



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 15
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

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

- Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/
Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

- Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday:** St. Stephen of Hungary
- Thursday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Friday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.



All
generations
will call me
blessed.

— LUKE 1:48B —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
(Rev 12:1)



PSALM

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)



SECOND READING

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Cor 15:20)



GOSPEL

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 8/16 7 ³⁰ AM	Marianne Kovac [Don & Judy Shuttic]
TUES 8/17 9AM	Daniel C. Buzzeo [Olympia Buzzeo]
WED 8/18 7 ³⁰ AM	Stephen Garay [Jim & Laurie Prosenjak]
THU 8/19 5 ³⁰ PM	Anthony Paglia Sr. [Paglia Family]
FRI 8/20 9AM	Darrell Whitehead [Family]
SAT 8/21 9AM	Levio Baldarelli [Wife & children]
SAT 8/21 4PM	Mass for the People
SAT 8/21 6PM	Victoria Dignadice [Wally & Ada Novero]
SUN 8/22 8AM	Dick Stigliano [Nan Lehman]
SUN 8/22 10AM	Jill Allen
SUN 8/22 12PM	Msgr. Edward Zeitler

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

Msgr. Edward Zeitler

On Behalf of: Wagner Family



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**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **canned fruit**. The up coming item will be paper napkins.

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 8/21 4PM	LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller A. Scoccia / T. Spatara	ALTAR SERVER M. Becker A. Bowser
SAT 8/21 6PM	LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 8/22 8AM	LECTOR J. Feeney	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren
SUN 8/22 10AM	LECTOR M. Jones	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / P. Dinger A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay
SUN 8/22 12PM	LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED

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

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:

Mary Ann Frydrych

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.

WE NEED YOU!

JULY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund

Budgeted	Received
\$43,250	\$44,127

National Needs \$572

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	317
Amount of Pledges	\$119,385
Amount Received to Date	\$86,715



OUTDOOR NOON MASS & PICNIC AUGUST 22ND, 12 - 4PM

What a great way to welcome everyone back to Mass and celebrate summer!

Noon Mass will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Lunch will be served from 1-3pm, along with games and crafts for all ages. Meat and drinks will be provided and we ask that you provide a side dish or dessert according to the first letter of your last name.

A-G providing a dessert
H-N providing a salad
O-Z providing a hot casserole

We plan to play bingo, volleyball, maybe even have a little corn hole tournament, along with some games for the kids. If you have a craft or game you would like to be in charge of or have a teenager who wouldn't mind manning one of the craft tables, please let us know. We are looking to have many volunteers, so that everyone has some time to enjoy the picnic and to socialize with our parish family.

We are also looking for **\$5 gift cards** that we can use for prizes. These can be dropped off at the church office Mon - Thur 9am-12pm or 1-3pm.

If you have any questions or would like to help in anyway, please call:
Jeanne 724-854-6206, Jo 724-699-3340,
Michelle 724-699-5891, or Staci 330-519-3239



Amata Days Vocation Weekend

With the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
A retreat for girls to discern their vocation
Grades 10-12

Amata is Latin for "Beloved"

Talks, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Private Prayer Time, Fun & More

Friday, September 10th—Sunday, September 12, 2021
4:00 PM Friday—2:30 PM Sunday

St. Agnes Roman Catholic
445 N. Main St.
Sellersville, PA 18960

REGISTRATION
FREE!

Deadline: September 3rd
To register please contact Lesia Petrizio: 215-804-7975

PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

502 Darr Ave., Farrell, PA 16121

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Orientation

August 17th, 11:00 AM or

August 19th, 1:00 PM

If interested, please contact Jennifer Wallace
at 724-346-5777 or

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

On Aug. 15 the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of The Assumption of Mary. Whether or not you are Catholic, however, there is another English meaning of "assumption" It's risky in marriage to *assume* too much about your spouse. Do not assume that you will both be alive tomorrow. How might you treat your beloved today if tomorrow brings tragedy?

PARENTING POINTERS

If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you'll talk about this, but also listen – to what they've learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.