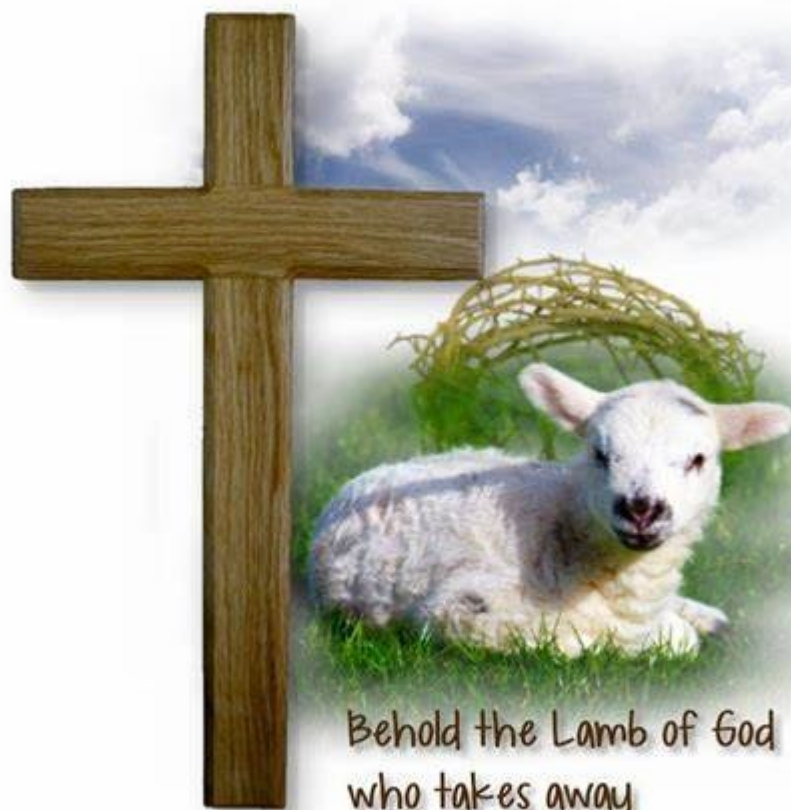




# Church of NOTRE DAME

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Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away  
the sin of the world!

John 1:29

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 14  
2024**

## **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

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

Fr. Richard Allen

### Deacon

Dcn. Frank Hannah

### **Director of Faith Formation**

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

**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. *Day***  
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**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

## **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:



VIDEO MASS 1/14	+Dick Stigliano [Wife & Children]
MON 1/15 11AM	NO MASS
TUES 1/16 9AM	+Mary Baron [Doreen Matune]
WED 1/17	NO MASS
THU 1/18 9AM	+Mary Frances Stawiasz [Stawaisz Family]
FRI 1/19 9AM	+Dorothy Fill [Son, John Fill]
SAT 1/20 9AM	+Jim Sheasley [Careghini Family]
SAT 1/20 * 3-3:30PM	* Confessions
SAT 1/20 4PM	+Hugh O'Brien [Family]
SUN 1/21 8AM	+Joann S. Puharic [Mary Ellen Donahue]
SUN 1/21 11AM	*Mass for the People



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

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

## 2023 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2023 Sacrificial Giving to Notre Dame will **ONLY BE PREPARED BY REQUEST**. If you would like a statement, please call the parish office, 724-981-5566.

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of  
**Neal Thomas Swartz Sr.**  
in your prayers.



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

## Are You Being Called To Serve As A Permanent Deacon?

The Diocese of Erie is launching a new five-year session for ten men seeking to study for and discern whether or not they are being called to this vocation. Those interested in learning more are invited to visit [www.eriercd.org/deacons](http://www.eriercd.org/deacons) for details about basic prerequisites as well as the application process occurring this winter and spring. Participants will simultaneously earn a master's in pastoral administration from Gannon University. Two mandatory inquiry sessions will be held at St. Mark Center in Erie on the weekends of March 9 and 16, 2024.

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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<b>SAT 1/20 4PM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> P. Polesnak	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> S. Esmond / S/ Goclano B. Palisin / D. Palisin P. Polesnak <b>1 - Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>ALTAR SVR</b> M. Wible R. Wible
<b>SUN 1/21 8AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> B. Lackey	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> T. Brandenstein / P. Clark R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	<b>ALTAR SVR</b> B. Hunter B. Hunter
<b>SUN 1/21 11AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> K. Higgins	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> T. DeCaprio / R. Fleis A. McDonough / B. McVey B. Moder / A. Orndorff	<b>ALTAR SVR</b> T. Bonner E. Perry

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

### DAILY :

MON, WED, FRI  
7:30 AM

TUES

6:00 PM / \*6:30 PM Confessions

### WEEKEND:

SAT 5:30 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

## LUMINARIA

Our parish Faith Formation Office would like to extend a sincere apology for not being able to place luminarias around the church campus on Christmas Eve due to the back order of the 15-hour candles. If you donated in the parish envelope to have a luminaria burn in memory or in honor of a loved one, we will be using the donations to adorn the Altar with flowers on the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. Again, the office extends a heart-felt apology.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Ranelli, parish DRE, at 724-981-5566. Thank you.

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

**January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month.** Child Sex Trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when any child under age 18 is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be anyone including friends, gangs, family members, foster parents, perceived trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk to your child openly about this reality and build resiliency. Address the myths and misconceptions that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Social media and gaming platforms are increasingly becoming the tool traffickers and other predators use to target, groom, and recruit victims. At some point your child will likely be confronted with inappropriate messages or see things online that they know are wrong. Teach your child how to handle these situations. You can report suspected child sex trafficking or make a tip at 1-800-843-5678 or CyberTipline.org.

For additional resources visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

### Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10  
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

### Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,  
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,  
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

### Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/  
Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday:

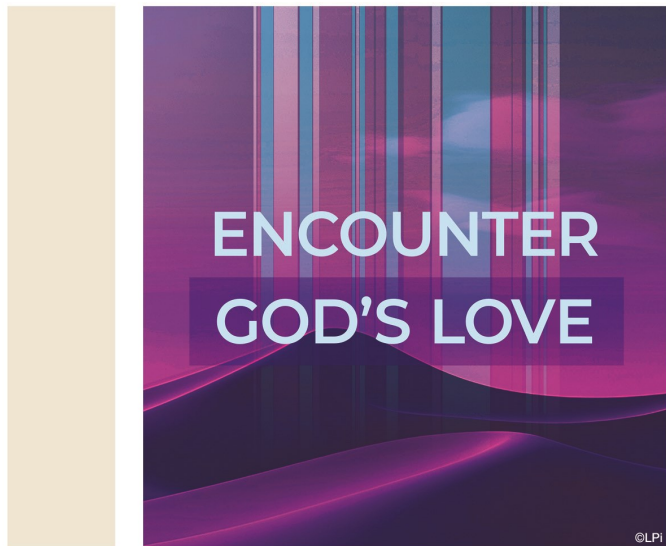
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21

### Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

### Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

## Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Thursday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
**Saturday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

## Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,  
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

## 2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

\*Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM  
 \*Grades: **PreK-10<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**  
 \*Grades: **11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM**  
 Facilitator: Deacon Frank Hannah  
 \*Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak  
 Email: [Religious@notredame-pa.org](mailto:Religious@notredame-pa.org) / Phone: 724-981-5566

### January

- 14** Class [First Penance Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]  
**21** Class [First Eucharist Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]  
**28** **STUDENT SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN-SERVICE**

### February

- 4** Class  
**11** Class [First Penance Retreat beginning with 11am Mass-3pm / no morning RE class for Grade 2]  
**18** Class  
**25** **NO Class**

## UNIQUE PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY TO THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join your Diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress ~ the first one in 83 years!!! There are expected to be 80,000 Catholics congregating in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

Come, gather with fellow Catholics to worship, learn, attend Mass, listen to some of the most influential Catholic speakers...Bishop Robert Barron, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, Fr. Mike Schmitz to name a few.

The pilgrimage is being coordinated by the Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee and there will be a bus leaving from Good Shepherd in West Middlesex the morning of July 17th. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact us at [eriedeac@gmail.com](mailto:eriedeac@gmail.com) or Jo Feeney at 724-699-3340.

Learn more about the Congress itself at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

## St. Bartholomew Church Homemade Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Famous Homemade Pasta, Sauce & Meatballs!  
 Ticket includes Salad, Italian Sausage & Bread

**Sunday February 4, 2024 • Noon - 4pm**  
**311 W. Ridge Avenue, Sharpsville**

**Adults \$12 • Kids 10 & under \$8 • Eat-in or take-out**  
 Tickets: Contact Parish office 724-962-7130,  
 E-mail: [stbartholyname@gmail.com](mailto:stbartholyname@gmail.com) or  
 Buy Online at [www.saintbartholomews.com](http://www.saintbartholomews.com)

**PLUS: Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, 50/50 & Side Raffles**  
 Advance purchase highly recommended; this all-homemade event will sell out, and door sales will be limited.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SAVE THE DATE

Men's Lenten Breakfast  
**February 17, 2024**  
 More information to follow!



## WLS...

The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Main dish, TBD. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule February 10/11.

Any questions contact Ann Nicolls at 724-962-7164.

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW 311 W. Ridge Ave., Sharpsville 724-962-7130 HOMEMADE PIEROGI SALE

\$10 per dozen

Pick-up date  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13** in the Parish Center  
 from 12:30 to 2:30pm

#### PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER

Return order form to St. Bartholomew or call the parish office  
 724-962-7130

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up Date: Tuesday, February 13 (parish center)  
 # of doz.      Price @ \$10      Total

Pick-up date  
**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21** in the Parish Center  
 from 12:30 to 2:30pm

#### PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER

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 724-962-7130

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up Date: Tuesday, February 13 (parish center)  
 # of doz.      Price @ \$10      Total

### NOTRE DAME Book Club

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM**  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We will be reading, The Dictionary of Lost Words, by Pip Williams.

A few books will be available outside the parish office.

*Please join us!*