



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 29
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

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Mr. Frank Hannah

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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



22nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

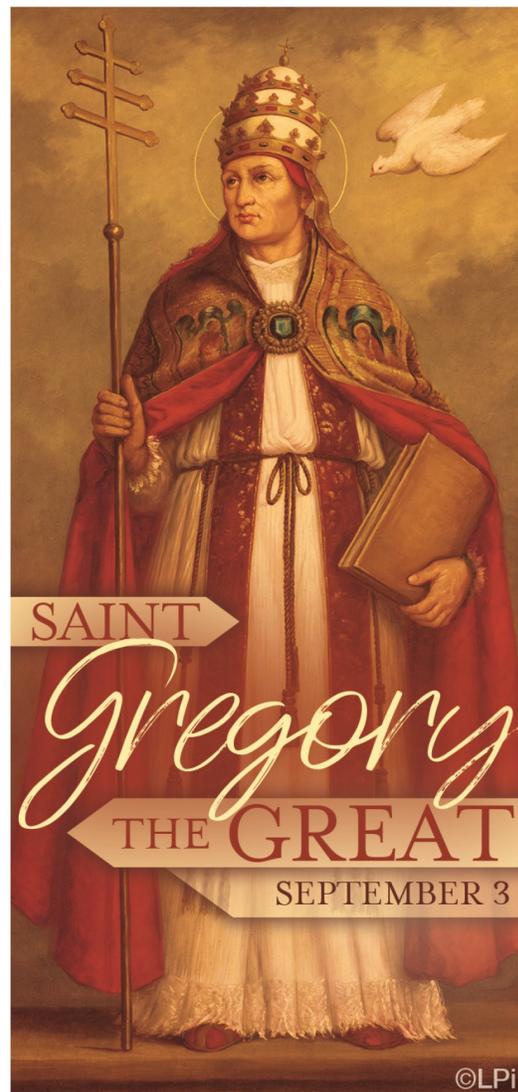
Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.



*“Hear me, all
of you, and
understand.”*

— MARK 7:14 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)



PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)



SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)



GOSPEL

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 8/30 7³⁰ AM Sandy Rossi Jr. [Family]
TUES 8/31 9AM Joe George [Wife, Ruthanne]
WED 9/1 7³⁰ AM Mary Rose Szugye [Bob & Toni Edwards & Family]
THU 9/2 5³⁰ PM Suffering Souls in Purgatory
FRI 9/3 9AM Joseph & Mary Ann Benes
SAT 9/4 9AM Judy Sniezek
SAT 9/4 4PM Fredrick Fiscus [Barbara Urban]
SAT 9/4 6PM Marianne Kovac [Mike & Pat Butala]
SUN 9/5 8AM Jim & Mary Topper [Skip & Becky Feigert]
SUN 9/5 10AM Cecilia Kaczmarczyk [Kaczmarczyk Family]
SUN 9/5 12PM Mass for the People

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

Sandy Rossi Jr.

**On Behalf of: Jim, Tina, Julia Trenga
 and Rosemary Rossi**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **toilet paper**.
 The upcoming item will be quart and gallon size storage bags.

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 9/4 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / J. Miller A. Scoccia / T. Spatara	ALTAR SERVER M. Becker A. Bowser
SAT 9/4 6PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 9/5 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu R. Mentrek / J. Trenga	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren
SUN 9/5 10AM LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCHARISTIC MIN. M. Goncz / A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER N. Selby
SUN 9/5 12PM LECTOR R. McGoff	EUCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / S. Hohman M. Hohman	ALTAR SERVER K. Fleis

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH



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

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!

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.

WE NEED YOU!

Diocese Introduces REMEMBERING OUR SUNDAY STORY

The Faith Formation Office of the Diocese of Erie has spent months coordinating an initiative to ensure that people feel welcome as they return to public worship. Over the next six months, the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* effort will provide an array of resources, from prayer cards and bulletin announcements to social media posts and a pastoral letter from Bishop Lawrence Persico. Watch for the logo indicating the information is part of the effort to make sure the return to parish life after the pandemic is transformative.

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 SINCERE THANK YOU to all who made our parish picnic a huge success!

A special thank you to Fr. Allen, Deacon Frank and the musicians for a beautiful Mass and for all of those who attended to make it such a joyous occasion! Thank you as always to the Knights of Columbus for their contribution and presence at the picnic, to Kathy Higgins & Mary Lou Krantz who took control of the kitchen and multi-purpose room and to all those who helped in any way...moving chairs, setting up, helping with a kid's craft, signing people in, helping with the food, bingo and the list goes on. Without all of you, the picnic could not happen! Keep an eye on the Parish website and Facebook page for pictures from the weekend! Also, if anyone has any ideas for possible parish events or would like to join our Social Media Committee, please feel free to contact the office.

Jeannie, Jo, Michelle & Staci

Bishop Persico's pastoral letter in pandemic encourages 'vibrant encounters'

All are invited to read and discuss Bishop Lawrence Persico's *Re-membering Our Sunday Story: a pastoral letter written in pandemic*. "I offer this reflection on our Sunday story in order to help our parish communities to make the celebration of the Eucharist more engaging, more vibrant and more effective encounters with the presence of Christ, who is always our true Companion," he writes. "It is in these encounters that we discover how our parishes can become Eucharistic communities of love, service to others and communion with one other and with all of God's People." Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html.



BOOK CLUB NEWS!

We will resume meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 PM in the

FOUNDERS ROOM in the church building. Please note the change in location.

We will be reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Books are on order through the library and will hopefully be available in the church office soon. Any suggestions for future books are appreciated.

Please join us!

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.riercd.org/employment.html>.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only," (James 1-22)
This scripture is followed by instruction to care for orphans and widows. Don't know any orphans or widows? What about people without friends or money? This week find a way to care for someone alone or in need.

PARENTING POINTERS

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet must come an effort to show your spouse you understand. If you tend to be the less verbal spouse, make an effort to share your feelings and then show that you understand your partner's feelings and position.

"COME & SEE" Retreat Weekend

With the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
A retreat for Young Women ages 15-25

Friday, September 24—Sunday, September 26, 2021
3:00 PM Friday—11:30 AM Sunday

MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST CONVENT
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Reservations are required. Please call Sr. Christina
570-745-3334 + WWW.CAPUCHINSISTERS.COM

*"I need no more: I know Christ, the poor Crucified One."
St. Francis of Assisi*