



Church of NOTRE DAME



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Thank you
to all our
Veterans and
especially
Fr. Allen for
your many years
of service as a
Chaplain in the
Army National
Guard!



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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 12
2023

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm
Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am and 11 am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Fr. Richard Allen
Deacon
Dcn. Frank Hannah
Director of Faith Formation
Mr. Joseph Ranelli
Director of Adult Education
Mrs. Kathy Higgins
Liturgy/Music Coordinator
Mrs. Gretchen Wagner
Secretary
Mrs. Carrie Hannah
Religious Education Secretary
Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak
Business Manager
Mrs. Ann Miller

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."
—Mt 25:11–12

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:



VIDEO MASS 11/12 +

MON 11/13 NO MASS

TUES 11/14 9AM NO MASS

WED 11/15 NO MASS

THU 11/16 9AM NO MASS

FRI 11/17 9AM NO MASS

SAT 11/18 9AM NO MASS

SAT 11/18 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions

SAT 11/18 4PM +Barbara Oleskey [John & Geri Jurko]

SUN 11/19 8AM +Dee Dee Peters [Family]

SUN 11/19 11AM +Michael & Josephine Kocis [Ray & Gale Kocis]

Fr. Allen will be on a much deserved vacation 11/13 - 11/24/2023. Please note: there will be **no** daily Mass during either week, except for Thanksgiving which will be **WEDNESDAY, 11/22, 6:30 PM.**

Schedule

Tue. 11/14, Thu. 11/16, Fri. 11/17, Sat. 11/18 AM CANCELLED

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Sunday Mass Schedule remains in effect

Sat. 11/18, 4 PM Only / Sun. 11/19, 8 & 11 AM

Wed., 11/22, 6:30 PM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **PAPER TOWELS**. The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

2024 Lector Workbooks are in. If you are interested in purchasing one check with Fr. Allen after mass.

Cost: \$10

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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SAT 11/18 4PM

LECTOR

T. Bain

EUCH. MIN.

**B. Palisin / D. Palisin
P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak
2 - Volunteers Needed**

ALTAR SVR

M. Simmers

SUN 11/19 8AM

LECTOR

C. St. John

EUCH. MIN.

**P. Clark / T. DeCaprio
R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli
P. Slezak / J. Trenga**

ALTAR SVR

**Volunteer
Needed**

SUN 11/19 11AM

LECTOR

K. O'Brien

EUCH. MIN.

**M. Hohman / S. Hohman
4 - Volunteers Needed**

ALTAR SVR

**Volunteer
Needed**

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

DAILY :

**MON, WED, FRI
7:30 AM**

TUES

6:00 PM / *6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND:

SAT 5:30 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Altar flowers this weekend are donated
In Memory of*



Virginia Sebestyen

On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family

NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, November 16th / 6:30 PM / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, *The Last Thing He Told Me*,
by Laura Dave.

A few books will be available outside the parish office.

Please join us!

OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 5 Sundays, including
Maintenance Fund

Budgeted

\$51,200

Received

\$51,233

Mission Sunday

Received

\$954

2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	208
Amount of Pledges	\$132,595
Amount Received to Date	\$109,700
Amount Outstanding	\$22,895

Stephen Barr, Director Paula Kubik, Accompanist
Joseph Spurio, Assistant Director

Shenango Valley Chorale
and
Chamber Orchestra
George Frideric Handel's
MESSIAH
November 19, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Sharon, PA
7:30pm
Free will offering

Shenango Valley Chorale
presents
Christmas
at the
MOVIES
featuring songs from Home Alone, The Polar Express,
How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and MORE!
December 8 & 9
First Presbyterian Church
Sharon, PA
7:30pm
DIRECTOR: Stephen Barr
ACCOMPAÑIST: Paula Kubik
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Joseph Spurio
Hosts: \$15

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Wisdom

I think if any of us were asked the question, “Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?” we would, at first, be a little taken aback. And then we would answer quickly “Of course!” with absolutely no doubt in our minds.

But a different way of asking the question is this: “Are you making wise choices?” That’s a question that would put a fair few of us on the back foot.

The virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom were all the same. They had the exact same intentions. They had the exact same stamina, or lack of it. They had the exact same knowledge of the night being dark and lamps being necessary.

What made five foolish, and five wise?

It was their choices. Only their choices set them apart.

We may rely upon the wisdom of another — the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we start speaking gossip, the priest who preaches boldly from the pulpit against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. But even if we feel safeguarded by their good influence, their wisdom won’t save us.

We may possess a little wisdom ourselves — we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass once in a while, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it’s convenient.

But a lamp needs oil to burn in the darkness, just as wisdom requires action to be brought forth into the world.

We may love God just as much as we should — our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself just by being dry.

We must make the choice.

“Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.” — Psalm 63:4

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Mt 25:13)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

Wisdom is presented as a virtue seeking to be found. How might you search for wisdom this week?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be comforted in the belief that believers will be raised from the dead and live eternally with the Lord Jesus. What family members, friends, or co-workers need to hear these words of comfort?

Gospel:

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus is teaching about the importance of being prepared for his Second Coming. In what ways is this directive from Jesus a challenge for you?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Lately I’ve been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today’s parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling “wise and foolish virgins icon” and you’ll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart’s deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I’m serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it’s a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn’t typical, either. It’s a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus’ parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We’ll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: “**Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**” Watch, remain, don’t spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let’s consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

*Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.
Amen.*

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

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2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Notre Dame [Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM]

Grades: **PreK-10th** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**

Grades: **11th - 12th** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM** / Facilitator: Deacon Frank Hannah

Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak / Email: Religioused@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

November 2023

- 12 Class
- 19 Class [Safe Environment In-service]
- 26 **NO Class** [Thanksgiving]

December 2023

- 3 Class
- 10 Class [Taize' Prayer / 7PM Church]
- 17 Class [Confirmation Parent/Candidate meeting following 11AM Mass in Chapel]
- 24 **NO Class** [Christmas]
- 31 **NO Class** [New Year]

Join Us For



Pictures with Santa

Join us for both family pictures and/or magical moments with Santa! Donations only to be given to Notre Dame Parish!

FRIDAY 11/24 12-2 PM SATURDAY 11/25 10-2 PM

HOW TO SIGN UP

- Email mcgonigles2021@gmail.com
- Call (724) 699-7096

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Multi Purpose Room
2205 Highland Road
Hermitage PA 16148



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NOTRE DAME CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR

Under the direction of Rhonda Paglia, the Notre Dame Church Youth Choir will be singing once again at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24th.

The practice schedule is: All Sundays: Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17th. All practices will begin at noon and last for about 45 minutes.

If you have any questions, or your child/children would like to participate, please contact Rhonda at 724 977-0847.

CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!

Congratulations to Michael Mondak! He has been named Grand Marshall of the Hermitage Light up Night parade scheduled for Saturday, November 18th.

Michael is being honored for all the many times he has been at events with loads of balloons to put a smile on the faces of all the children. ***Have fun, Michael.***



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

We all continue to experience higher prices for food, clothing, rent etc. Many families in the Shenango Valley who were already struggling can no longer provide for their families without help. Increasing numbers are turning to our Sharon Salvation Army for food and help with housing. While demand has increased for food banks all over our country, food banks are at their lowest inventory.

Again, this year the Salvation Army is asking local churches to partner with them by providing volunteer help to staff the Red Kettles. All the money collected stays in the Shenango Valley.

The Salvation Army is very pleased that Notre Dame Church will be participating again this year! We will be ringing the bells at Kraynak's rear entrance in 2 hr. shifts. from 9AM – 7PM on the following days:

Wednesday Dec. 6 **GREEN**
Thursday Dec. 7 **RED**
Friday Dec. 8 **BLUE**
Saturday Dec. 9 **BLACK**

Wednesday Dec. 13 **PURPLE**
Thursday Dec. 14 **ORANGE**
Friday Dec. 15 **PINK**
Saturday Dec. 16 **YELLOW**

Ring the Bells to help our neighbors in need is a very rewarding experience. Your gift of 2 hours of your time will be greatly appreciated! You can serve alone, with a spouse, a friend, or with a child. This is a wonderful service experience for people of all ages!

There will be Signup Sheets in the church entrance beginning Saturday, November 17, 2023. Each day will have its own Color-Coded SignUp Clipboard (**See color beside date**). Please include your phone number and email! A more detailed General Information instruction sheet will be available at the SignUp Table. Hand Warmers be available in the church entrance on the Dec 2/3 weekend.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call or text Pat Galsky at 724-977-0914. Pat will call to remind you of your scheduled time.