

**Isaiah 35: 4-7a, James 2: 1-5,
Mark 7: 31-37**

FOCUS: Be opened—listen to what God is asking and be willing to carry out his will.

In today's Gospel is remarkable in that Mark preserves for us the original word which Jesus spoke when he healed the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. The word ephphatha is Aramaic for be opened! Mark draws our attention to the word Jesus used. Can we see in the actions of Jesus a message for ourselves in our daily walk with the Lord.

What great gifts are the abilities to hear and to speak; how seldom are they appreciated. For people who are gifted with a healthy sense of hearing, it might be difficult to imagine what life would be like if one could not hear. The man in today's Gospel was not only deaf; he also had severe difficulty in speaking. Speech allow us one way to reach out to others and share our thoughts, our feelings, and our ideas. Without that capacity, people can be misunderstood or even feared by those who take speech for granted. After looking up to heaven, Jesus placed his hand on the deaf man's head, communicating the tenderness, the patience, and the compassion of God. Jesus healed the man through the power of his divine Sonship and his healing touch.

There is a world of difference between listening and merely hearing. Listening indicates being receptive to the meaning of the words which are spoken and putting that message into practice. The ability to be receptive, to listen, is available to all of us whether we are hearing impaired or not. Far worse than any physical limitation connected to our hearing or our speech would be to close ourselves off from receiving the word of God into our hearts or to be too filled with fear or embarrassment to share the message of Christ with others.

At Baptism you received a two-fold mission: to open your ears to listen attentively to what God is asking of you, and to open your mouths to express the beauty of your faith whenever the opportunity arises. Each of you have countless opportunities during the week to live out this mission. The example of a Christian life, and all good works done in his name, are effective in drawing others to the faith and to God: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matt 5:16). Make it your resolve today to allow his light to shine.

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Dates to remember

7th September—Opening Day for Religious Education.

7th Sep— Parish Picnic, Camp Buckner, 2nd Class Club. 1200 Mass. Buses will start @ 1100, from the Supt's box.

17th Sep—MCCW Program “Religious and Lay Panel Discussion — Vocations, MHT @ 1900

21 Sep—Baptismal Class, MHT Rectory 1230, POC Kay Heppes @ x8761

***22 Sep— Ministry Training -1900 MHT /Rectory
Catechist Orientation Mtg. / Cloister Room 1800***

Tues Nights—RCIA , 1930 Rm 5326 Washington Hall, POC: Kay Heppes, x8761

MHT — On “Training Holidays” Daily Masses will be @ 0900 not 1205.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Sep 7, 2003

Mon – Micah 5: 1-4a or Romans 8: 28-30, Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23—Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue – Colossians 2: 6-15, Luke 6 12-19
Saint Peter Claver

Wed – Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 6: 20-26

Thurs – Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 6: 27-38

Fri – 1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14, Luke 6: 39-42

Sat – 1 Timothy 1: 15-17, Luke 6: 43-49
Saint John Chrysostom

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 6 Sep 1715 Richard Joyce
Sun 7 Sep 0900 The Deceased Members of the
"Stamford West Point Crew"
Sun 7 Sep 1100 Parishioners of MHT
Mon 8 Sep 1205 Edward G. McEvoy
Tue 9 Sep 1205
Wed 10 Sep 1205
Thurs 11 Sep 1205
Fri 12 Sep 1205 Theresa Field

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 432 Offering \$2,494.04

**The Next Designated Offering : Sep 23/24 will be for
"Sacred Heart"**

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sep 13-14

1715 T. Leszczynski, K. McDonald, Cadet
0900 B. Moretti, K. Hayden, Cadet
1100 K. Campbell, K. Heppes, M. Vetter,
S. Wardynski, Cadet, Cadet, Volunteer

USHERS FOR Sep 13-14

1715
0900
1100

ALTAR SERVERS Sep 13-14

1715 Volunteer
0900 Volunteer
1100 Volunteer

PROCLAIMERS FOR Sep 13-14

1715 Chris Corbett / Robert Balcavage
0900 Joseph Gresenz / Kelly Lanternier
1100 Janice Tapay / Tom Strunck

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)
POC Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609**

I have a question. Whom do I call?
Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760

Chaplain's Assistant... SPC Alexander 938-3721

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761
Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator...Lorraine Finn...932-2784
Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544
Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721
Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

Visit our Web Site @<http://www.usma.edu/Chaplain/mht/>
RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:
Wednesday 1820 –1930 at
MHT Chapel

Liturgical Ministers

If you can serve in our parish as a Minister of Eucharist, a Proclaimer, a Music Minister, an Usher or as a Hospitality Member, please attend one of our Liturgical workshops. There is going to be one held on Tuesday Sep 22, @1900. Will be held here at MHT. These are intended primarily for new Liturgical Ministers, but all those in our ministries are encouraged to attend as a refresher.

Description of our Ministries:

Minister of Eucharist – Shares in the ministry of sharing the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass, at a Communion Service, or bringing Communion to the sick.

Proclaimer – Shares in the ministry of bringing God's word to his people by proclaiming the Scripture at Mass.

Music Minister – Shares in the ministry of leading prayer at Mass by cantoring, singing with the choir, or playing an instrument.

Usher – Shares in the ministry of hospitality by welcoming people to our liturgy, assisting them to find a seat, and to help with any other logistical issues. Ensuring that everyone has a songbook and a parish bulletin; counting the collection after Mass.

Hospitality Opportunities to serve include: Donuts and Bagels after Sunday Masses, Parish Picnic, Pumpkin Pie social.

Servers – Shares in the ministry of acolyte by carrying candles and the Processional Cross, and holding the Sacramentary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Parish Religious Education program for ALL REGISTERED STUDENTS in Grades Kdg. to High School begins Sunday, 7 September at 0920 in Robinson Auditorium of Thayer Hall, with a Paraliturgy that includes a catechist and parent commissioning; prayer service, and student introductions to their catechists. After the Paraliturgy, there will be an orientation meeting for all parents with an overview of our curriculum and the parent handbook.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO ALL FAMILIES OF REGISTERED STUDENTS. Included in the mailing is a schedule for opening day and bus route information.

BUS MONITORS are needed when transporting children for the Religious Education program starting 7 September. A sign-up sheet will be available at Thayer Hall on Opening Day, 7 September.

REMEMBER THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN IS A TOP PRIORITY.

POC: 'Ms.Kay' Heppes 938-8761

PRESCHOOL

(4 year old) program begins on Sunday, 14 September in the Cloister Room of the Chapel.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED OR RE-REGISTERED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLEASE DO SO ASAP!

RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which people who are considering membership in the Catholic Church come together to experience Christian community and share a journey of faith. FOR WHOM IS IT INTENDED?

1. Unbaptized adults who wish to learn more about the faith and Christian life, with the possibility of being a Catholic Christian.
2. Baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to know, to learn more about, and to possibly join, the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Please call 'Ms. Kay' at 938-8761 for further information. Regularly scheduled sessions for the RCIA process are held on Tuesday evenings at 1930 Hrs. in Rm 5326 of Washington Hall.

Strengthen Your Spiritual Fitness With MCCW

The Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) invites all Catholic Women (as well as anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith) to join us for an exciting slate of programs this year -- from Catholic Parenting, Natural Family Planning to The Catholic Perspective on Secular Holidays and much more!

Our Scripture Study focuses on "Back to the Basics with a Twist" – an insightful look at Scripture and Catholic Tradition using the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We are also excited to introduce a Book Club which meets monthly to discuss Spiritual literature from novels to in depth looks into our Faith.

MCCW also continues the wonderful tradition of serving our community as well as those in need through the Food for the Needy Program, Sacred Heart Food Pantry ministry and several Service Projects to include a Baby Shower for Jesus. Our Prayer Chain also prays for the needs and intentions of our Parish and community.

MCCW meets for celebration of Mass each First Friday of the month (unless it's a Federal Holiday and we meet the next Friday) during the 12:05 daily Mass at Most Holy Trinity. We begin with a Rosary at 11:45, and Mass is followed with a Potluck lunch. Families and friends are always welcome!

Our programs are held the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7 pm in the Most Holy Trinity Rectory. There is also the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation in the Chapel beginning at 6:25 pm. Each program focuses on an aspect of our Catholic Faith and we begin and end each evening with Fellowship and Prayer.

For more information about MCCW and our Programs and activities, Lisa Glen at 446-4874 or andydisaglen@hotmail.com

MCCW 2003-04 Activities

First Friday Mass and Potluck lunch – join us at the 12:05 daily mass each First Friday of the month (unless it's a Federal Holiday then we'll meet the next week). We follow our Celebration of Mass with a Potluck lunch in the Rectory. Families are always welcome!

Spiritual Study – we meet each Tuesday morning at the Post Chapel for study of our rich Catholic Heritage. We're happy to go "Back to the Basics with a Twist" this year with a deep look into our Faith through Scripture and Catholic Catechism study. Childcare is provided. Contact Elisa Bell: 446-8753 or tebell5@aol.com.

Catholic Book Club -- the first book we will read and discuss is "Conceived Without Sin" by Bud MacFarlane Jr. It is available free at www.catholicity.com. The second book will be the Pope's "Crossing the Threshold of Hope". Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 pm at MHT Rectory. Contact Patty Verzola: 446-7926 or Michele Perez: 446-8108.

Prayer Support – join a group of "Prayer Warriors" in praying for our parish prayer intentions as we lift the needs of our community heavenward. Our group meets to pray the Rosary prior to each First Friday Mass. Contact Eileen Carver: carverc@FrontierNet.net.

Outreach Activities – help us lend a hand to those in need through food and clothing collections, service projects, preparing meals for the needy and supporting those who can use a helping hand. Contact Jeanne Etheridge: 446-0503.

Retreats – join us as we take some much needed time for prayer, reflection, Reconciliation and time in the presence of Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Glen: 446-4874.

-- God Bless! --