



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 1  
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

Deacon

Mr. Frank Hannah

Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller



*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.



We  
shine  
for  
God



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Then the LORD said to Moses,  
"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.  
Each day the people are to go out  
and gather their daily portion;  
thus I will test them,  
to see whether they follow  
my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)



## PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)



## SECOND READING

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
and put on the new self,  
created in God's way in righteousness and  
holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)



## GOSPEL

"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
(Jn 6:35)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



# MASS INTENTIONS

MON 8/2 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	George Christoff
TUES 8/3 9AM	Erasmus & Lena Piccirilli [Family]
WED 8/4 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Bill Furey
THU 8/5 5 <sup>30</sup> PM	John Sabol
FRI 8/6 9AM	Dick & Shirley Gresh
SAT 8/7 9AM	Levio Baldarelli [tim & Rose Skero]
SAT 8/7 4PM	Jack Hawes [Bill & Ann Evans]
SAT 8/7 6PM	David Marchand [Mike & Pat Butala]
SUN 8/8 8AM	Fran Sok
SUN 8/8 10AM	Mass for the People
SUN 8/8 12PM	John Nichols [Wife, Grace]

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

**Barbara Oleskey**

**On Behalf of: Daughters, Son-in-laws,  
Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren**

## 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:

**Daniel "Danny" Conlin  
Robert Reichart  
Dorothy Nych**

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SAT 8/7 4PM**

**LECTOR**  
M. Bradac

**EUCCHARISTIC MIN.**  
C. Esmond / J. Miller  
A. Scoccia / P. Thornburg

**ALTAR SERVER**  
M. Becker  
A. Bowers

**SAT 8/7 6PM**

**LECTOR**  
**LECTOR NEEDED**

**EUCCHARISTIC MIN.**  
**EUCH. MIN. NEEDED**

**ALTAR SERVER**  
**SERVER NEEDED**

**SUN 8/8 8AM**

**LECTOR**  
**LECTOR NEEDED**

**EUCCHARISTIC MIN.**  
T. Pagliaroli / B. Rossi  
P. Slezak / J. Wolinsky

**ALTAR SERVER**  
C. Boren

**SUN 8/8 10AM**

**LECTOR**  
K. Higgins

**EUCCHARISTIC MIN.**  
C. Nawrocki  
**EUCH. MIN. NEEDED**

**ALTAR SERVER**  
A. Coates  
M. Tarbay

**SUN 8/8 12PM**

**LECTOR**  
**LECTOR NEEDED**

**EUCCHARISTIC MIN.**  
**EUCH. MIN. NEEDED**

**ALTAR SERVER**  
**SERVER NEEDED**

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

## 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!**

**Welcome**  
**New Members!**

**Thomas & Henrietta Nichols**



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **large garbage bags**. The upcoming item will be paper towels.

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

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

**Documentation for Safety:** Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children.

All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children.

Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

## Prince of Peace Center



There are several programs throughout the Valley that focus on supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.); this year, we turn our focus to meeting a different but just as important need.

### **Seats & Feets** **Underwear and Sock Drive**

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Prince of Peace Center will distribute the following items to the needy children of families that attend the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen programs which the Center provides.

Sizes K-12 needed (Children through adult sizes):

- New Socks: ALL SIZES
- New Underwear:
  - \* Girls/Women: various styles
  - \* Boys/Men: boxers

You may place your donations of these items into the designated box in the back of the Church **now** through **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** or drop them off at the **Prince of Peace Center, 502 Darr Ave., Farrell.**

Your donations of clothing items will aid parents in preparing their children to return to school with a positive image and attitude.



## **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**

## **HOME ENTHRONEMENT**

Home Enthronement is a form of consecration of the home and family to Jesus and his Blessed Mother. This three to seven day experience is an opportunity for a family to spend time each day in prayer together and is meant to be a reminder that the home is a place of holiness, and that the family is meant to imitate the love, devotion and self-sacrifice modeled by Jesus and Mary.

An interested family receives a statue honoring The Immaculate Heart of Mary for the number of days chosen and is given a series of devotions to pray together during the days of consecration. At the end of those days, Fr. Allen and a lay volunteer arrive with a statue honoring The Sacred Heart of Jesus and will stay for a prayer service that includes a blessing of the home and family.

If you are interested in scheduling this prayer experience, please call our parish office at 724-981-5566.