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SUNDAY JANUARY 23 2022

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 9:30 am - Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

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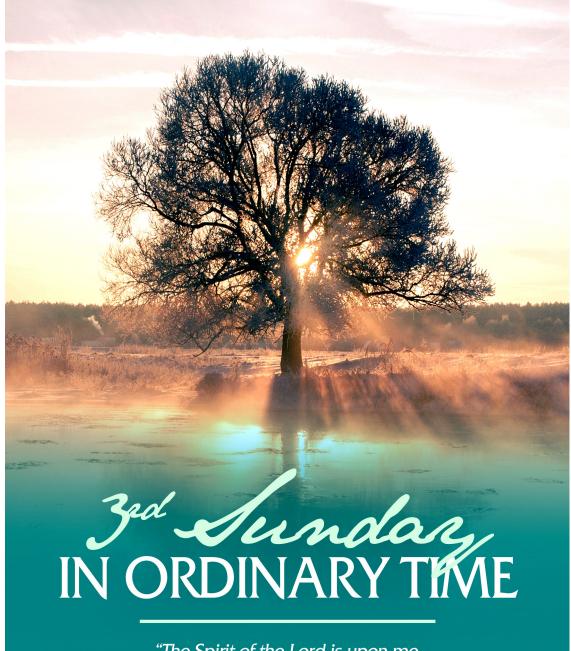
Mrs. Carrie Hannah

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor

12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

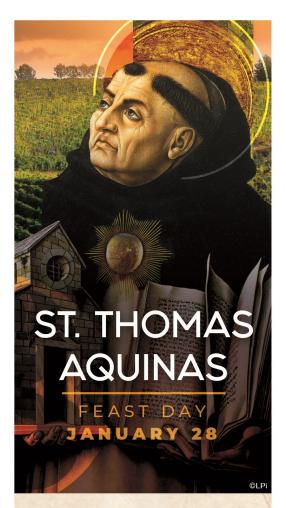
Friday: St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,

interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)



PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free

persons,
and we were all given to drink of one

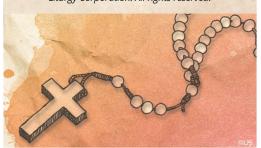
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)



GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



NO MASS

MON 1/24 TUES 1/25 9AM

Eleanore Addison [Husband, Ben]

WED 1/26 NO MASS

THU 1/27 9AM Mark Weller [Mom, Suzanne Weller]
FRI 1/28 9AM Dale Caporossi [John Groner]

SAT 1/29 9AM Terry Mills [Nicolls Family]

SAT 1/29 4PM For the living & deceased members of our

parish

SUN 1/30 8AM John Bernard [John Groner]

SUN 1/30 11AM Dr. Raymond Ammer [Bob & Marilou Rossi]



SAT 1/29 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara

EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / D. Boller D. Boller / T. Spatara ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

SUN 1/30 8AM LECTOR

SUN 1/30 11AM LECTOR

B. Moder

G. Leonard T. Brandenstein / A. Joseph

B. Rossi / J. Trenga

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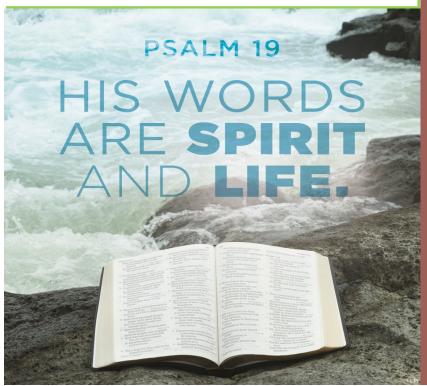
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*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame

MON NO MASS 7:30 AM TUE 9:00 AM 6:00 PM *6:30 PM Confessions

WED NO MASS 7:30 AM THU 9:00 AM NO MASS FRI 9:00 AM 7:30 AM

SAT 9:00 AM

*9:30 AM Confessions

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame St. Bartholomew

SAT 4:00 PM 5:30 PM SUN 8:00 and 11:00 AM 9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is broth, stock and creamed soups [cream of mushroom, etc.]. The upcoming item will be large garbage bags.

St. Bartholomew

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

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free.

- Lk 4:18

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: Pre-K-11th / Sunday Mornings: 9:15am-10:45am

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director

Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary

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NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

January

23 Class

30 NO CLASS (Confirmation Retreat) (11am Mass until 5pm - all candidates)

February

6 Class

13 Class

20 Class

NO CLASS (First Penance Retreat)

(11am Mass until 3pm - all candidates)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Retreat: Sunday, January 30, 2022 / 11am Mass - 5pm

Reserved seating for candidates at Mass / Lunch will be served / All Kennedy & RE candidates

Celebration of the Sacrament: Sunday, May 22, 2022 / 2pm / Church

Bishop Persico presiding





ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday February 6, 2022 Noon to 4 pm 311 W. Ridge Ave. Sharpsville, PA

Adults: \$10 Kids under 12: \$6
For information/tickets call the Parish
office at 724-962-7130
or purchase online at
https://www.saintbartholomews.com

Tickets are presale only

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY!

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Council, are planning an overnight pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on the first Saturday / Sunday in May 2022.

In order to determine the total cost and needs for overnight travel and lodging, we would like to determine the level of interest in this trip. The pre-paid cost would include transportation and lodging only. Meals and other incidentals are not included.

https://www.nationalshrine.org/

Please indicate your interest no later than January 31st by email to Deacon Frank Hannah: fhannah@eriercd.org or Rich Mondak: mondakrw@gmail.com or giving your written contact information to any of the Knights of Columbus in our Council.