



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
JUNE 13
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

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

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



11th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

FATHER'S DAY NOON MASS

WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING!
Please remember to bring your lawn chairs. Knights of
Columbus will be serving hotdogs after Mass.
Come celebrate summer!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

JUNE—AUGUST
MONDAY—THURSDAY 9-12 & 1-3 PM
FRIDAY—CLOSED

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

SUN 6/13	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
MON 6/14	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
TUES 6/15	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
WED 6/16	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THR 6/17	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
FRI 6/18	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
SAT 6/19	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
SUN 6/20	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

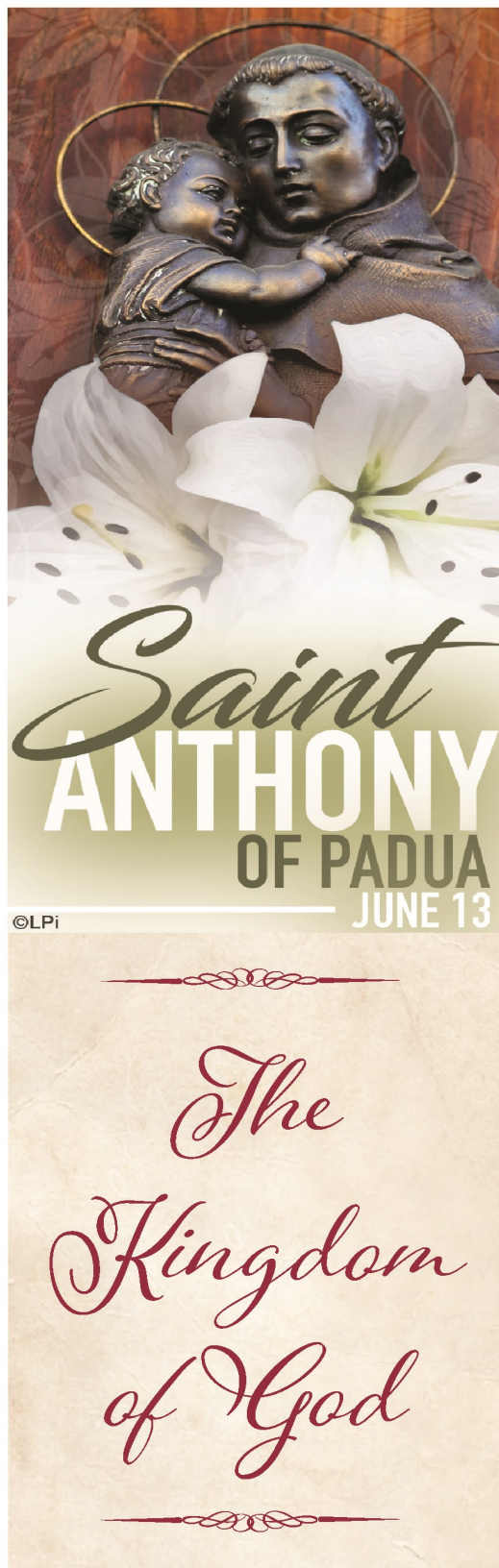
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

Sunday:	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Flag Day
Saturday:	St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

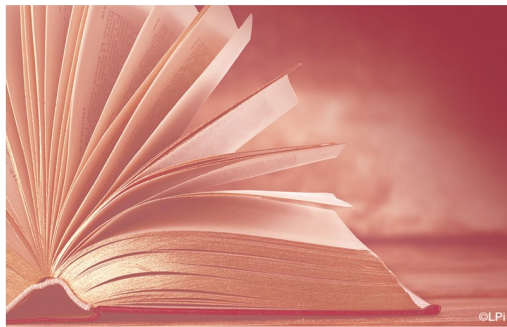
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)



PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)



SECOND READING:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in
the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)



GOSPEL:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in
the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the
largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its
shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!



MON 6/14 7 ³⁰ AM	Georgianna Coates [Teachers at SJP II]
TUES 6/15 9AM	Andy Frydrych [Murcko & Trepicone Families]
WED 6/16 7 ³⁰ AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
THU 6/17 5 ³⁰ PM	Mary Rose Szugye [Mark & Jackie Evan Family]
FRI 6/18 9AM	Eleanore Addison [Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Perrotti]
SAT 6/19 9AM	Gloria Cable [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
SAT 6/19 4PM	Albert Nigro [Daughter, Lynne]
SAT 6/19 6PM	Dom Nigro [Denny & Mary Chris Rubano].
SUN 6/20 8AM	J. David Benson [Cindi & Gary Byers]
SUN 6/20 10AM	Walter Trkula [Family]
SUN 6/20 12PM	Mass for the People

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

Ralph and Fern Saternow

On Behalf of: Family



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:

Georgianna Coates
Thomas G. Gilson



SAT 6/19 4PM		
LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCARISTIC MIN. T. Spatara P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER M. Becker
SAT 6/19 6PM		
LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 6/20 8AM		
LECTOR G. Leonard	EUCARISTIC MIN. B. Rossi J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 6/20 10AM		
LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCARISTIC MIN. P. Dinger R. Supel	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 6/20 12PM		
LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **paper towels**.
The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

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

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!

MAY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund

Budgeted	Received
\$52,900	\$53,311

International Needs	\$721
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2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	314
Amount of Pledges	\$119,670.00
Amount Received to Date	\$72,705.00

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 Deacon 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/4586860650>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting? Contact Deacon Frank / 724-977-8655 / gatorsnpa@gmail.com

A Word of Thanks . . .

With grateful and humble hearts, Carrie and I wish to thank our brothers and sisters of Notre Dame Church for many prayers, kind words of encouragement, and loving support during our five years of formation. We are especially grateful for those individuals who made the Masses of Thanksgiving truly memorable: Father Allen, Ken Wagner, Gretchen Wagner and the music team, and the volunteers who helped organize and serve refreshments following each Mass. The whole experience was wonderful.

We would also like to recognize and thank the members of the Continuum Team that have graciously volunteered their time to assist us in the final years of formation and beyond.

Tony Paglia
Michelle Bradac
Kelly McLaughlin
Dan Boller
Diane Boller

Thank you so much for this blessing and opportunity to serve with you in God's kingdom.

Peace in Christ,
Deacon Frank and Carrie Hannah

Our **Eucharistic Adoration** program is looking for some committed Adorers for the following hours: Monday: 5-6pm, 6-7pm, 9-10pm. Tuesday 1-2pm, 8-9pm. Wednesday: 12-1pm, 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 5-6pm. Also, if you volunteered to be a substitute and have not been contacted lately or you would like to become a substitute, please contact Jo Feeney at 724.699.3340. ***Come, spend some quiet time with Jesus.***



JOIN US AS WE

Dig Into God's Word

SJPII ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS
HOSTING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 28TH-JULY 2ND FROM 8AM-11AM
COST IS \$35 PER STUDENT AND SNACK
IS PROVIDED.

RSVP BY CALLING
724-342-2205

PLEASE BRING
A MASK AND A
WATER BOTTLE



INTERESTED IN WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY, SOCIAL MEDIA, BEING CREATIVE? WE NEED YOU!

Do you enjoy writing? Is photography one of your hobbies? Are you tech savvy? Do you have a flare for writing captions?

If you can answer YES to ANY of these questions, we'd love to hear from you. The Notre Dame Parish Marketing & Communications Team is seeking help to keep our parish connected and informed. Our Website and Social Media platforms play a key role in keeping our parish family informed. If you'd like to write some public relations stories, photograph some of our celebrations and events, or write some captions/storylines for our parish, we NEED YOU.

As we prepare and encourage our parishioners to return to participation in our parish, it is important to get the word out to our entire congregation. With the increasing number of parishioners participating in Mass in-person, and an increase in parish activities and events, we would love to have more people involved. Are you a high school student with good writing skills? Do you have some experience with digital media? Are you retired and looking for a small way to keep yourself busy and involved? Are you a little tech savvy and active on social media platforms? We can use your help! Send an email with your name and contact information to churchoffice@notredame-pa.org We will contact you to discuss your interests and availability.



Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA, is a quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery and more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey.

To learn more visit their website at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org
or call 814-263-4855. "God is Spoken Here."