



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 22
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

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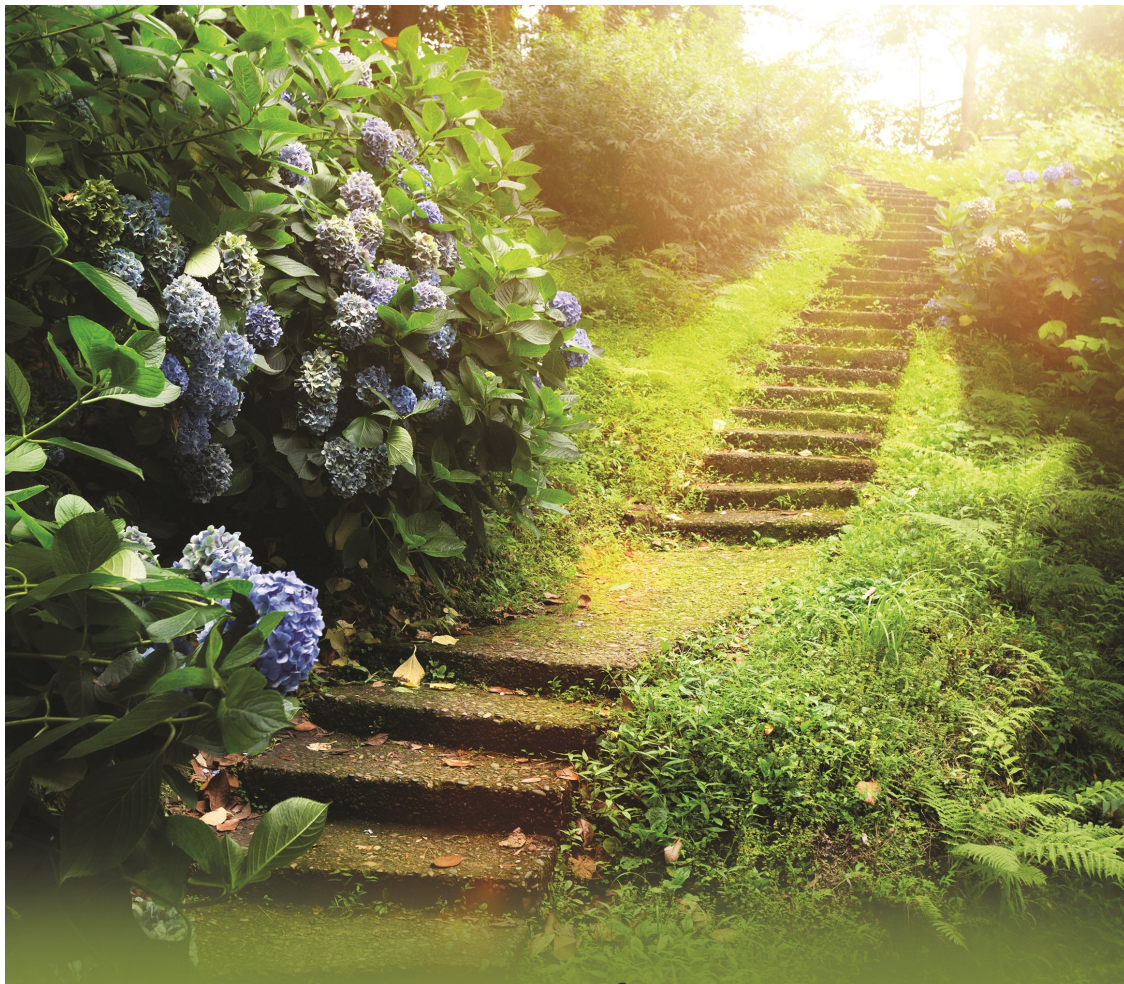
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21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.” - Jn 6:68

WEEKLY PRAYER

AUGUST 23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

- Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Friday:** St. Monica
- Saturday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

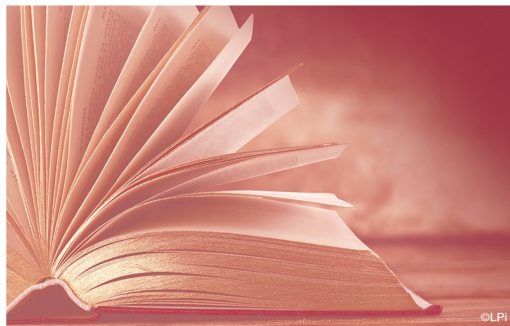
Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.



Whoever
believes
will have
eternal life.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)



PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)



GOSPEL

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"Master to whom shall we go?
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 8/23 7 ³⁰ AM	Ruth Hambach [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
TUES 8/24 9AM	Jay Senko
WED 8/25 7 ³⁰ AM	Dick Stigliano [Judy Moroco]
THU 8/26 5 ³⁰ PM	Judy Snizek
FRI 8/27 9AM	Ed & Alice Donnelly
SAT 8/28 9AM	Sandy Rossi Jr. [Jim, Tina, Julia Trenga & Rosemary Rossi]
SAT 8/28 4PM	Marianne Kovac [Tues. Morning Sm. Group]
SAT 8/28 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 8/29 8AM	Nick Pici, Anniversary
SUN 8/29 10AM	Harry Rome
SUN 8/29 12PM	Jeff & Ellen Hudson [Daughters, Kathleen & Mary Beth]

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 8/28 4PM LECTOR T. Bain	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. J. Miller / P. Polesnak P. Polesnak / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER
SAT 8/28 6PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 8/29 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / P. Clark A. Joseph / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 8/29 10AM LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / K. Davenport B. Moder / S. Puhl	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 8/29 12PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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



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

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

PARENTING POINTERS

If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you'll talk about this, but also listen – to what they've learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.

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



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **paper napkins**.
The upcoming item will be toilet paper.

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

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:

Patricia Venesky
Robert Melvin Garrett
Rose Ann Viselli
Vincent Blake



Tony and Sandy Ragozine

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.

FEEDING THE DOG

Dear Parishioners,

Ginger has returned from her vacation, two months with a family near Dubois. When she left us in June she weighed a gargantuan 32 pounds, and happily, has returned at a still hefty, but lower, 29. I know that many of us like to give her a treat before or after Mass, but I am asking that you exercise some restraint. Let's begin by giving her one, and only one, treat. In the Spring I noticed too many people pulling bags of treats out of their pockets or purses. Please, if we are not careful we will destroy her health, so if you would like to give Ginger a snack, put one small treat in your pocket before you come to Mass.

Thanks, Fr. Allen

St. John Paul Elementary Grounds Cleanup WEATHER PERMITTING!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 8:00 AM—NOON

Any available parishioners and guests to make this happen are greatly appreciated.

Bring your family and enthusiasm for this half-day clean-up. We are asking that you bring your own equipment: Wheelbarrows, flat shovels, garden rakes, weed trimmers, pruners, loppers and so forth.

We envision this also as a time for renewing friendships and meeting new people.

Questions: Please call the parish office #724-981-5566

Amata Days Vocation Weekend

With the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
A retreat for girls to discern their vocation
Grades 10-12

Amata is Latin for "Beloved"

Talks, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Private Prayer Time, Fun & More

Friday, September 10th—Sunday, September 12, 2021
4:00 PM Friday—2:30 PM Sunday

St. Agnes Roman Catholic
445 N. Main St.
Sellersville, PA 18960

REGISTRATION

FREE!

Deadline: September 3rd

To register please contact Lesia Petrizio: 215-804-7975

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. ANTHONY CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



Wed., Sept. 1 — 2pm to 6pm

Thurs., Sept. 2 — 9am to 3pm

Fri., Sept. 3 — 9am to 3pm

Sat., Sept. 4 — 9am to 12noon

804 Idaho St.

Sharon, PA

(Please use Sherman Ave. entrance)

ST. ELIZABETH CENTER SEEKS NEW CEO

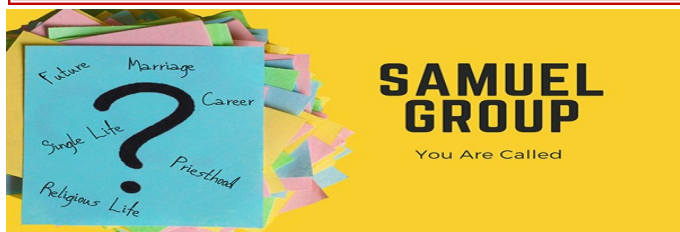
St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City
Chief Executive Officer

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.eriercd.org/employment.html>.



**SAMUEL
GROUP**
You Are Called

If you as a young adult are wrestling with big questions about your future, don't worry—you are not alone! The Samuel Group is for young adults ages 20-30 who seriously desire to discern God's will for their lives. The Samuel Group is a seven month journey that includes: monthly gatherings at St. Mark Catholic Center, spiritual direction, prayer, talks, small group discussion, and accompaniment. The goal of the Samuel Group is for each participant to grow in self knowledge and to hear and respond to God's call with an open heart.

Applications are due September 1, 2021

Please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/youth/samuelgroup.html> for the information video and application details.

For more information contact Director of Vocations, Fr. Scott Jabo, at SWJabo@eriercd.org, or Jillian Zacyk, Director of Young Adult & Youth Ministry, at jzacyk@eriercd.org