



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 19  
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

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more." His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."  
—Mt 25:20b-21**

### 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 11/19	+Chris Higgins [Family]
MON 11/20	NO MASS
TUES 11/21 9AM	NO MASS
<b>WED 11/22 6:30PM</b>	Dec'd Members Higgins Family [Notre Dame Prayer Line Group]
THU 11/23 9AM	NO MASS
FRI 11/24 9AM	NO MASS
SAT 11/25 9AM	Ed Stanton [Jon & Karen Wilcox]
SAT 11/25 * 3-3:30PM *	Confessions
SAT 11/25 4PM	+Ralph & Fern Saternow [Family]
SUN 11/26 8AM	*Mass for the People
SUN 11/26 11AM	+Margaret Papay [Papay 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. 11/21, 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 **CANNED FRUIT**. The upcoming item will be paper napkins.

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

**THANKSGIVING MASS**  
**Wednesday 6:30PM**

As is the tradition here at Notre Dame, during the preparation of the gifts at Thanksgiving Mass, all in attendance bring forth nonperishable foods, canned goods, or cash or checks made payable to the Prince of Peace. When you shop for your dinner, add a few items to be carried up during that mass.

**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**



**WLS...**

The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Main dish, chicken. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend.

**WEEKEND**  
 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>SAT 11/25 4PM</b> LECTOR J. Spataro	EUCH. MIN. B. Palisin / D. Palisin P. Thornburg <b>3 - Volunteer Needed</b>	ALTAR SVR A. Bowser
<b>SUN 11/26 8AM</b> LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCH. MIN. T. Brandenstein / T. DeCaprio / J. Wolinsky <b>3 - Volunteer Needed</b>	ALTAR SVR C. Logue
<b>SUN 11/26 11AM</b> LECTOR E. McGoff	EUCH. MIN. R. McGoff / B. Moder <b>4 - Volunteer Needed</b>	ALTAR SVR N. Selby M. Tarbay

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

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:**

**NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK**

<b>DAILY :</b> MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 PM / *6:30 PM Confessions
<b>WEEKEND:</b> SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Altar flowers this weekend are donated  
 In Memory of*

**Deceased Members Higgins Family**

*On Behalf of: Family*



**#iGIVECATHOLIC**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2022**

Thank you for being a part of the Notre Dame community!

We're excited to announce that we are once again participating in #iGiveCatholic on

**#GivingTuesday**  
**November 28, 2023!**

All gifts you make to Notre Dame on **November 28, 2023**, or during the Advanced Giving Day phase running from **November 13<sup>th</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>**, either online or offline through a gift of cash or check directly to our organization, will be used to continue the ministry of Taping Weekly Mass for our homebound.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

### **First Reading:**

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

### **Second Reading:**

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

### **Gospel:**

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **What Remains**

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

*"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."  
1 Thessalonians 5:2*

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



**OUR TREE WILL BE IN THE VESTIBULE BEGINNING NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

Brighten the lives of children this Christmas by choosing one of "Peggy's Stockings" and purchasing a gift for one of the 300 children [ages 14 and under] in need. Each of these children receiving gifts is enrolled with the Prince of Peace Center's food pantry—OR will be an identified child in need whose parents are not registered with any food pantry within the Community Food Warehouse network.

To participate, simply take a "Peggy's Stockings" tag and purchase a toy or item for the age and sex of the child. Return the **unwrapped** gift, along with the identifying tag attached, no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>. You may also purchase items from the Prince of Peace Center's Amazon Wishlist at the following link:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/U3C8C057C5TN?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/U3C8C057C5TN?ref=wl_share)

While we ask that gifts be offered unwrapped, feel free to include wrapping paper for parents to wrap the gifts themselves. Gifts will be delivered to families on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Join Us For



*Pictures with Santa*

Join us for both family pictures and/or magical moments with Santa! Donations only to be given to Notre Dame Parish!

FRIDAY 11/24 12-2 PM	SATURDAY 11/25 10-2 PM
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**HOW TO SIGN UP**

- Email [mcgonigles2021@gmail.com](mailto:mcgonigles2021@gmail.com)
- Call (724) 699-7096

*Notre Dame Church*  
 Multi Purpose Room  
 2205 Highland Road  
 Hermitage, PA 16148



[www.honey-and-hue.com](http://www.honey-and-hue.com)

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPLATKI**

The Christmas Wafer, an Eastern European prayer tradition typically used for prayer at Christmas Eve dinner, is again available for \$1.25 for a package of Four (4) wafers.

If you need more than 10 packages for your family, please reserve your order with Kathy Higgins, at the church office, 724-981-5566, ext 109.

*Shenango Valley Chorale* presents

**Christmas at the MOVIES**

featuring songs from Home Alone, The Polar Express, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and MORE!

December 8 & 9  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Sharon, PA  
 7:30pm

DIRECTOR: Stephen Parr  
 ACCOMPANIST: Paula Koble  
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Joseph Spravo

Adults \$15  
 Under 18 Free

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S ANNUAL

**COOKIE WALK AND SOUP SALE**

HOMEMADE COOKIES \$7/DOZEN  
 (Specialty cookies slightly more)

HOMEMADE SOUP \$9/QUART

Lottery Trees Raffle Winners and 300 Club will be drawn after 11am Mass

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10**

IMMACULATE HEART  
 100 PENN AVE  
 MERCER, PA 16137  
 GALLAGHER HALL  
 1 (724) 662-2999  
 9A-12:30P

# 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: Religiosused@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

## November 2023

- 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]

## TAIZE PRAYER DECEMBER 10 – 7:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, the choir and folk group of Notre Dame Musicians will be having an Advent Taize 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.

Taize 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.



## NOTRE DAME CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR

Under the direction of Rhonda Paglia, the Notre Dame Church Youth Choir will be singing once again at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The practice schedule is: All Sundays: Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. All practices will begin at noon and last for about 45 minutes.

If you have any questions, or your child/children would like to participate, please contact Rhonda at 724 977-0847.



## **VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

We all continue to experience higher prices for food, clothing, rent etc. Many families in the Shenango Valley who were already struggling can no longer provide for their families without help. Increasing numbers are turning to our Sharon Salvation Army for food and help with housing. While demand has increased for food banks all over our country, food banks are at their lowest inventory.

Again, this year the Salvation Army is asking local churches to partner with them by providing volunteer help to staff the Red Kettles. All the money collected stays in the Shenango Valley.

The Salvation Army is very pleased that Notre Dame Church will be participating again this year! We will be ringing the bells at Kraynak's rear entrance in **2 hr. shifts**. from **9AM – 7PM** on the following days:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>PURPLE</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>ORANGE</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>PINK</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>

Ring the Bells to help our neighbors in need is a very rewarding experience. Your gift of 2 hours of your time will be greatly appreciated! You can serve alone, with a spouse, a friend, or with a child. This is a wonderful service experience for people of all ages!

There will be Signup Sheets in the church entrance beginning Saturday, November 17, 2023. Each day will have its own Color-Coded SignUp Clipboard (**See color beside date**). Please include your phone number and email! A more detailed General Information instruction sheet will be available at the SignUp Table. Hand Warmers be available in the church entrance on the Dec 2/3 weekend.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call or text Pat Galsky at 724-977-0914. Pat will call to remind you of your scheduled time.