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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5
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

31ST 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 11/5 | +Judy Bator [Carol Napolitan] |
| MON 11/6 | NO MASS |
| TUES 11/7 9AM | +Denise Condo [Ron & Jean Phillips] |
| WED 11/8 | NO MASS |
| THU 11/9 9AM | +Jeanne & Albert Necaster [Renee Kocis] |
| FRI 11/10 9AM | +Eugene Dillon [Family] |
| SAT 11/11 9AM | +James Achenbach [Mary Achenbach] |
| SAT 11/11 * 3-3:30PM * | Confessions |
| SAT 11/11 4PM | +John B. Hornyak [Wife, Mary Lou] |
| SUN 11/12 8AM | *Mass for the People |
| SUN 11/12 11AM | +Virginia Sebestyen [Stawaisz Family] |

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
Tue. 11/21, Thu 11/23, Fri. 11/24 CANCELLED
 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 **LARGE GARBAGE BAGS**. The upcoming item will be paper towels.

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

St. Bartholomew Food Pantry
 311 W. Ridge Ave., Sharpsville, PA

5K Race & Fun Walk
 Saturday, Nov., 11, 2023

REGISTRATION: Race \$20 - Fun Walk \$10
NO SHIRTS FOR REGISTRATIONS AFTER 10/30/23
REGISTRATION ONLINE: <https://www.smileymiles.com>
START TIME: RACE 9AM - 1 MILE FUN WALK 9:10AM
More Information: snadra04@outlook.com or rjz@psu.edu
CHECKS PAYABLE: ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH
 All proceeds go to St. Bartholomew Food Pantry

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| SAT 11/11 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara | EUCH. MIN. A. Costar / S. Goclano P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak T. Spatara | ALTAR SVR M. Wible R. Wible |
| SUN 11/12 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey | EUCH. MIN. T. Brandenstein / T. DeCaprio / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / J. Trenga J. Wolinsky | ALTAR SVR Volunteer Needed |
| SUN 11/12 11AM LECTOR R. McGoff | EUCH. MIN. K. Davenport / M. Goncz M. Hohman / S. Hohman B. McVey / A. Orndorff | ALTAR SVR N. Selby M. Tarbay |

***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

*Altar flowers this weekend are donated
 In Memory of*

Margaret Papay

On Behalf of: Kollar Family

*10/29 Correction -

*Flowers were donated In Memory of
 Dec'd Higgins Family*

On Behalf of: Russ, Anne, Ryan & Matthew Wible

It was a wonderful night as we welcomed over 125 parishioners to the **APPRECIATION DINNER** on October 25. The parishioners represented all our ministries from liturgical work to funeral and Prince of Peace meals to Faith Formation catechists to Environment work, inside and outside our church building. Father Allen provided our beverages and acted as the wine sommelier throughout the evening.

The delicious foods and desserts were provided by Odette Pasci, caterer. There was such a generous amount of food that we were able to send the remainder of the meal to Joshua's Haven the next morning.

Again, thank you to all our very many parishioners who are so active in ministries at our Notre Dame family parish.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Tuesday: Election Day
Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ turns the way of the world upside down: the great become the small and the honored ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel his greatness. Be humble, and you will know the honor of Heaven.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

“*The greatest among you must be your servant.*” — Matthew 23:11

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)

Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The prophet Malachi informs the priests of Israel that God is aware that their instruction has caused many to stumble in their faith. Have you ever had to help someone who has lost their faith?

Second Reading:

Paul expresses his gratitude to the Thessalonians for their openness to hear and believe the word of God taught by them. Who in your life might be open to hearing the word of God from you?

Gospel:

Jesus challenged the crowds and his disciples to be as servants to each other, acting always in humility. How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, '**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven**'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille was a woman of faith, perseverance, and service who dedicated her life to the people of New Orleans. Her courage, compassion, and dedication to the oppressed was a shining example of what it means to live a life of service and love.

Prayer

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

*Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.*

(Prayer Source: <https://www.henriette-delille.com/beatification-prayer>)

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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

- 5 Class
- 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]

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

Eucharist is the Source and the Summit

Nov. 9 / Joe Ranelli / Meeting in Chapel

Topic: *Personal Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration*

NOTRE DAME



**Thursday, November 16th / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME 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!



Shenango Valley Chorale And Chamber Orchestra

George Frideric Handel's

MESSIAH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 / 2:30PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SHARON PA

FREE WILL OFFERING

Stephen Barr, Director / Paula Kubik, Accompanist
Joesph Spurio, Assistant Director

ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 AM—11:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM—11:00 PM

Join us for an hour of Prayer, every Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm

For more information call:

Feeny 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

FROM OUR PASTOR

RCIA – if you or anyone you know is an adult and in need of First Communion or Confirmation, or interested in the Catholic Faith, please contact **Fr. Allen or Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566.**

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?