



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10
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

Confession: Saturday 9:30 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Mr. Frank Hannah

Director of Religious Education

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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCT. 11TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**



28th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible,
but not for God. All things are possible for God.” - Mk 10:27

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

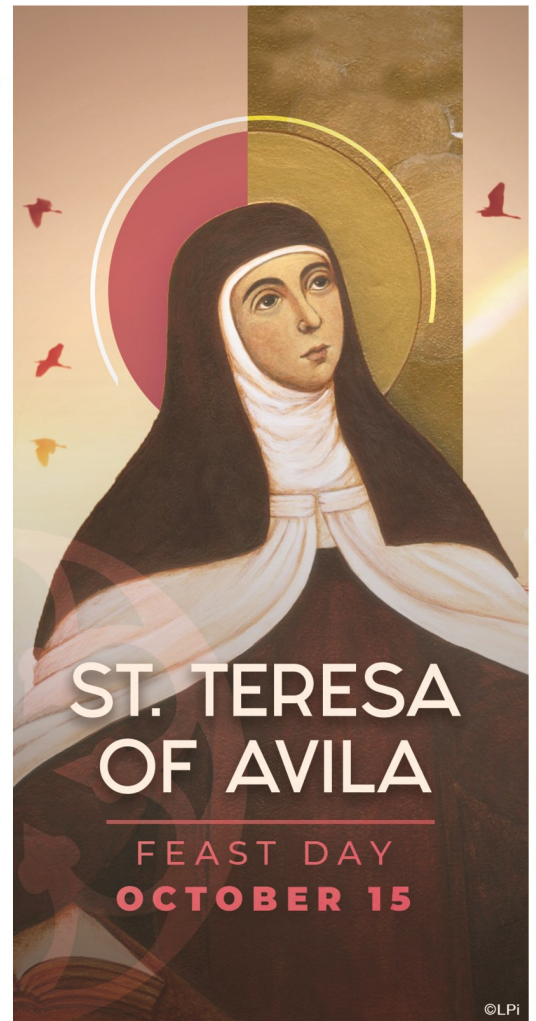
- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk
10:35-45 or 10:42-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
- Thursday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

MON 10/11 7 ³⁰ AM	Emory Beal
TUES 10/12 9AM	Joe George [Sharon H.S. Class 1954]
WED 10/13 7 ³⁰ AM	SCRIPTURE & COMMUNION
THU 10/14 5 ³⁰ PM	SCRIPTURE & COMMUNION
FRI 10/15 9AM	Dick Stigliano [Dave & Colleen Joseph]
SAT 10/16 9AM	John Hornyak [Skip & Becky Feigert]
SAT 10/16 4PM	Elsie O'Neill [Liz O'Neill]
SAT 10/16 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 10/17 8AM	Ginny Kocis [Ann Stigliano]
SUN 10/17 10AM	Gary Masters [Mark, Gio, Santina, Luciana]
SUN 10/17 12PM	Edna Strollo

WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE
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SAT 10/16 4PM LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / J. Miller P. Polesnak / P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowers
SAT 10/16 6PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 10/17 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / P. Clark J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 17/10 10AM LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / B. Moder C. Nawrocki / A. Orndorf	ALTAR SERVER N. Selby M. Tarbay
SUN 17/10 12PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. S. Hohman / M. Hohman R. McGoff	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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

SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, Budgeted \$43,100	and Maintenance Fund Received \$45,356
Catholic Education	\$1,140

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	317
Amount of Pledges	\$120,385
Amount Received to Date	\$97,490



NEW MEMBERS Ryan, Kayla & Aria Lockhart

**Altar flowers this weekend are donated
In thanksgiving to God and
In Memory of**

Barbara Anne & Michael Stawalsz

On Behalf of: Stawalsz Family



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **toilet paper**. The upcoming item will be quart and gallon size storage bags.

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:

**Barbara Leo
Joe Valley**

MINISTRY NEEDS

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!

BLUE ARMY OF MERCER COUNTY

October 17, 2021 at 2:45 pm, Notre Dame Parish

The World Apostolate of Fatima will celebrate the 104th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal.

Children will be given flower petals to begin procession before Our Lady of Fatima. This day will be filled with prayerful events including the Crowning of Our Holy Mother of God, Rosary Prayer, and Benediction with Fr. Matthew Strickenberger.

Special thanks in advance to Deacon Messina, the Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Blue Army, and the many Blue Army members that participate in the success of our prayer gathering.

Our intentions for future gatherings are to rotate throughout the Parishes of Mercer County.

Through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary
God Bless You

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K–11th** / Sunday Mornings: **8:50am–9:50am**
Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School
Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director / Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary
Office: 724-981-5566 / Email: Religioused@notredame-pa.org

October 2021

17th RE Begins (all grades)
24th Class
31st Class

November 2021

7th Class
14th Class
21st Class
28th NO CLASS (Thanksgiving) (Advent begins)

NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Starting **Oct. 14 at 6:00 PM, online (via ZOOM)**, Beloved Disciple, Grove City will be exploring the Gospel of Luke.

This on line review (via ZOOM) will discuss the major themes of Luke's Gospel. Each Thursday evening for six weeks we will spend an hour discovering the depth and beauty of the Gospel which will be proclaimed in the new Liturgical year starting in November of this year. All are welcome to join us.

Information on the first session is below:

Topic: **Gospel of Luke**

Time: Oct 14, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82115804341?pwd=aVpWaVE5TSt0WFdXNFcxGloSUNEdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 1580 4341 Passcode: 215772

Call Deacon Owen for more information at 724-748-6700.

RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY PAVING THE WAY FOR NATIONAL INITIATIVE

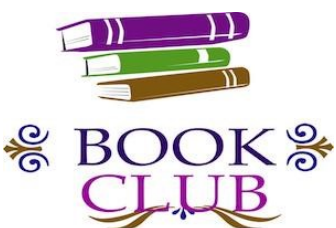
In his letter introducing the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* initiative, Bishop Lawrence Persico said he asked the diocesan Office of Faith Formation to create the effort in order to help parishioners fully embrace this unexpected period of renewal created by the full return to in-person worship. "I believe it will lay the groundwork for next year, when the American bishops launch a three-year effort to help us grow in our understanding of the Eucharist," he said.

- What new ways did you experience communion with other people during this pandemic?
- What new insights do you have about God and God's presence because of this pandemic experience?

These questions and more can be found, along with the pastoral letter Bishop Persico issued during the pandemic, at www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html.

The Notre Dame Book Club will be meeting

**Thursday, October
21st at 6:30 PM
in the FOUNDERS ROOM.**



We will be reading
The Kitchen House by
Kathleen Grissom.

Please join us!

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Bullying Prevention Month: Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior. The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are: Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok; Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or tablet devices; Instant messaging, direct messaging, and online chatting over the internet; Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit; Email; and online gaming communities. Adults should take the same approach to address it: support the child being bullied, address the bullying behavior of a participant, and show children that cyberbullying is taken seriously.

To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.riercd.org/childprotection/>.

Thank you to Ann Sheasley for her dedication for providing food on the 20th of every month for the past 12 years to Joshua's Haven! And thank you to all of those who have provided a meal.

We are going to continue this tradition.

If you are interested in helping,
please call **Bob or Terri** at
724-346-4739.



**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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"I prayed, and prudence was given me." (Wisdom 7:7)
How one talks with God (prayer) varies from person to person. Some like memorized prayers, some read scripture, some quietly meditate... Share what style is most meaningful to each of you.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW HOMEMADE PIEROGI SALE

Cost is \$7 per dozen.

Pick-up will be available:

October 13, October 20, November 3, and November 10
From 12:30 To 6PM

St. Bartholomew Parish Center
311 W. Ridge Ave. Sharpsville PA. 724-962-7130

Order can be placed by calling St. Bartholomew Church.

ST. ANTHONY PALACINKE SALE TAKE OUT ONLY



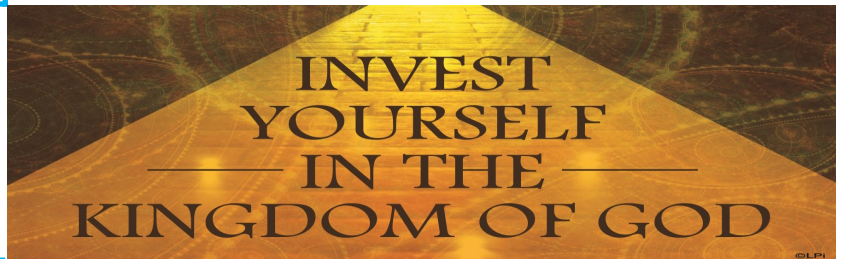
Thursday, October 21
Pickup time: 3-5pm in Church Hall
Cost: \$3.00 per Palacinke

To place an order please
call 724-342-7391
Monday thru Thursday from 9am-3pm

ALL ORDERS WILL BE BOXED PRIOR TO PICKUP
[Deadline to place an order is Thursday, October 14]

ONCE LIMIT IS MET, WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ORDERS

Masks must be worn and
social distancing maintained at time of pickup.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS