



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
JULY 31
2022**

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 9:30 am –
Confession

PARISH STAFF

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

– Lk 12:20-21

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Next Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

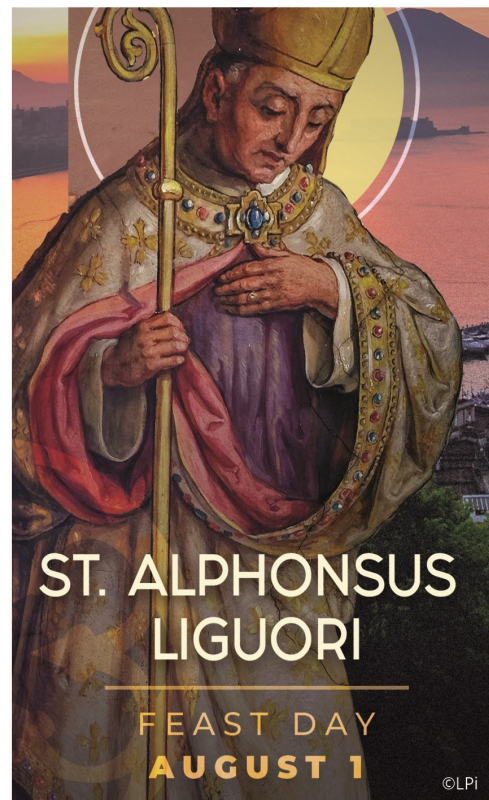
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Monday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Thursday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Saturday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our "stuff" and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God's kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

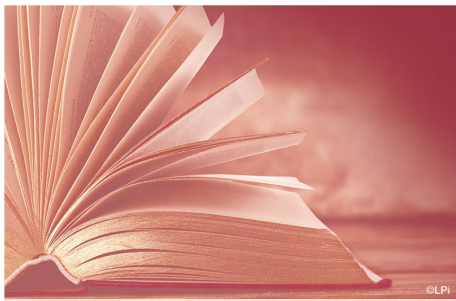
Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.



FIRST READING

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Ecc 2:22)



PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)



SECOND READING

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-2)



GOSPEL

"God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Lk 12:20)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

TRANSFORM GREED INTO GRATITUDE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.



MON 8/1	NO MASS
TUES 8/2 9AM	+Ray Ianniri [Bill & Sandy Tobin]
Wed 8/3	NO MASS
THU 8/4 9AM	+Joe Valley [Elaine Tupper]
FRI 8/5 9AM	+Erasmus & Lena Piccirilli [Family]
SAT 8/6 9AM	+Gary Masters [Mark, Giovanni, Santina & Luciana Masters]
SAT 8/6 4PM	+Mass for the People
SUN 8/7 8AM	+Denise Condo [Fran Foust]
SUN 8/7 11AM	+Hugh O'Brien [O'Brien Family]

DURING CONSTRUCTION OF OUR SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOT, THERE WILL BE NO ENTRANCE TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS.

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
724-981-5566
TO SCHEDULE MASSES OR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 8/6 4:00PM LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / J. Miller P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SUN 8/7 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 8/7 11AM LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / M. Hohman S. Hohman / R. McGoff	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please check-in with Fr. Allen prior to Mass**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **SALAD DRESSING**. The upcoming item will be broth, stock, & creamed soups [cream of mushroom, etc.].

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame TUES, THU, FRI 9:00 AM	St. Bartholomew MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM
SAT 9:00 AM *9:30 AM Confessions	TUES 6:00 pm *6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame SAT 4:00 PM	St. Bartholomew SAT 5:30 PM
SUN 8:00 & 11:00 AM	SUN 9:30 AM

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**

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please keep the family of **Delores Carbo** and **Anita DeRenzo** in your prayers.



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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING For Home Bound Parishioners And Nursing Homes

Deacon Frank Hannah and Kathy Higgins will be conducting training for all Eucharistic Ministers that volunteered to visit the Home Bound and Nursing Home Facilities.

Notre Dame Church
Saturday, August 6, 5:00-6:15 PM
Sunday, August 7, 9:30-10:30 AM

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

AUGUST 1, 2, 3

**THIS INCLUDES ANY ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN
THE FOUNDERS ROOM/CHURCH DURING THESE DATES**



BIBLE STUDY With Seminarian, Michael Scanga
At Notre Dame
2325 Highland Rd., Hermitage
6:30 PM

Series "Ignite", by FOCUS.

August 3rd: Part 4, Rock and Sand (Matthew 7:24-27)

Location - School Library [awning covered entrance at the back of the school building]

All are Welcome!

A Note from Seminarian, Michael Scanga

At seminary, we have "apostolic" ministries every Wednesday afternoon. This year, I worked with the hospice team at the Latrobe hospital. Our supervisor was a pastor named Brian. During a bible study we led together, he gave a little sermon and said something I wish to remember: "the only thing you can take with you to heaven is other people!" His point: earth is utterly *temporary*; eternity is *forever*; you *can't* take your phone, car, or cash with you; you *can* take friends, family, and strangers.

This week, Jesus warns us to guard against greed and attachment to material things. Again, He is calling us to love him with pure hearts with room for Him.

We are generally cushioned by luxury. (Personally, my eyes were opened to this during my two excursions to Guatemala this year). But, it's still possible for us to be holy and follow Christ. I think it's helpful to remember St. Francis. After his conversion, he took literally the call to "sell everything" and follow Christ. He owned nothing but his cloak, which he also gave away several times. He ate small and simple meals. A story goes that when he died, he asked his brothers that he be naked; he wanted to exit the world the way he entered—that's how focused on the next world he was!

Now, we don't all have to be St. Francis. But, we can all simplify our lives for the love of God—literally. Material things, in themselves, are not bad. Our Lord Jesus is concerned mostly about our hearts. We ought to detach our hearts from the love of material things in order to love spiritual things. We can do this by making little sacrifices. For example: instead of having our favorite drink with dinner, we can choose to have water sometimes, as long as we are doing this for the purpose of making more room to love Jesus in our hearts; we can choose to give up social media for a few days; wake up 5 minutes earlier to pray; and so on... As I said before, the life of holiness comes down to little choices and baby steps! Little by little, as God gains more territory in your heart, you will find yourself happier and holier; ready at a moment's notice and content if God were to say to you, "this night your life will be demanded of you" (Luke 12:20).



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Our local ***Knights of Columbus Council 4003***
will be having

a **"CAR WASH FUNDRAISER"**
this weekend

Sunday, July 31st from 8 AM – 1:30 PM
In the Notre Dame parking lot
near the pavilion.

All proceeds will benefit our local parishes
that our Knights of Columbus serves.

St. Anthony Church

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

August 31 - September 1, 2, 3



2pm-5pm



9am-2pm



9am-2pm



9am-Noon

Rummage Sale located in the Antonium
(1237 Sherman Avenue, Sharon, PA)

Items for sale include furniture, religious items, antiques, collectibles, floral, lamps, linens, light fixtures, home decor, dishes, knick-knacks, pots and pans, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, baby equipment, books, videos, jewelry, lots of misc., and more!

DAILY SPECIALS & FOOD AVAILABLE

Questions: Mary Hoagland 724-813-3247