



Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15
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

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."
–Mt 22:2, 4bc**

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 10/15	+Kim Stephenson
MON 10/16	NO MASS
TUES 10/17 9:00AM	+Stephen Myers [Daughter, Liz]
WED 10/18	NO MASS
THU 10/19 9:00AM	+Lisa Mehler [Mom & Dad]
FRI 10/20 9AM	+Antoinette Dorchock [Kaczmarczyk Family]
SAT 10/21 9AM	+Jeffrey M. Turnbull [Daughter, Katie Tiefenthal]
SAT 10/21 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions	
SAT 10/21 4PM	+Elsie O'Neill [Daughter, Liz]
SUN 10/22 8AM	+Janet Ryan [Phil & Elaine Gadola]
SUN 10/22 11AM	+Frank Matune [O'Brien Family]



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.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES APPRECIATION DINNER

YOU ARE INVITED:

Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 pm
Multi- Purpose Room
Hosted by Fr. Allen and Parish Staff
Caterer: Odette Pasci



RSVP to the coordinator of your ministry.
RSVP ministry total count deadline, Sunday, October 15 to Kathy Higgins 724-981-5566, ext. 109

SEPTEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund

Budgeted	Received
\$44,900	\$41,478

Catholic Education	\$1,085
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2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	208
Amount of Pledges	\$132,310
Amount Received to Date	\$105,555
Amount Outstanding	\$26,755

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 10/21 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Goclano T. Spatara / J. Trenga Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER M. Wible R. Wible
SUN 10/22 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu T. Brandenstein / T. DeCaprio / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 10/22 11AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / M. Hohman S. Hohman / R. McGoff B. McVey / A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER 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 last weekend were donated in Memory of

Jodi Simpson

On Behalf of: Mom, Cindy Graham



BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of
Judy Bator
in your prayers.

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

ALL SOULS DAY

Letters have been mailed to all in our parish who have lost someone since All Souls Day of last year, as a reminder that on that evening, at 7pm we do a special mass remembering all the deceased. If you did not receive a letter, and have lost someone, please call the office [724-981-5566] to let us know that you will be attending so that candles can be ordered.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 2023

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist
Thursday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'" — Matthew 22:12

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

[“Go out, therefore, into the main roads](#) and invite to the feast whomever you find.” (Mt 22:9)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading:

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel:

Jesus’s parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God’s invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God’s presence in your life?

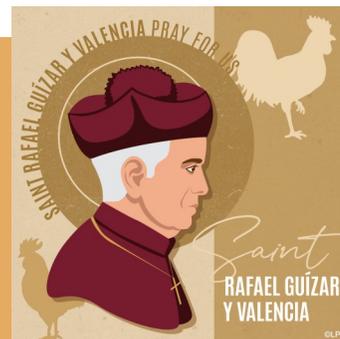
GOSPEL MEDITATION

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there’s gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don’t respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God’s generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don’t show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn’t make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus’ scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God’s generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our ‘yes’ be?

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threatening conflicts with the Mexican government.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar You have given us a model of a shepherd for the children, the poor, the sick, and those far from You. Grant us through his intercession that we may live united in our families; that the Mexican nation may have peace and harmony; that the sick who live in our homes be lovingly cared for and receive healing from their diseases; that marriages that have been broken find a reason to fight and overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/>, translation by LPi.)

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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

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

October 2023

15 Class
22 Class
29 NO Class

November 2023

5 Class
12 Class
19 Class [Safe Environment In-service]
26 NO Class [Thanksgiving]

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

Oct. 19 / Gretchen Wagner

Topic: *Celebrating Liturgy [Participation Of The People]*

Oct. 26 / Kathy Higgins

Topic: *Community Of The Body Of Christ [Called And Sent]*

Nov. 9 / Joe Ranelli / Meeting in Chapel

Topic: *Personal Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration*

FAMILY LIFE BREAKFAST SET FOR NOTRE DAME IN NOVEMBER

Notre Dame families are invited to attend a **free Family Life breakfast** that will take place at 9:30 Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Notre Dame.

This event is expected to be the beginning of continuing activities to help strengthen parish families, **especially young families**, and assist them in building a strong foundation with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Guest speaker: Statia Brown, who has been active in youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Erie for 20 years. She is currently a campus minister at Gannon University, where she serves as an advisor to the weekly women's group, Adoration ministry and leads the RCIA program.

*There is no cost for families to attend the breakfast.
Reservations are preferred by calling the ND church office at (724) 981-5566.

Living The Gospel ... One Life At A Time

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Prayer for Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)



Knights of Columbus



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4003 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Oct. 29 / 9am-1pm / Multipurpose Room
Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, & Drinks

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?**