



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10
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

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 12/10	+Brian Dempsey [Debbie Dempsey]
MON 12/11	NO MASS
TUES 12/12 9AM	+Bill Feigert [Skip & Becky Feigert]
WED 12/13 7PM	Advent Penance Service
THU 12/14 9AM	+Lynn Knott [Family]
FRI 12/15 9AM	+Jim Sheasley [John & Sherry Swetz]
SAT 12/16 9AM	+Anna Quartini [Linda Driscoll & Family]
SAT 12/16 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 12/16 4PM	+Irene DeAngelis [Marcella Manning]
SUN 12/17 8AM	+Albert & Jean Herman [Rick & Anne Herman]
SUN 12/17 11AM	+Margery Buzzeo [Husband, Pat]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **SANDWICH, QUART, & GALLON SIZE STORAGE BAGS**. The upcoming item will be salad dressing.

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

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the families of
Laura Albright
Rosemarie Trindle
Emil Stone
in your prayers.



"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media: There are plenty of good things about social media – but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. To help your child find the balance, it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely. Emphasize to your child that it's important to: 1.) Be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. 2.) Think twice before hitting "enter". Remind them that what they post can be used against them. 3.) Use privacy settings. 4.) Don't "friend" strangers. If you don't know them, don't friend them. 5.) Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses – and even grandma – to see.

For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 12/16 4PM LECTOR M. Multari	EUCH. MIN. 6 - Volunteer Needed	ALTAR SVR Volunteer Needed
SUN 12/17 8AM LECTOR B. Moder	EUCH. MIN. T. DeCaprio 6 - Volunteer Needed	ALTAR SVR Volunteer Needed
SUN 12/17 11AM LECTOR C. St. John	EUCH. MIN. 6 - Volunteer Needed	ALTAR SVR L. Perry E. Perry

***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

Advent Penance Service

MON, DEC 11 7:00 pm	St. Bartholomew, Sharpsville
WED, DEC 13 7:00 PM	Notre Dame, Hermitage
WED, DEC 20 7:00 PM	Good Shepherd, West Middlesex
THU, DEC 21 7:00 PM	St. Joseph, Sharon
<i>Times listed below are in addition to the regular scheduled times.</i>	
FRI, DEC 15 & 22 6:00 - 7:00 PM	Immaculate Heart, Mercer
SUN, DEC 17 - FRI, DEC 22 12:30 - 1:30 PM	St. Joseph, Sharon

Happy 50th Anniversary
Bob & Terri Bain

Love your kids & family
Rob, Jon, & Barb & George,
Andrew & Morgan

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah offers comfort and hope to the Israelites who were captive in Babylon in proclaiming that the glory of the Lord is returning to Israel. Do you have family or friends who could use words of encouragement from you?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of being at peace while we wait for the promise of new heavens and a new earth when Christ returns. What gives you peace of mind these days?

Gospel:

Fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed the arrival of Jesus, “one mightier than I...(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Where do you sense the Holy Spirit present in your life?

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

“For Rose of Sharon was pregnant,” wrote Steinbeck. “And the world was pregnant to her.”

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular “Christmas holiday” cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

“We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” — 2 Peter 3:13

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GOD IS MAKING A WAY

PRINCE OF PEACE
PEGGY'S STOCKINGS
TOY DRIVE
 GIVING CHILDREN HOPE
 NOW—DECEMBER 13TH



REMINDER: ALL **unwrapped gifts**, along with the attached identifying stocking must be returned no later than **December 13th**.

You may also purchase items from the Prince of Peace Center's Amazon Wishlist at the following link:

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/U3C8C057C5TN?ref=wl_share

Gifts will be delivered to families on December 14th.

If you have any questions, please call the Prince of Peace Center 724-346-5777.

TAIZÉ PRAYER
THIS WEEKEND
DECEMBER 10 – 7:00 PM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On Sunday, December 10th at 7pm, the choir and folk group of Notre Dame Musicians will be having an Advent Taizé prayer gathering. It is a time of quiet in the midst of a very busy December, when it is tempting to skip through Advent and get right to Christmas.

Taizé prayer began in Eastern France where people of all faith backgrounds gather to pray to be a sign of reconciliation among divided Christians in a world in need of peace. It is composed of light, gathering around the Cross, song, scripture, and silence. Please plan to join us for one hour in Advent. **There is no charge.**

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Oplatki (Christmas Wafer) and the order form for the Wendall August Forge 2023 **"Heart of Christmas" Ornament** are in the back of the church Foyer. Many of our church families have collected these beautiful Ornaments for over 30 years. The ornament has our "Notre Dame Church" stamp on the back and will be available for pick up on the Sundays of Advent.

The Ornament prices are:
 Aluminum- \$12.50 and Bronze-\$15.50.

We are again very grateful for Wendell August Forge for continuing this beautiful tradition with a discount for our parish church.

The Christmas Wafer (Oplatki), an Eastern European prayer tradition typically used for Christmas Eve family meals for blessing the members are **\$1.25 for a package of Four (4) wafers.**

Please call the parish office if you are needing more than ten packages as our supply is limited.

Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters

We are so grateful to all who gives so generously to this collection to assist our Diocesan Religious Sisters, we are reminded that these women called to a variety of ministries, maintained vows of poverty, "lived simply and received very little salary during their times of ministry. The majority of these sisters have aged and no longer can work outside their community and need our financial support and prayer". If you were not prepared to give this week, a donation can still be made in the envelope marked *Retirement Fund for the Religious Sisters* and dropped in the Sunday collection basket.

SAVE THE DATE
Prince of Peace Center
Annual Mardi Gras Event
 EVENING OF COCKTAILS
 & HORS D'OEUVRES
Tuesday, February 13th 2024
"THE BLOCK"
23 CHESTNUT AVE, SHARON, PA 16146

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:
 Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

*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: Religiouised@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

December 2023

- 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]

January 2024

- 7 **NO RE Class** due to Confirmation Retreat [begin with 11am Mass - 6pm]
- 14 Class [First Penance Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]
- 21 Class [First Penance Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]
- 28 Class

NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, December 14th / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Note: DATE CHANGE

We will be reading, The Only Woman in the Room,
 by Marie Benedict.

A few books will be available outside the parish
 office.

Please join us!



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

250 CLUB RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

**DRAWING: 2ND WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

TICKET PRICE
\$55

TICKET IS GOOD
FOR THE
ENTIRE YEAR
OF 2024

WINNING TICKETS
RE-ENTERED FOR
REMAINING
MONTHS

MONTHLY PRIZES

JANUARY THRU NOVEMBER
1 - \$100 WINNER
3 - \$50 WINNERS

DECEMBER GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
1 - \$500 WINNER
3 - \$250 WINNERS

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY CALLING THE
 ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFICE AT
 724-342-7591



ST. ANTHONY

Christmas Cookie Walk & Holiday Mini Market

Including: Comfort Food, Christmas Mocktails & Cocktails, & Christmas Decor

DEC. 17th
11:30am to 2pm
Church Hall

Cookie Prices:
\$4.00 - 1/2 dozen
\$6.00 dozen - Traditional
\$7.00 dozen - Specialty





Holiday Handbell Concert

Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
 Tower Presbyterian Church
 248 S. Broad Street, Grove City, PA

Celebration Ringers
 Community Handbell Choir

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The Revelation Ringers*
 Grove City College Handbell Choir

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The Glenn Memorial Ringers
 Tower Presbyterian Church

*The Revelation Ringers Ensemble will also be performing at a Carnegie Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 7, at noon (in Carnegie Alumni Center on CCC campus)



Admission is Free; a goodwill offering will be collected.
 Concert will be livestreamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/TowerPresbyterianChurch/>