



Church of NOTRE DAME



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17
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

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Mr. Joseph Ranelli

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Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Ann Miller



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” -Mt 18:21-22

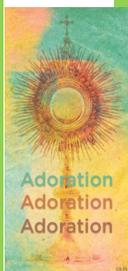


VIDEO MASS 9/17	+Dick Stigliano [Family]
MON 9/18	NO MASS
TUES 9/19 9:00AM	+Jim Sheasley [Ron & Jean]
WED 9/20	NO MASS
THU 9/21 9:00AM	+Carole Lee Arnold [Pat & Evelyn Masello]
FRI 9/22 9AM	+Cathleen Difeo [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]
SAT 9/23 9AM	+Barb Gadola [Ann Witherow]
SAT 9/23 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions	
SAT 9/23 4PM	+Renee Cardamon [Jim DeAngelis & Marcia Malesick]
SUN 9/24 8AM	+Erasmus & Lena Picirilli [Family]
SUN 9/24 11AM	+David Majoros [Liz O'Neill]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is PAPER TOWELS. The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

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



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



SAT 9/23 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / T. Spatara P. Thornburg Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SUN 9/24 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu T. Brandenstein / T. Pagliaroli	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 9/24 11AM LECTOR R. McGoff	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. McVey / B. Moder A. Orndorff Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

*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

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of **John Mulcahy** in your prayers.



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

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

September 16-17 - Today is the 2023 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program that funds faith formation opportunities here in our parish and from the Diocese of Erie. Through faith-filled adults and youth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be spread and taught from our preschoolers to our adults.

Half of your donation will remain at Notre Dame parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet and place in the offertory basket.

Thank you for your prayers for a year for growing in faith and your generous gift!



*In The Name of The Father And of The Son
 And of the Holy Spirit*

Ace Michael Parry
 September 2, 2023
 Son of
 Jeffrey and Emily Parry

Lillian Jeane Fautas
 September 3, 2023
 Daughter of
 Jason and Jennifer Fautas

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

Second Reading:

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

Gospel:

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

Prayer

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Angeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. 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

- 17 RE Staff Meeting / 6:30PM / Multi Room
- 24 RE Classes begin

October 2023

- 1 Class
- 8 Class
- 15 Class
- 22 Class
- 29 NO Class

NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, September 21st / 6:30 PM
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, *Redeeming Love*, by Francine Rivers.
A few books will be available outside the parish office.

Please join us!

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



WLS.

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

More information to come...

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

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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)

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