



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
JULY 4
2021**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Mr. Frank Hannah

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Mr. Joseph Ranelli

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Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 5TH IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” - Mk 6:4

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

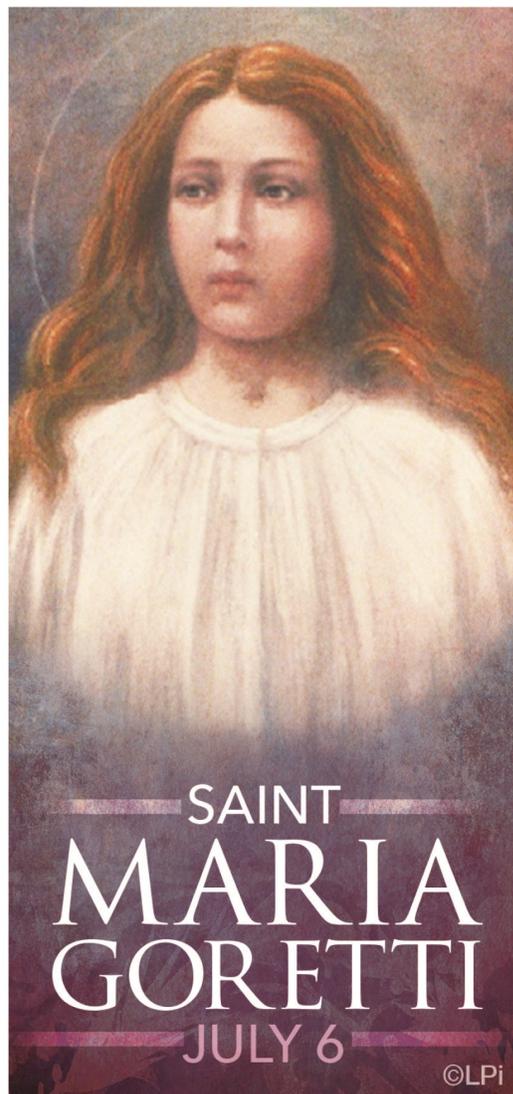
- Sunday** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
- Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.



*As for me and
my household,
we serve the
Lord*

— JOSHUA 24:14 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among
them. (Ez 2:4-5)



PSALM

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his
mercy. (Ps 123)



SECOND READING

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with
me. (2 Cor 12:9)



GOSPEL

Jesus said to them,
“A prophet is not without honor except in his
native place
and among his own kin and in his own house.”
(Mk 6:4)

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GOD'S LIFE-GIVING PRESENCE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 7/5 7 ³⁰ AM	SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNION
TUES 7/6 9AM	Jack & Clara Mazza
WED 7/7 7 ³⁰ AM	Joseph Baron [Family]
THU 7/8 5 ³⁰ PM	Edward Kurelko [Family]
FRI 7/9 9AM	John & Henrietta Pokorski
SAT 7/10 9AM	Dorothy & Henry Fill [Mary Lou Hornyak]
SAT 7/10 4PM	Jean Teaberry [Virginia Careghini]
SAT 7/10 6PM	Dom Nigro [Denny & Mary Chris Rubano]
SUN 7/11 8AM	Mass for the People
SUN 7/11 10AM	Anne Durisko [Husband, John]
SUN 7/11 12PM	Edward & Irene Kownacki



Jerry and JoAnn Chizmar
Francis and Maridee Moorhead
Raymond and Colleen Schauer

PRAYER Line

Keeping those in need in our prayers. If you, a family member or a friend are in need of prayer please call the prayer line with your request.

Prayer Line,
Kathy Higgins #724-342-7858

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 7/10 4PM	LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / D. Boller D. Boller / A. Scoccia	ALTAR SERVER M. Becker S. Multari
SAT 7/10 6PM	LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 7/11 8AM	LECTOR J. Feeney	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren
SUN 7/11 10AM	LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. M. Ballish / A. Costar R. Fleis / B. McVey	ALTAR SERVER K. Fleis
SUN 7/11 12PM	LECTOR R. McGoff	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that most of the covid restrictions have been lifted and we move back into our somewhat normal setting during Mass, we are in need of more help in all ministries; **Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.**

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries during a Mass time of your choice, please call the parish office 724-981-5566.

Training will be provided.

WE NEED YOU!

Our **Eucharistic Adoration** program is looking for some committed Adorers for the following hours: Monday: 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 9-10pm. Tuesday 1-2pm, 8-9pm. Wednesday: 12-1pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 5-6pm. Also, if you volunteered to be a substitute and have not been contacted lately or you would like to become a substitute, please contact Jo Feeney at 724.699.3340. **Come, spend some quiet time with Jesus.**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **toilet paper**. The upcoming item will be quart and gallon storage bags.

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

MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Deacon Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4586860650>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting? Contact Deacon Frank / 724-977-8655 / fhannah@eriercd.org



ATTENTION: ALL DIRTY CARS!!!

Your local Knights of Columbus "Our Lady of the Valley" Council #4003, Hermitage, PA will be holding an "ALL PARISHES" Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, **July 11th from 7:30 AM to 2 PM** in the back parking lot

by the school at Notre Dame Parish.

\$10.00 donation per vehicle

Stay in your car and follow the signs and directions through the wash and your car will be sparkling clean in no time. Proceeds will benefit the 4 parishes the council serves: Notre Dame, St. Bart's, Our Lady of Fatima and Good Shepherd. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help, please contact Dave Roshala at 814-282-1631.

Thank you for your support!!



BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

TAKE OUT ONLY

Sunday, July 25
11:30am to 2:00pm
St. Anthony Church
804 Idaho St., Sharon
[use Sherman Ave. entrance]

Dinner Includes:
1/2 Chicken • Green Beans • Croatian Potato Salad
\$12
Whole Chicken Only
\$10
Haluski
\$4
Croatian Potato Salad
\$4

PRE-ORDERS ONLY
To place an order call:
724-342-2489 or 724-347-2721

Deadline to place an order is Monday, July 19
If you are fully vaccinated masks not required.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WHAT IS RCIA?

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

IS RCIA FOR ME? If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, please call Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

Father's Day Outdoor Mass

and hot day fest was a great success! We plan to have another outdoor Mass on Sunday, August 22nd.

