



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
JULY 16
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

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

Director of Religious Education

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



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23



VIDEO MASS 7/16	+
MON 7/17	NO MASS
TUES 7/18 9AM	+Norene Cardamon [Dr. & Mrs. Donald Stoudt]
WED 7/19	NO MASS
THU 7/20 9AM	+Frank Matune [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
FRI 7/21 9AM	+Marcella Bosak [Linda & Hugh Mulcahy]
SAT 7/22 9AM	+Ralph & Mary C. Miller [Mary Ann Miller]
SAT 7/22 *3-3:30PM	*Confessions
SAT 7/22 4PM	*Mass for the People
SUN 7/23 8AM	+Peggy Elliott [Olga & Gene Metro]
SUN 7/23 11AM	+Denise Condo [Husband, Harry & Children, Matthew, Stephen, & Jennifer]



*Altar flowers this weekend
are donated in Memory of*

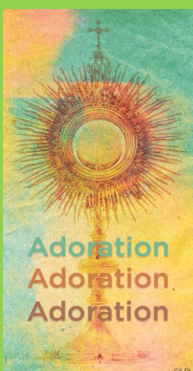
Robert Michael Stawaisz

On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family



Asher Caleb Goda
July 9, 2023

Son of
Brian and Alexis Goda



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

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 7/22 4PM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / P. Polesnak P/ Polesnak / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SUN 7/23 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 7/23 11AM LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / M. Goncz M. Hohman / S. Hohman	ALTAR SERVER Need Volunteer

***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



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.

JUNE 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund

Budgeted	Received
\$46,100	\$39,535

2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	206
Amount of Pledges	\$129,795
Amount Received to Date	\$89,850
Amount Outstanding	\$39,945

MINISTRY NEEDS

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!

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Thursday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil*.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

Second Reading:

Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"

Gospel:

Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life. Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Learning to Love Like Jesus
Facilitator: Mrs. Pat Polesnak & Team

August 7-11, 2023

9:00am-12:00pm

PreK - Sixth Grade

Cost: \$10 per student

SJPII School Multipurpose Room

Questions contact:

Religious Education Office 724-981-5566 or

Email: Religious@notredame-pa.org

A TIME FOR FUN

***JOINING OTHER YOUNG
PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT
OUR LOVING GOD THROUGH
SINGING, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND
OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.***

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Thursday, July 20th / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, *This Time Tomorrow*,
by Emma Straub.

A few books will be available outside the
parish office.

Please join us!

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25,
40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 will be held at two
locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

Sunday, 8/6 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 p.m.
**Sunday, 8/20 at Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney
at 2:00 p.m.**

Couples and/or Parish staff may complete a registration form
online at <http://www.eriered.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> ,
calling their parish office or contact the Marriage and Family
Life Office at (814) 824-1210. **Registrations are being accept-
ed until July 21 for Erie celebrations and until August 4 for
Punxsutawney celebrations.**