



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
APRIL 16  
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 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



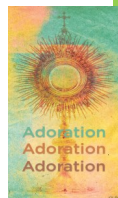
## **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29





VIDEO MASS 4/16	+Margaret Owens [Wagner Family]
MON 4/17	NO MASS
TUES 4/18 9AM	+Albert J. Fill [Jerry & Ginny Viselli]
WED 4/19	NO MASS
THU 4/20 9AM	+Dominick & Jean Teaberry [Condo Family]
FRI 4/21 9AM	+Charlene McConnell [Djakovich Family]
SAT 4/22 9AM	+Carl Bell [Family]
SAT 4/22 *3-3:30PM	*Confessions
SAT 4/22 4PM	+Margaret Papay [Kollar Family]
SUN 4/23 8AM	*Mass for the People
SUN 4/23 11AM	+David Hoover [James Wassil, Michael Wassil, Susan Wassil McDonald & Families]



Tuesday / 9:30 AM–11:00 PM  
 Wednesday / 9:00 AM–11:00 PM  
 Join us for an hour of *Prayer*, every  
 Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm  
 For more information call:  
 Jo Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

## MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund

Budgeted	Received
\$46,100	\$45,993

## 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	193
Amount of Pledges	\$98,495
Amount Received to Date	\$37,320
Amount Outstanding	\$61,175

## CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

- Due to changing banks, CSA checks must be made payable to Notre Dame Church only.
- When submitting a CSA payment without a notice, please indicate in the memo section of your check "CSA" to ensure credit is posted properly.



<b>SAT 4/22 4PM</b> LECTOR M. Multari	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / C. Esmond S. Goclano	ALTAR SERVER <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SUN 4/23 8AM</b> LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Clark / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
<b>SUN 4/23 11AM</b> LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. M. Hohman / S. Hohman B. Moder / C. Nawrocki	ALTAR SERVER <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>DAILY :</b> MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions
<b>WEEKEND:</b> SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **PAPER NAPKINS**. The upcoming item will be toilet paper.

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

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please keep the family of

**Frank Matune**  
**William Coon**

in your prayers.



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

## THANK YOU!!!!

A hearty thank you to all who worked so diligently to make the Easter Triduum services so meaningful. The cleaners who clean our church every week, Jeanne Pursel's team of decorators, lectors and all the musicians, including the small children's choir who sang at 11am Easter. Your parish appreciates all your hard work!

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023

Sunday:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Friday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	Earth Day
Next Sunday:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation – and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

*Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." – Psalm 118:3*



## Saint of the week

*Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation – the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.*

## Prayer

*The Prayer of Cornelia*

Let us love one another and pray,  
Let us love one another and be faithful,  
Let us love one another and be humble,  
Let us love one another and be filled  
with the charity of God.

Let us love one another with God, in  
God, and for God,

And we shall thus be one with God  
for all eternity.

*(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly,  
Foundress, Society of the Holy Child  
Jesus)*

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

### Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir

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## *Easter Vigil Sacrament:*

*Congratulations to Abby Ferlin, who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, a sign of maturing faith with a Sacred Chrism Oil and The Coming Of The Holy Spirit.*

*Abby, elementary school teacher, volleyball coach, mother to two year old Magnolia and fiancé' to Matt Durisko, eagerly prepared for this sacramental moment during the winter months.*

*May God Bless her and her family with the Spirits of love, joy and peace.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades: Pre-K - 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Mornings: 9:15AM - 10:45AM

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

**\*\*April 2023\*\***

- 16 Class  
23 Class - First Eucharist Retreat / 11am Mass-3pm  
No morning RE class for Grade 3  
30 Last Class

## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES A TRAVEL STORY

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30pm

Last night, Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles presented by Pat Polesnak.



Men, mark your calendars!  
We will be hosting a  
**Men's Breakfast**  
**Notre Dame**  
**Saturday, June 3**  
with speaker  
Fr. Larry Richards

More information to come!

## Join the Immaculate Heart of Mary 300 Club

- ◊ The 300 Club is a 6-month raffle at IHM. **Only 300 tickets will be sold!**
- ◊ Each ticket price is \$100.00.
- ◊ Every number is entered into a weekly drawing.
- ◊ The drawing during the first week of the month is worth \$400.00
- ◊ The drawings during the subsequent weeks of the month will each be worth \$200.00.
- ◊ The drawings for the raffle will take place every Wednesday from 7/12/2023 to 12/27/2023.
- ◊ Five (5) additional drawings will be pulled at the Annual Cookie Walk and Soup Sale 12/10/2023.
- ◊ The five (5) drawings at the Cookie Walk and Soup Sale will include three (3) \$1000 drawings and two (2) \$500 drawings.
- ◊ Every ticket will be eligible to win each weekly drawing even if your number was already pulled once.
- ◊ Each number will only have one chance at the five (5) special drawings at the cookie walk and soup sale.
- ◊ Winner need not be present at any of the drawings to win.
- ◊ To join, tickets will be sold after the weekend masses as well as at the parish office, Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. **Tickets will begin being sold April 1.**
- ◊ Checks are to be made out to **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 100 Penn Ave, Mercer PA 16137** with the memo line reading "300 Club".
- ◊ For more information, call the parish office at 1 (724) 662-2999.

### Drawing Dates

7/12 - \$200	10/4 - \$400
7/19 - \$200	10/11 - \$200
7/26 - \$200	10/18 - \$200
	10/25 - \$200
8/2 - \$400	11/1 - \$400
8/9 - \$200	11/8 - \$200
8/16 - \$200	11/15 - \$200
8/23 - \$200	11/22 - \$200
8/30 - \$200	11/29 - \$200
9/6 - \$400	12/6 - \$400
9/13 - \$200	12/13 - \$200
9/20 - \$200	12/20 - \$200
9/27 - \$200	12/27 - \$200



## Easter Flowers

IN MEMORY / \*HONOR OF:

\*Cindi & Gary Byers  
Joan Hawkins  
Feeney Family  
Kavanagh Family

Ray Gruss

Ravenstahl Family  
Lenna Ray Harris  
Robesh Family  
Fannie Scarnecchia

Salvador Scarnecchia

## NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We will be reading, *If We Were Villians*, by M. L. Rio.  
A few books will be available outside the parish office.

*Please join us!*

## CHILD PROTECTION



**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 communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



Thank you to the following who so generously made soup for our Good Friday "Soup and Salad Supper".

Diane Boller, Jim and Marcia De Angelis, Ann Evans, Jo Feeney, Betty Lou Kapolka, Elaine Maffei, Jann McKinney, Kim O'Brien, Kim Stephenson and Vicki Thomas

Also, to Joyce Kurpe, Marlene Kaczmarczyk, and Tom Brandenstein for their help with clean up in the kitchen.

With our appreciation  
The Social Committee

Michelle Becker, Jo Feeney, Jeanne Pursell, Kim O'Brien, and Staci Perman