



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
2021**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am-12 pm & 1-3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 5:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

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Fr. Richard Allen

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



24th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thursday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.



Blessed
are the clean
of heart, for
they will
see God.

— MATTHEW 5:8 —

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 9/13 7 ³⁰ AM	Mary & Louis Szugye [Marianne Bianco]
TUES 9/14 9AM	Frances M. Brestelli [Family]
WED 9/15 7 ³⁰ AM	Jim & Vi Sferra
THU 9/16 5 ³⁰ PM	Claudia Geroni
FRI 9/17 9AM	Joseph & Mary Ann Benes
SAT 9/18 9AM	Fr. Jim Wiley
SAT 9/18 4PM	Veronica Holland [Liz O'Neill]
SAT 9/18 6PM	John Piccirilli [Renny & Ron Heath]
SUN 9/19 8AM	Eleanore Addison [Husband, Ben]
SUN 9/19 10AM	Marion Edith Sanker [Beverly & Paul Bohach]
SUN 9/19 12PM	John Ford

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 9/18 4PM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller C. Esmond / J. Miller	ALTAR SERVER M. Becker A. Bowser
SAT 9/18 6PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 9/19 8AM LECTOR G. Leonard	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren
SUN 9/19 10AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / C. Nawrocki A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay
SUN 9/19 12PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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

MINISTRY NEEDS

Now that most of the covid restrictions have been lifted and we move back into our somewhat normal setting during Mass, 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. SEE FR. ALLEN'S ARTICLE

WE NEED YOU!

Altar flowers this weekend are donated
In thanksgiving to God and
in Memory of

Michael Anthony Stawaisz

On Behalf of: **Stawaisz Family**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **salad dressings**. The upcoming item will be juices and powdered drinks.

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

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. Please keep in prayer those who have entered into eternal life:

James Hudson
Claudia Geroni
Harry Crook

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
AT OUR PARISH



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:
Jo Feeny 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Are you in a "mixed marriage"? Often this term has been used for Catholic/Non-Catholic marriages but it could mean mixed races, mixed classes, mixed ethnicities. or even mixed technology (PC vs MAC). How has your life been enriched by the difference your spouse brings?



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K—11th** / Sunday Mornings: **8:50am-9:50am**

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director / Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary
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October 2021

17th RE Begins (all grades)
24th Class
31st Class

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 and email address, please notify the RE office.

November 2021

7th Class
14th Class
21st Class
28th NO CLASS (Thanksgiving) (Advent begins)

HELPING HANDS GALA

The Helping Hands Gala benefit affiliates and agencies of Catholic Charities in the 13-county diocese, as well as all parishes and people of the diocese. This year's event will be hosted in-person for a smaller number of people but will be livestreamed and is launching of our most exciting silent auction yet! Now everyone can bid on items prior to our Gala, and from home if you cannot attend. Mobile and online bidding is fun, active and completely secure! You can view and bid on our unique silent auction items by using your smartphone or tablet.

All are invited to bid, whether at the event or from afar! Auction is open from October 1st - October 9th. To bid from home, make sure to register at <https://hhgala21.givesmart.com>.

Online Giving is Now Available on the Notre Dame Website

Notre Dame Parish members are now able to make donations to the church online at the Notre Dame parish website: www.notredame-pa.org.

For those who like setting up payments online, whether recurring or on a one-time basis, the website's online giving feature will be convenient and timesaving. Here's what to do:

Go to www.notredame-pa.org

- Click on the Resources line at the top of the website then click on Online Giving.
- Once there you will be asked to set up an account with your name, address etc. while setting a username and password.
- Once logged in, you can decide whether you want to make a recurring gift or make a contribution whenever you wish to. You can designate a weekly gift as you do with your Sunday envelopes and also make donations for Holy Days, special days designated by the Catholic Church and the Erie Diocese Catholic Services Appeal.
- You will be asked the type of payment method, e.i., from checking or savings accounts or by credit card . You will need to provide the necessary information for whatever account is designated.

Feel free to call the parish office at (724) 981-5566 if you have any questions about Online Giving.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Fr. Allen will be conducting training for current/new Eucharistic Ministers on the following dates/times.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14TH, 6:30 PM

- Current Eucharistic Ministers that feel they need to be retrained due to Covid and the restrictions in place.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15TH, 6:30 PM

- Current Eucharistic Ministers that feel they need to be retrained due to Covid and the restrictions in place.
- New Eucharistic Ministers
- Anyone interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 724-981-5566

ST. ELIZABETH CENTER SEEKS NEW CEO

St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City
Chief Executive Officer

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Center, a food pantry and thrift store, is looking for a dynamic, organized, and enthusiastic person to become the next Chief Executive Officer. This is a part-time position which serves to support the Catholic Church's response to the call of the Gospel to serve the poor and vulnerable in the spirit of hospitality, compassion, and dignity. They are looking for candidates with a bachelor's degree, with one to three years' experience in not-for-profits, pastoral ministry, or other human services areas.

For best consideration, please apply by **September 15, 2021**.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Full position profile and application may be found at <https://www.eriecd.org/employment.html>.

Catholic Education Collection

Next weekend is the 2021 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

PARENTING POINTERS

Twenty years ago, on [Sept. 11, 2001](#), terrorists attacked NYC and Washington DC. How old were you? If your children are old enough, share your experience of how you felt. Are there things that frighten them today? Remember that brave people in one of the 4 planes sacrificed their own lives to save unknown future victims.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies

BISHOP PERSICO INVITES PARISHIONERS TO RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY

As part of the *Re-memorizing Our Sunday Story* initiative, Bishop Lawrence Persico has released "a pastoral letter in pandemic." Anchored in the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, one section of the letter looks at the challenges we've been facing during this time of pandemic. The bishop's words invite us to consider how Christ has remained with us, even if, like the disciples who unknowingly met Christ, we didn't always recognize him. Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at www.eriecd.org/SundayStory.html.



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