



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
APRIL 18
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

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Mr. Joseph Ranelli

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Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

“You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:48

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

SUN 4/18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MON 4/19	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
TUES 4/20	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
WED 4/21	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
THR 4/22	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
FRI 4/23	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
SAT 4/24	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
SUN 4/25	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

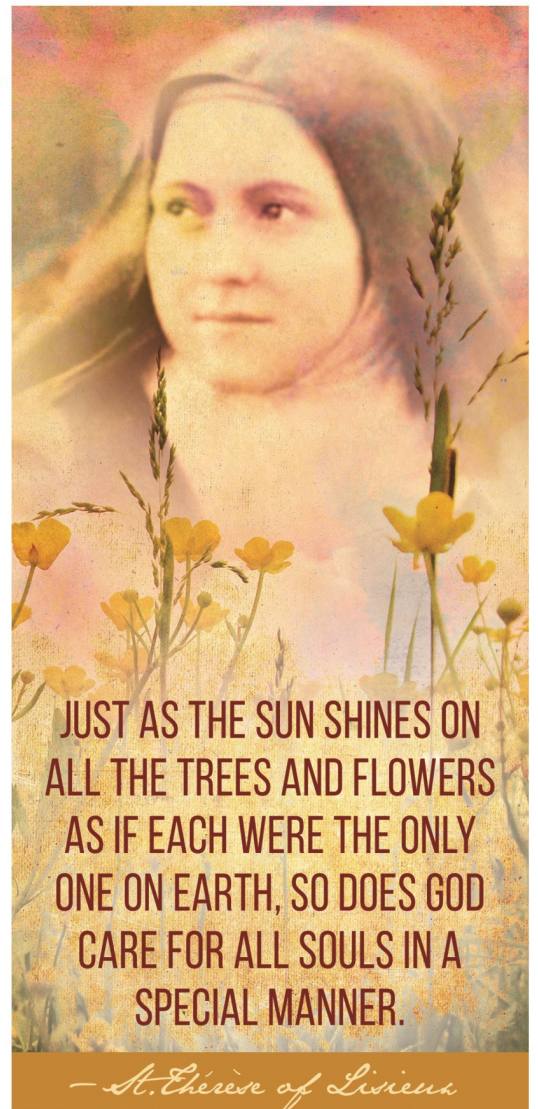
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Wednesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday:	Earth Day
Friday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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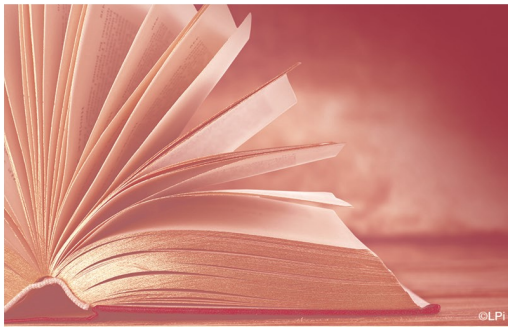
Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



These
are my
words

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)



PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)



GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



MON 4/19 7 ³⁰ AM	Christine DeSantis [Sam & Rosemary DeSantis]
TUES 4/20 9AM	Mary Rose Szugye [Mark & Jackie Evans & Family]
WED 4/21 7 ³⁰ AM	Scripture & Communion
THU 4/22 5 ³⁰ PM	Eleanore Addison [Margie Sprankle]
FRI 4/23 9AM	Donna Rakoci Baker [Olga & Gene Metro]
SAT 4/24 9AM	Derek Hoffman [Amelia "Millie" Kopka & Jeff & Mary Frances Campese]
SAT 4/24 4PM	Victoria Dignadice [Wally & Ada Novero]
SAT 4/24 6PM	Donald Saxe [John & Salli Tatusko]
SUN 4/25 8AM	Mass for the People
SUN 4/25 10AM	Leo Sikorski
SUN 4/25 12PM	James Patrizi [Wife, Delores & Family]



SAT 4/24 4PM		
LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller D. Boller	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SAT 4/24 6PM		
LECTOR J. Feeney	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis	ALTAR SERVER K. Fleis
SUN 4/25 8AM		
LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Joseph C. Kautzman	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren
SUN 4/25 10AM		
LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport B. McVey	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay
SUN 4/25 12PM		
LECTOR R. McGoff	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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

REMINDER: THURSDAY MASS WILL NO LONGER BE AT 9:00 AM, BUT WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5:30 PM.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. The Good Shepherd collection will assist those dedicated priests who are retired and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and your priests serving you now. Your gift will be a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service.

Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

Use the special envelope provided or any envelope and mark on it- "Good Shepherd Collection." It may be returned to the parish office during this month of April.



Easter Flowers

In Memory of:

David Dahmen & Family
Cathy & Jim Granata Family
Mary Alice & Emory Beal
Mary Lou & Stan Hribar
Jo & Jim Granata 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:

John G. Wassil, Jr., M.D.

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**

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

Congratulations!

Cady Louise Benedict
Jesse John Paul Blaze
Christina Maria Boren
Beverly Catherine Bridge
Leighia Cecilia Dancak
Anglina Elizabeth DeBlasio
Kaitlyn Cecilia Gilliland
Lauren Cecilia Kos
Chloe Marianna Kovac
Jett Matthew Leipheimer
Jordan Catherine Lewis
Giovanni Jordan Magestro
Samuel David Mancino

Liam Paul Mercader
Damein Anthony Morris
Pilar Catherine Moschillo
Jackson George Pryts
Ellie Ruth Slezak
Alison Agatha Stephens
Tyler James Thornburg
Julia Genevieve Trenga
Anthony Anthony Trontel
Collin Joseph Trontel
Hannah Victoria Wilcox
Justin Michael Winslow
Sophia Gianna Wilds

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday, April 25th

Next weekend, Father Allen will be celebrating his 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Father Allen was ordained with another Notre Dame native son, Father Michael DeMartinis.



Happy Anniversary!!
Thank you for saying Yes to God!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS 2021

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church



Altar flowers last weekend were
donated In thanksgiving to God
and in Memory of
Barbara Oleskey

On Behalf of: Geri & John Jurko

**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



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

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

Your local Knights of Columbus, Council #4003 (Farrell, Hermitage, Sharpsville, W Middlesex), is conducting a member drive. We are looking for Catholic men to join our local council, and join the other 1.9 million members around the world, to help us serve and support our local parishes and their families. To culminate this drive we will be performing a degree ceremony and social on May 15th following the 6 PM Mass at Notre Dame.

Contact Rich Fleis, Financial Secretary, via call or text 724-991-0116 or via email at ricfl@hotmail.com.

To learn more about the Knights, visit www.kofc.org for more information. Not a Knight yet.....why not????

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant- It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them - at every opportunity. *For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*

The "Creating A Safe Environment" training program is an integral component to the prevention effort in our diocese. The mandated program trains employees and volunteers in the warning signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse of a minor. Since 2003 over 60,000 adults in the diocese have received the training to recognize and report child abuse. With the help of the safe environment training program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility to keep God's children protected and safe. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to take the training program or learn what is required for employees and volunteers to work with children in diocesan parishes/schools/agencies.