Olchoway (*Family*)
St. P 11:00 a.m. Prince of Peace Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE

If you requested an intention for one of the weekend Masses and would like to carry the offertory gifts to the altar, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of Mass.

VOTIVE LIGHT PROCEEDURES

If you would like to light a votive candle at either church, please see the ushers. The cost of the 7 day votive candle is \$3.00 each.

HOMEMADE PIEROGIES FOR SALE

Pierogies, homemade by the Christian Mothers & Women's Guild, are for sale at the parish office. Pierogies are \$7.00 per dozen (frozen).

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All notices for the Sunday bulletin are due in the office by Tuesday at 12:00 Noon. Articles must be in writing. Nothing will be taken over the phone. Articles may be submitted by emailed to: princeofpeaceparish@verizon.net, placed in the collection basket, dropped off at the office, or dropped in the mail slot after office hours.

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION

The annual Bishop's Education Fund collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend, September 8, & 9, 2018. Since the fund was established in 1995, more than \$24.4 million has been raised. In the past 23 years, approximately \$17 million in assistance has been given to nearly 47,000 children from nearly every parish in the diocese.

CATECHETICAL BLESSING

The Catechetical Blessing will be given this weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The men and women who teach in our Religious Education Program will be commissioned and blessed during the Mass. We ask your prayers for our teachers, the children and their families, and your financial support for our educational program.

CCD CLASSES

CCD classes will begin today, Sunday, September 9, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sessions are held each Sunday in the hall under St. Adalbert Church. All former students are encouraged to attend and continue their religious education, and a welcome is extended to all new students.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you have a particular prayer request, you can submit it to the Prayer Ministry, and the parish community will join in prayer with you. **These requests are mentioned during the intercessions at Mass, and remembered at a special Mass on the second Tuesday of each month.**

Prayers will be said following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on **September 11, 2018**. Our meeting will follow in the Parish Center.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

The next Baptism Seminar will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room, for parents who are planning a Baptism at Prince of Peace Parish. To register call 412-481-8380.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN'S GUILD

The Christian Mothers & Women's Guild will hold their next business/social meeting on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. **There will be no meeting in September.**

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

On the first Sunday of every month at St. Peter's Church, there is a special hour of prayer, worship and silence before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us **Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE!
RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR FR. MIKE**

As most of you know Fr. Mike will be retiring in October, and has been given permission to continue residing at St. Adalbert Rectory. The Pastoral Council will be sponsoring a Retirement Open House for Fr. Mike on Sunday, October 14, 2018, from 12:00 Noon—3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Our Parish is hosting its NINTH annual “**Night at the Races**” on **Saturday, September 22nd** at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 and will include a buffet, beer, & beverages. The evening will consist of ten races plus an auction race, assorted raffles, a variety of instant games, and MORE! You can purchase a horse prior to the evening for \$5.00 EACH – *you do not need to attend the event in order to purchase a horse.* (If you own the winning horse of a race, you will receive \$25.00.) Tickets and horses can be purchased at the Parish Center. Table reservations for groups of 6 or more will be accepted – please make the reservation when purchasing your tickets. Tickets **MUST BE** purchased in advance. (**Must be 21 years of age & over to attend.**)

Doors Open: 5:30 P.M.
Food Served: 6:15 P.M.
Races Begin: 7:00 P.M.

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LOTTERY TICKET DONATIONS NEEDED

We will again be hosting a gift basket raffle as part of our “Night at the Races” and would like to include a “Lottery Basket” as one of the items. Anyone wishing to donate a Scratch Lottery ticket (or tickets) can do so by placing them in an envelope marked “Race Night Lottery” and dropping them in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Center. Scratch Lottery Ticket donations will be accepted through **September 19th**. *Thank-you!!!*

SUMMARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Due to the holiday printing schedule, the Summary Contribution Report for September 1, & 2, 2018, will be in next week’s bulletin.

R.C.I.A.

Adult Education classes are being planned for new members to the Catholic Church and adult Catholics requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please spread the word to anyone who wants to join the Catholic Church or needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is part of the Missionary activity of the Church and makes YOU a Missionary. For more information and registration call Sr. Chris at 412-381-5458.



**ON MISSION
FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE**

Ephphatha! Be Opened! – Even as we read the accounts of the miracles Jesus worked, like the healing of the deaf and mute man in today’s Gospel, we are amazed at the powerful love of God at

work to heal and strengthen us. In particular, Jesus’ cry of *Ephphatha!* (be opened!), is not simply so that the deaf man’s ears would be open and that his tongue would be freed. It is also a call for his heart to be opened in faith and trust in God. The Lord cries out *Ephphatha!* for us, too, that we might be opened to his powerful love at work for and in and through us. This is not only for our benefit, but for the benefit of our parishes, our communities, the Church and the world. As we prepare for the implementation of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative, the Lord invites us to be opened to the work of the Spirit so that we can be strengthened for the work of building the Church. If we can be amazed by what God works for those in the Scriptures, we can certainly be amazed by what God can work through us. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.

IT’S TIME TO JOIN THE CHOIR

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the choir! Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. No audition is required. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday’s from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. You may choose to sing for the Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Adalbert, or the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter. If you would like more information, please call the parish office at 412-481-8380.

INTERIM MASS/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Below is the interim Mass and Confession schedule for Prince of Peace Parish, which will go into effect on Monday, October 15, 2018.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. (St. Adalbert Church)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (St. Adalbert Church)
11:00 a.m. (St. Peter Church)

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 10:00 a.m.
(St. Adalbert Church)

Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 p.m. (St. Adalbert Church)
Also upon request

Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin for both Prince of Peace and St. Mary of the Mount Mass/Confession schedules.

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