



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
MARCH 14  
2021**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

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: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

## **PARISH STAFF**

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

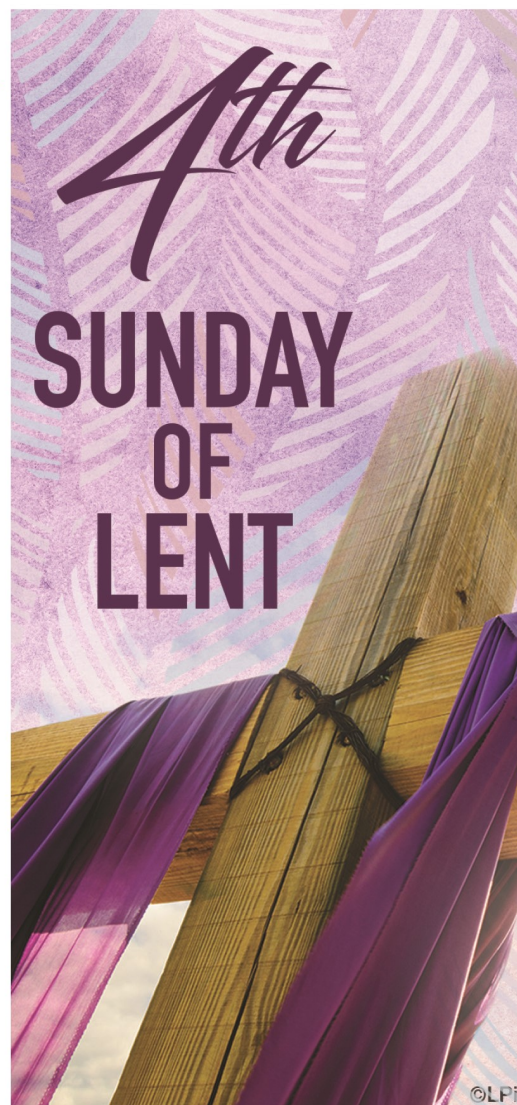
<b>SUN 3/14</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
<b>MON 3/15</b>	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
<b>TUE 3/16</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
<b>WED 3/17</b>	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
<b>THR 3/18</b>	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
<b>FRI 3/19</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>SAT 3/20</b>	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
<b>SUN 3/21</b>	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find  
God and He  
cannot be found in  
noise and restlessness.  
God is a friend of  
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God,  
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,  
set all its palaces afire,  
and destroyed all its precious objects.  
(2 Chr 36:19)



## PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
(Ps 137)



## SECOND READING

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus  
for the good works  
that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)



## GOSPEL

For God so loved the world that he gave  
his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.





MON 3/15 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Carmel Perrico [SJP II Staff]
TUES 3/16 9AM	Eleanor Addison [Anthony & Patrice Kocis]
TUES 3/16 5 <sup>30</sup> PM	Jim & Vi Sferra
WED 3/17 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	McGinty & Stawaisz Families [Stawaisz Family]
THU 3/18 9AM	Paul Stutz [Jo & Ned Feeney]
FRI 3/19 9AM	Barb Flickinger [Friends]
FRI 3/19 7PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT 3/20 9AM	Judy Sniezek
SAT 3/20 4PM	Dennis Sheehan [Peggy & Kelly]
SAT 3/20 6PM	Ed Lisac Jr. [Rob Kroko]
SUN 3/21 8AM	Dick Stigliano [David & Amy Krysieck]
SUN 3/21 10AM	Richard Murcko [Murcko & Trepicone Families]
SUN 3/21 12PM	Mass for the People

## 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:

**Patricia Webster**  
**Carmel A. Perrico**  
**Richard Rocco**  
**Catherine Mary Sarvas**

## 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**



	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 3/13 4PM	J. Spatara	C. Esmond or T. Spatara
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 3/13 6PM	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/14 8AM	G. Leonard	T. Brandenstein or T. Pagliaroli
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/14 10AM	F. Hannah	M. Ballish or K. Davenport
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/14 12PM	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SACRAMENTS 2021

#### FIRST PENANCE

Thursday, March 25, 2021 / 7PM / Church

#### CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 11, 2021 / 2PM / Church

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church

### Prayer for Candidates

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful Confirmation candidates and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
 And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of these faithful candidates, grant that by the same Holy Spirit they may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

### REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!  
Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from **7:00 PM – 7:30 PM** for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | [gatorsnpa@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnpa@gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Budgeted	Received
Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund	\$42,300	\$42,791
Faith Communication Collection		\$710

## 2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	272
Amount of Pledges	\$112,670.00
Amount Received to Date	\$104,380.00 (FINAL)

## LENTEN TALKS ON THE SAINTS

During the Lenten season, our pastor, Fr. Richard Allen, is giving a series of talks on the saints.

Those talks are available on the parish website:  
**notredame-pa.org**

The parish home page displays a red banner on the Lenten talks. Click on the banner link to go to the Saints series, which is posted on YouTube.

A new saint talk will be posted on the website at **NOON** each Wednesday in Lent.

## ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

4:00—7:00 PM Every Friday during Lent

804 Idaho St

Sharon PA 16146

### TAKE OUT ONLY

Fried Fish Dinner or

Baked Cod Fish Dinner

**\$10**



**MASKS REQUIRED**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## EASTER BREAD SALE!

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> masses.

Traditional \$7, Raisin \$8 or any 3 for \$20

We can arrange pre-sales,

for order or pickup you may contact

Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at [Ricfl@hotmail.com](mailto:Ricfl@hotmail.com)

Interested in:

- [ ] Easter Bread Volunteer (Baking or Distribute – All are welcome, fun family activity!)
- [ ] Being part of the Knights of Columbus
- [ ] Making donation towards supplies

## LENTEN ETHNIC FOOD AND BAKE SALE

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
St. Michael's Center (please use side entrance)  
2140 Highland Rd., Hermitage  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 3:00—6:00pm**

### PRE-ORDERS ONLY

1 Dz. Potato/Cheese Pierohi (dumpling)	\$8 frozen
1 Dz. Sauerkraut Pierohi (dumpling)	\$8 frozen
1 Qt. Fresh Halushki (cabbage, onions, noodles)	\$8

### TO PLACE AN ORDER CALL

Bill 724-962-4618 or Christine 724-866-0058

\*Once quota has been reached, orders will be declined.

**NO WALK-INS FOR PIEROHI OR HALUSHKI!**

**CHECK OUT THE BAKE SALE**