

**September 9, 2018**

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



**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 10am (Interpreted)  
Sunday 5pm (when school is in session)

**9/2/18 Collection:**

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Thank you for  
your support!

**At Mass we remember:**

10am: Alfonso Attardi

5pm: Chad C. Rose

**Newman Laughs:**

**WHO'S CHURCH IS THIS?**

AIN'T PETER'S CHURCH



*The Rochester Institute of Technology Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Men's Organization helping serve the community through charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. For those interested in who we are and what we do, please see us after mass this weekend or in Room 1000 on 9/9 at 2:00pm for how to join. Email us at [ritkofc@gmail.com](mailto:ritkofc@gmail.com), or see our website <https://ritkofc14336.wordpress.com> for more details!*

**Milkshake Mass**

Wednesday 9/26 9pm in Allen Chapel  
Take a mid-week break – come enjoy Mass and a Milkshake!

**Agape Latte**

Thursday 9/27 8pm in Campus Center Reading Room

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## Newman Notes:

Happy September! I can't believe we are already two weeks into the semester. It has been such an honor meeting so many of you, and I look forward to continuing to meet more of you. As I spend time with all of you, I am continually reminded of what a welcoming and vibrant community I am so blessed to be a part of. Thank you for that!

This week's Gospel reading is about Jesus making the deaf hear and the mute speak. Take a moment to think outside of the box and to not read this too literally. Let's first notice that Mark chose to keep the word *Ephphatha* in Aramaic language (the language spoken by Jesus) rather than translating it into Greek. *Ephphatha* means "Be opened!" This is what Jesus said to the deaf man when he touched his ears. When he did this healing, it wasn't in front of a crowd – he took the man far from the crowd. But WHY did he need to do this in private? It seems as though Mark is teaching us that in order to be healed and to BE OPENED to the message of Jesus, we need to separate ourselves from the masses and be healed of our deafness to the Word of God. We need to separate from what is putting a wall between us and Jesus, and rather, find communities and moments that will support and flourish our relationship with Jesus.

We are all in need of healing, in need of community, and in need of a thriving relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But we need to take some ownership and put ourselves in the position to be able to have this healing. No one can force you what circles you let yourself be a part of. So think about it – are you in circles that allow you to live in communion with God? Are you allowing people into your life that will support and promote your relationship with God?

And in turn, are you supporting those in your circles in the same ways? No, this doesn't mean to preach to them and force your beliefs on them. But it does mean to be the face of Christ for others, and to be a welcoming and loving presence in their life that could allow more healing than you might even realize. BE OPEN to learning about your friends and family, and caring for them in an authentic way. BE OPEN to supporting the dreams of your friends. BE OPEN to allowing God to work through them and through you. BE OPEN to the healing and the love of Jesus when we gather at the table for the Eucharist. What a beautiful moment that is – to gather as a community at the altar with ALL of who we are. We bring our celebrations, we bring our brokenness, we bring EVERYTHING to the altar.

This week, look around and try to notice someone who might need healing and reach out to them. You don't need to ask them if they need healing – that might be awkward ;) But you can reach out and be what Jesus calls us to be – open and loving.

My gosh, our world sure needs some openness and some love. Help it out. ☺



Kim Winden