



Church of NOTRE DAME



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
2023**

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

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dn. Frank Hannah

Director of Faith Formation

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?
Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last
one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with
my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

-Mt 20:13c-16



VIDEO MASS 9/24	+William "Bill" White [Family]
MON 9/25	NO MASS
TUES 9/26 9:00AM	+Henry Fill [Son, John Fill]
WED 9/27	NO MASS
THU 9/28 9:00AM	+Lynne Knott [Family]
FRI 9/29 9AM	+Ed Stanton [Jon & Karen Wilcox]
SAT 9/30 9AM	+Mary K. Nicoletti [Family]
SAT 9/30 *3-3:30PM*	Confessions
SAT 9/30 4PM	*Mass for the People
SUN 10/1 8AM	+Donna Logan [John Logan & Family]
SUN 10/1 11AM	+Marcella Bosak [Family]



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.

ALL PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES APPRECIATION DINNER

YOU ARE INVITED:

Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 pm
Multi- Purpose Room
Hosted by Fr. Allen and Parish Staff
Caterer: Odette Pasci
RSVP to the coordinator of your ministry



More information to follow.



Lyla Mae Linton
September 17, 2023

Daughter of
Cameron and Alexandra Linton

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of
Joseph Izzo
in your prayers.



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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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SAT 9/30 4PM LECTOR T. Bain	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Goclano P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER M. Wible R. Wible
SUN 10/1 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Mentrek / P. Slezak J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 10/1 11AM LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / M. Hohman S. Hohman / B. McVey Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER N. Selby M. Tarbay

***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

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION "Nurture Growth in Mind, Heart and Spirit"

Last weekend, our parish promoted a collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you!

If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY THE STUDY OF THE EUCHARIST: SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

In this first year of Eucharistic Revival, Our Catholic Conference of Bishops have invited all American Catholics to immerse themselves in the study and understanding of the Eucharist- "The Source and Summit of our Catholic faith". Notre Dame Staff will offer a five (5) week course on understanding the Eucharist, beginning **October 5th**, ending **November 16th**. It will be held in our Multi-purpose room, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Reservations to Kathy Higgins are helpful for completing handouts- 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Invitation to the Vineyard

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair.

There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
(Is 55:8)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Phil 1:20-21)

Gospel:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?” (Mt 20:14-15)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading:

Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling “caught between” life and death. Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?

Gospel:

The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!”

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: “That's not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Prayer

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your generosity and infinite majesty, for the firmness that you granted to the children Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the beginning of the evangelization of Mexico, and despite their young ages, were filled with immense love for carrying the word of your kingdom without stopping to think about the fear of suffering. With their verve and their martyrdom, we inherited an example of an unbreakable and sincere faith. For the preference you had for these children, confer the special grace that, through their intercession, I ask of you (make your request). Amen.

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2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Notre Dame [Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM]

Grades: **PreK-10th** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**

Grades: **11th - 12th** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM** / Facilitator: Deacon Frank Hannah

Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak / Email: ReligiousEd@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

September 2023

24 RE Classes begin

October 2023

1 Class
8 Class
15 Class
22 Class
29 NO Class

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Shenango Valley's Original & Largest!

46TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION / SUN, OCT 8TH

ST. MICHAEL SOCIAL CENTER
2140 Highland Rd, Hermitage
[level parking / wheelchair accessible]

DOORS OPEN 1:00PM / DRAWING AT 2:15PM

ADMISSION \$6

[Includes Lunch + 1 Free Tear Sheet] Tear Sheets 6 For \$5

Prizes for every family member!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kathy Higgins, our Director of Adult Education, recently became an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Erie. An Associate is a lay man or woman who wants to deepen their faith life and espouse the tenets of the Sisters of St. Joseph- helping our neighbors in all walks of life. The preparation and study was about one year in length. Kathy had worked in a Diocesan capacity with Sr. Nancy Fischer, SSJ, which sparked her interest. Congratulation Kathy!



The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, October 1st after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Multi-purpose Room. Main dish, sausage.

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

BBQ Chicken



WHOLE BBQ CHICKEN - ONLY \$10

Sunday, October 15

11:30am - 2:00pm

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

CALL LUNA 724-342-2489

Deadline to place order: Sunday 10/8

ST. ANTHONY

804 Idaho St.
Sharon, PA

St. Bartholomew Food Pantry



SATURDAY, November 11, 2023

311 W. Ridge Ave.
Sharpsville, PA

REGISTRATION: Race \$20-Fun Walk \$10
NO SHIRTS FOR REGISTRATIONS AFTER 10/30/2023
REGISTRATION ONLINE: <https://www.smileymiles.com>
START TIME: RACE 9 AM-1 MILE FUN WALK 9:10 AM

MORE INFORMATION:
snadra04@outlook.com OR rjz3@psu.edu

CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH



All Proceeds go to
St. Bartholomew
Food Pantry

St. Bartholomew Homemade Pierogi Sale



*With the help of the former St. Adalbert parishioners,
using their famous recipe!*

Cost is \$10 per dozen.

Pick-up date will be

Wednesday, OCTOBER 4, 2023 in our Parish Center

From 12:30 To 2:30 PM

PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF ORDER

Return order form and payment to St. Bartholomew Church or call the Parish office
311 W. Ridge Ave. Sharpsville PA. 16150 724-962-7130

Name: _____		
Phone: _____		
Pick-up Date: Wednesday, OCTOBER 4, 2023 (Parish Center)		
# of DOZ.	Price	Total
_____	@ \$10.00	_____