



Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5 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

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Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

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Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

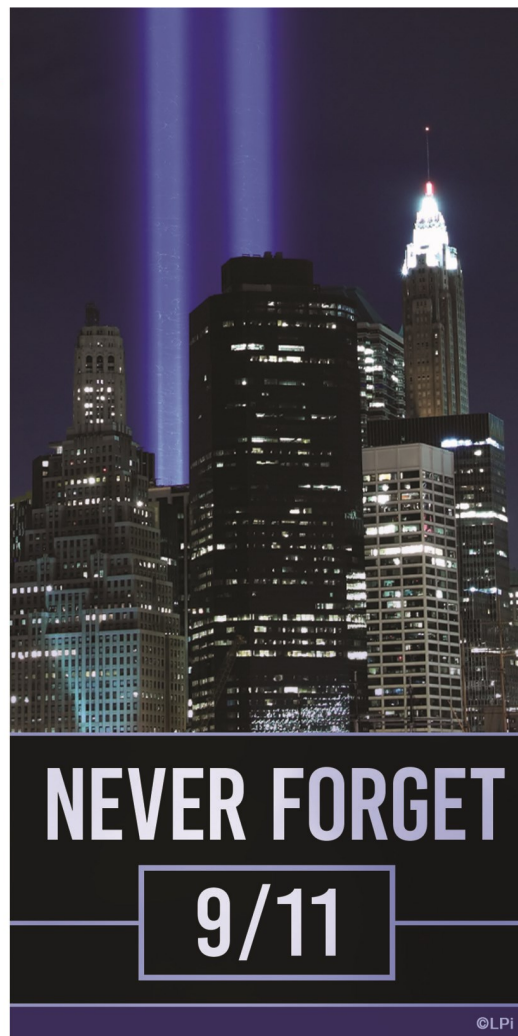
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Saturday: BVM; Patriot Day
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)



PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)



GOSPEL

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."
(Mk 7:37)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.



MON 9/6 7 ³⁰ AM	SCRIPTURE & COMMUNION
TUES 9/7 9AM	Frances M. Brestelli [Family]
WED 9/8 7 ³⁰ AM	Special Intention [Trindle Family]
THU 9/9 5 ³⁰ PM	Michael Anthony Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
FRI 9/10 9AM	Lynne Knott [Family]
SAT 9/11 9AM	Sandy Rossi Jr. [Jim & Linda Jordan]
SAT 9/11 4PM	Jean Teaberry [Sam & Denise Condo]
SAT 9/11 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 9/12 8AM	Msgr. Max Karg
SUN 9/12 10AM	Levio Baldarelli Sr. [Beverly Thomas & Family]
SUN 9/12 12PM	Jill Allen

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPT. 6TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **quart & gallon size storage bags**.
 The upcoming item will be salad dressings.

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:

John F. Piccirilli



SAT 9/11 4PM LECTOR M. Bradac	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller A. Scoccia / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SAT 9/11 6PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 9/12 8AM LECTOR J. Feeney	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Rossi / P. Slezak J. Trenga / R. Vetica	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 9/12 10AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / P. Dinger B. McVey / S. Puhl	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 9/12 12PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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

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

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. SEE FR. ALLEN'S ARTICLE

WE NEED YOU!

GIVING / OFFERTORY REMINDERS

CSA:

- Please **DO NOT** use other offertory envelopes for CSA. Using a non-offertory envelope will help ensure your giving is credited correctly.
- Please do not combine your CSA payment with any other offertory giving.
- CSA checks should be made payable to Notre Dame Church

Offertory Checks:

- Please make sure your check has the correct date, made payable to Notre Dame and signed.
- When issuing one check for multiple envelopes, mark the contribution amount on each envelope and make sure the total of all envelopes equal the amount of the check to ensure proper credit is given.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Fr. Allen will be conducting training for current/new Eucharistic Ministers on the following dates/times.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14TH, 6:30 PM

- Current Eucharistic Ministers that feel they need to be retrained due to Covid and the restrictions in place.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15TH, 6:30 PM

- Current Eucharistic Ministers that feel they need to be retrained due to Covid and the restrictions in place.
- New Eucharistic Ministers
- Anyone interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 724-981-5566



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!

Catholic Education Collection

The 2021 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 18th and 19th. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that **half of what you give will remain here at Notre Dame Parish** to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.

PARENTING POINTERS

Clutter can be toys, papers, or many misc. items left on the floor or table. But clutter can also be noise. Think TV, videos, crying, complaining. Try treating your family to a moment, a minute, an hour of quiet. Agree to do it all at the same time. See what happens.



BISHOP PERSICO INVITES PARISHIONERS TO RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY

In addition to a more substantial pastoral letter that is part of the diocesan *Re-membling Our Sunday Story* campaign, Bishop Lawrence Persico has written a letter to the Faithful. "The sacrifices and deprivations brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic are causing us to rethink priorities," he writes in the one-page letter. "As protocols are eased, parishioners are discovering a deeper appreciation for what it means to gather for Mass, to receive the Eucharist and to be part of a community." Find the letter at www.Eiercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html.

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>.