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**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 21
2021**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY
MASS SCHEDULE
(TEMPORARY)**

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: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Director of Religious Education

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

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Mrs. Ann Miller

1st

SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

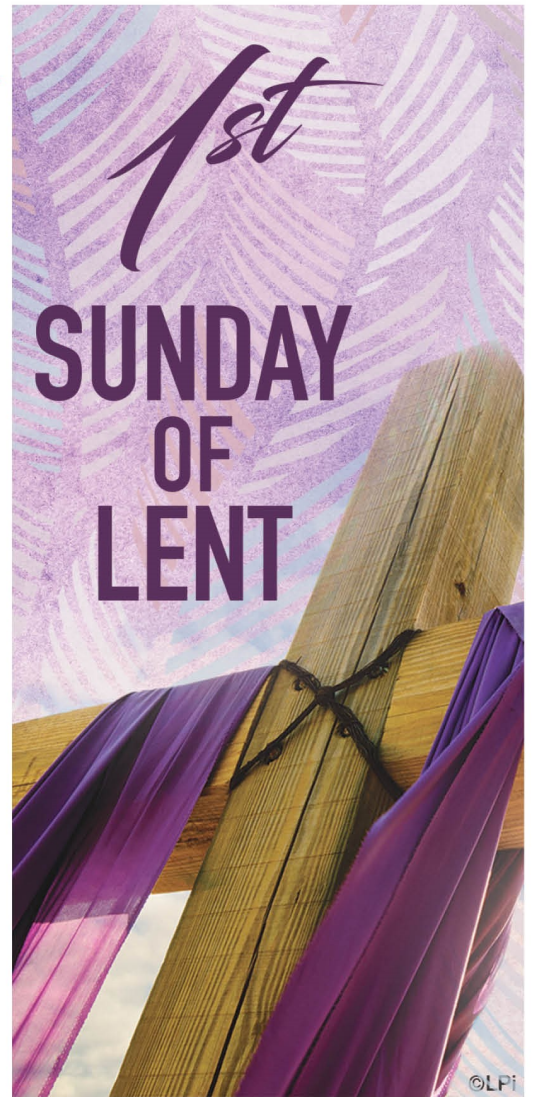
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

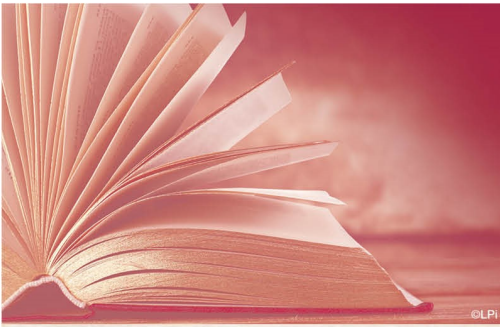
Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



*Repent,
and believe
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures
be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate
the earth. (Gn 9:11)



PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)



SECOND READING

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)



GOSPEL

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for 40 days,
tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 2/22 7 ³⁰ AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
TUES 2/23 9AM	Richie DeGeorge [Betty DiGiorgio]
TUES 2/23 5 ³⁰ AM	Mary Volk [Wible Family]
WED 2/24 7 ³⁰ AM	Roxanne Pagliaroli [Laurie & Jimmy Prosenjak]
THU 2/25 9AM	Dorothy Fill [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
FRI 2/26 9AM	Vi Seferra [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
FRI 2/26 7PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT 2/27 9AM	Leo Sikorski
SAT 2/27 4PM	Guy Earl D'Eramo [Wife, Virginia]
SAT 2/27 6PM	Lynne Knott [Joann Djakovich]
SUN 2/28 8AM	Dick Stigliano
SUN 2/28 10AM	Mass for the People
SUN 2/28 12PM	Ellen Hudson [Daughters, Kathleen & Marybeth]

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 2/27 4PM	M. Petrillo	J. Miller or J. Trenga
SAT 2/27 6PM	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
SUN 2/28 8AM	J. Feeney	P. Slezak or R. Vetica
SUN 2/28 10AM	K. Higgins	R. Beal or B. Martz
SUN 2/28 12PM	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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

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:

*Mary Tomko Holt
Dorothy Smith
Derek Hoffman
John Hamilton
Leo Sikorski*

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

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 _____

MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!
Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | gatorsnpa@gmail.com

**WED. EVENING PRAYER CANCELED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES
FEB. 24TH & MAR. 3RD**

ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

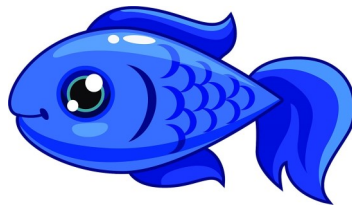
4:00—7:00 PM Every Friday during Lent

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Sharon PA 16146

TAKE OUT ONLY

Fried Fish Dinner or
Baked Cod Fish Dinner
\$10



**MASKS REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Yeah, you won," said the irate wife to her husband, "and now you get to live with the loser." - [Retrouvaille](#) leader on why win/win outcomes are a better way to resolve disagreements.

LENTEN TALKS ON THE SAINTS

During the Lenten season, our pastor, Fr. Richard Allen, is giving a series of talks on the saints.

Those talks are available on the parish website:
notredame-pa.org

The parish home page displays a red banner on the Lenten talks. Click on the banner link to go to the Saints series, which is posted on YouTube.

Four Saints included in the series of six talks are:

St. Bernadette
St. Patrick
Sts. Cosmas & Damian
St. Dennis

A new saint talk will be posted on the website at
NOON each Wednesday in Lent.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Grace and mercy:

A faith-filled walk through Lent

www.ErieRCD.org/Lent.html

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prepared by the Office of Faith Formation*

