



Church of NOTRE DAME



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
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

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***NOTE: Mass Time Change [this week only]**
Fr. Allen on retreat

VIDEO MASS 9/10	+
MON 9/11	NO MASS
TUES 9/12 7:30AM	+Lynn Knott [Family]
WED 9/13	NO MASS
THU 9/14 7:30AM	+Donna Logan [John Logan & Family]
FRI 9/15 9AM	+Frank Matune [Rose Cirillo]
SAT 9/16 9AM	+Jeremy Harkulich [Family]
SAT 9/16 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 9/16 4PM	+Irene DeAngelis [Marcella Manning]
SUN 9/17 8AM	+Ginny Kocis [Ray & JoAnn Horner]
SUN 9/17 11AM	*Mass for the People



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.



*Altar flowers this weekend
 are donated in Memory of*

Michael Anthony Stawaisz

On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family



So many people every
 week at Mass comment
 on our beautiful flowers
 surrounding the church.
 A huge thank you to Ernie
 Piccirilli for his daily at-

tention to feeding and watering all the bas-
 kets. And a thank you to Ann Evans whose
 creativity shows in the magnificent multi
 pink colored flowers in the large pot at the
 bottom of the sidewalk.

Our environment committee
 works hard all year to make
 our property welcoming!!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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SAT 9/16 4PM LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. C. Esmond / J. Trenga Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 9/17 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / A. Joseph J. Trenga / R. Vetica Volunteer Needed	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 9/17 11AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / M. Hohman S. Hohman Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER T. Bonner A. McDonough

***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

AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund

Budgeted

\$46,100

Received

\$46,866

Latin American Collection

\$599

2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	208
Amount of Pledges	\$131,640
Amount Received to Date	\$101,705
Amount Outstanding	\$29,935

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is
 committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care.
 The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the
 national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of
 abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those
 who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a
 Code of Conduct.

To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go
 to: <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Pro-
 tection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Patriot Day
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

Gospel:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” (Mt 18:15)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

Second Reading:

Paul taught that *love* (loving one’s neighbor) is the fulfillment of the law God gave to Israel. What do you think is most challenging to this seemingly simple command to love one another?

Gospel:

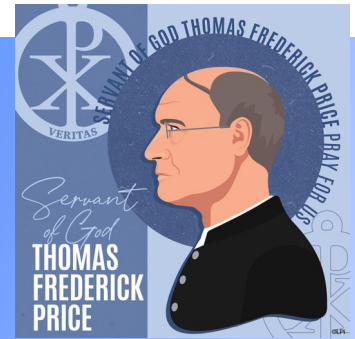
Jesus taught his disciples to make every effort possible to be reconciled with someone who has wronged you. Is reconciliation a high priority for you?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I’m talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything’s fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus’ strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord’s strategy, “If your *brother* sins against *you*...” Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren’t our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others’ sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institution’s first mission to China.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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2023 - 2024 Religious Ed

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

September 2023

17 RE Staff Meeting / 6:30PM / Multi Room

24 RE Classes begin

October 2023

1 Class

8 Class

15 Class

22 Class

29 NO Class

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Shenango Valley's Original & Largest!

46TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

ST. MICHAEL SOCIAL CENTER
2140 HIGHLAND RD, HERMITAGE
LEVEL PARKING / WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

DOORS OPEN 1:00PM
DRAWING AT 2:15PM

ADMISSION \$6

[INCLUDES LUNCH + ONE FREE TEAR SHEET]
TEAR SHEETS 6 FOR \$5

PRIZES FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER! 50/50 RAFFLE!
AUTUMN/LOTTERY RAFFLE! FINALE - GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE!

Rep. Parke Wentling upcoming

FLU SHOT CLINIC

For Senior Citizens Ages 60+

Friday, Sept. 29, 12:30-3:30PM
Shenango Valley Senior Center
220 N. Buhl Farm Dr., Hermitage

Both regular flu shots [ages 60+]
and
Senior flu shots for [65+]

Please bring your insurance cards for the event.

For questions or would like to register,
call 724-638-4101 or 724-734-5980

BBQ Chicken



WHOLE BBQ CHICKEN - ONLY \$10

Sunday, October 15

11:30am - 2:00pm

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

CALL LUNA 724-342-2489

Deadline to place order: Sunday 10/8

ST. ANTHONY

804 Idaho St.

Sharon, PA



WLS...

The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, October 1st
after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Multi-purpose
Room. Main dish, TBD.

More information to come...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Mercer, PA

Is sponsoring a day trip to
Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
9:00 AM Anderson Bus leaves IHM Parking Lot
5:15 PM Return

\$35.00 Per Person (Includes \$10.00 incentives)
Call Marge 724-854-1503

NOTRE DAME



Thursday, September 21st / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, Redeeming Love,
by Francine Rivers.
A few books will be available outside the
parish office.

Please join us!