



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
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

27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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:



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| VIDEO MASS 10/8      | +Chuck & Nora Baldoff [Chuck & Mary Lou Baldoff] |
| MON 10/9             | NO MASS  |
| TUES 10/10 9:00AM    | +John Hornyak [Skip & Becky Feigert]             |
| WED 10/11            | NO MASS  |
| THU 10/12 9:00AM     | +Frank Matune [Jim DeAngelis & Marcia Malesick]  |
| FRI 10/13 9AM        | +Donna Rakoci-Baker [Gene & Olga Metro]          |
| FRI 11/13 11AM       | *Memorial Mass - Bill White                      |
| SAT 10/14 9AM        | +Dom & Jean Teaberry [Condo Family]              |
| SAT 10/14 * 3-3:30PM | * Confessions                                    |
| SAT 10/14 4PM        | +Albert J. Fill [Jerry & Ginny Viselli]          |
| SUN 10/15 8AM        | *Mass for the People                             |
| SUN 10/15 11AM       | +Jodi Simpson [Mom, Cindy Graham]                |



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **TOILET PAPER**. The upcoming item will be sandwich, quart, & gallon size storage bags.

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

## ALL PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES APPRECIATION DINNER

YOU ARE INVITED:

Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 pm  
Multi- Purpose Room  
Hosted by Fr. Allen and Parish Staff  
Caterer: Odette Pasci  
RSVP to the coordinator of your ministry.  
RSVP ministry total count deadline, Sunday, October 15 to  
Kathy Higgins 724-981-5566, ext. 109



THE OFFICE  
WILL BE  
CLOSED  
MONDAY  
OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| <b>SAT 10/14 4PM</b><br><b>LECTOR</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b><br>D. Boller / C. Esmond<br>P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak<br>P. Thornburg          | <b>ALTAR SERVER</b><br>A. Bowser                 |
| <b>SUN 10/15 8AM</b><br><b>LECTOR</b><br>B. Lackey               | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b><br>P. Clark / T. DeCaprio<br>R. Mentrek / J. Trenga<br>R. Vetica / J. Wolinsky | <b>ALTAR SERVER</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>   |
| <b>SUN 10/15 11AM</b><br><b>LECTOR</b><br>C. St. John            | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b><br>K. Davenport / R. Fleis<br>S. Hohman / M. Hohman<br>B. Moder / C. Nawrocki  | <b>ALTAR SERVER</b><br>T. Bonner<br>A. McDonough |

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

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

**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 last weekend  
were donated in Memory of*

**Barbara Anne Stawaisz  
and  
Mary Ellen Clayton**

*On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family*



### Living The Gospel ... One Life At A Time

### OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End



**Rowan Robert Ryhal**  
September 24, 2023

Son of  
Robert and Alyssa Ryhal

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest  
Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope  
Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting; these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... *full*. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

*"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43*



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### **First Reading:**

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

#### **Psalm:**

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

#### **Second Reading:**

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

#### **Gospel:**

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants.” (Mt 21:41)

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### SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God’s anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul’s advice could help?

#### **Gospel:**

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism?

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jesus’ parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their land-lord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it’s an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees’ interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable’s violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God’s kingdom on earth, even if others think we’re nuts? This week let’s seek God’s kingdom with a passionate confidence in God’s desire to give the good things we don’t deserve.

— Father John Muir



#### **Saint of the week**

*Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, California, in the 1980s. He’d often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios.*

#### **Prayer**

*God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom.*

*We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Prayer Source:  
[www.augustinianrecollects.org](http://www.augustinianrecollects.org))*

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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-10<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**

Grades: **11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** / 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](mailto:Religioused@notredame-pa.org) / Phone: 724-981-5566

## October 2023

8 Class  
15 Class  
22 Class  
29 NO Class

## November 2023

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY THE STUDY OF THE EUCHARIST: SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

In this first year of Eucharistic Revival, Our Catholic Conference of Bishops have invited all American Catholics to immerse themselves in the study and understanding of the Eucharist- "The Source and Summit of our Catholic faith". Notre Dame Staff will offer a five (5) week course on understanding the Eucharist.

Reservations to Kathy Higgins are helpful for completing handouts- 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

Thursdays / 6:30 - 8:00pm / Multipurpose Room

### Scriptural Basis

Oct. 12 / Fr. Allen

Topic: *Celebrating The Eucharist: From The First Christians To The Present Day*

### Eucharist is the Source and the Summit

Oct. 19 / Gretchen Wagner

Topic: *Celebrating Liturgy [Participation Of The People]*

Oct. 26 / Kathy Higgins

Topic: *Community Of The Body Of Christ [Called And Sent]*

Nov. 9 / Joe Ranelli / Meeting in Chapel

Topic: *Personal Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration*

## FAMILY LIFE BREAKFAST SET FOR NOTRE DAME IN NOVEMBER

Notre Dame families are invited to attend a **free Family Life breakfast** that will take place at 9:30 Saturday, Nov.4 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Notre Dame.

This event is expected to be the beginning of continuing activities to help strengthen parish families, **especially young families**, and assist them in building a strong foundation with our lord Jesus Christ.

Guest speaker: Statia Brown, who has been active in youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Erie for 20 years. She is currently a campus minister at Gannon University, where she serves as an advisor to the weekly women's group, Adoration ministry and leads the RCIA program.

\*There is no cost for families to attend the breakfast.

Reservations are preferred by calling the ND church office at (724) 981-5566.

## NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM

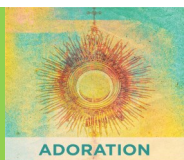
**Note: Change in meeting location this month  
ST. JOHN PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We will be reading, *Dandelion Wine*, by Ray Bradbury.  
A few books will be available outside the parish office.

**Please join us!**

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

**October is Respect Life Month:** Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>



Tuesday / 9:30 AM–11:00 PM and Wednesday / 9:00 AM–11:00 PM  
Join us for an hour of Prayer, every Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm  
For more information call: Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

