



Church of NOTRE DAME

2325 HIGHLAND RD | HERMITAGE, PA 16148

PHONE: (724) 981-5566 | [HTTP://NOTREDAME-PA.ORG](http://NOTREDAME-PA.ORG)

EMAIL: CHURCHOFFICE@NOTREDAME-PA.ORG

RELIGIOUS ED EMAIL: RELIGIOUSED@NOTREDAME-PA.ORG



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 22
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

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dcn. Frank Hannah

Director of Faith Formation

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

**29th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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:



VIDEO MASS 10/22	+Dec'd Members, Higgins Family
MON 10/23	NO MASS
TUES 10/24 9:00AM	+Leslie Norton [Skip & Becky Feigert]
WED 10/25	NO MASS
THU 10/26 9:00AM	+Frank Matune [Wire, Doreen]
FRI 10/27 9AM	+Helen "Toots" Scarmack [Pat & Tom Demas]
SAT 10/28 9AM	+William "Willie" & Michael Chavara [Karen Liska]
SAT 10/28 *3-3:30PM* Confessions	
SAT 10/28 4PM	*Mass for the People
SUN 10/29 8AM	+Dee Dee Peters [Family]
SUN 10/29 11AM	+Dec'd Members, Higgins Family [Russ Anne, Ryan, & Matthew Wible]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **SALAD DRESSING**. The upcoming item will be broth, stock, & creamed soups [cream of mushroom, etc.].

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

Living The Gospel ... One Life At A Time

RESPECT LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Used with permission. All rights reserved.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT 10/28 4PM		
LECTOR P. Polesnak	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Gociano B. Palisin / D. Palisin P. Polesnak	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 10/29 8AM		
LECTOR Volunteer Needed	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / P. Clark T. DeCaprio / P. Slezak J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	ALTAR SERVER C. Logue
SUN 10/29 11AM		
LECTOR C. Wallace	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER M. Tarbay
WED 11/1 7PM	ALL SAINTS	
LECTOR K. O'Brien	EUHARISTIC MIN. Volunteers Needed	ALTAR SERVER
WED 11/2 7PM	ALL SOULS	
LECTOR ONLY M. Jones		

***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

Make an Investment in Your Future

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Invest in your marriage by attending Engagement Encounter. Spend a weekend away from the stress of planning for the wedding and enjoy the special moments of creating your future marriage together. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. For more information and registration visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>. All couples are welcome. The next EE weekend is scheduled for **January 19-21, 2024**, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.



Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools

WE ARE HIRING
THEOLOGY FOR GRADES 7-12

APPLY NOW

email resumes to
jhalicki@kennedycatholicschools.org

ALL SOULS DAY

Letters have been mailed to all in our parish who have lost someone since All Souls Day of last year, as a reminder that on that evening, at 7pm we do a special mass remembering all the deceased. If you did not receive a letter, and have lost someone, please call the office [724-981-5566] to let us know that you will be attending so that candles can be ordered.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 2023

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Saturday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forfend! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time*, I tell myself. *For when I am ready*.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Mt 22:21)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

God revealed to the Persian King, Cyrus, that he would be an instrument of the Lord, proving that no other gods exist. What convinces you there is only one Lord of the universe?

Second Reading:

In his opening words to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving to God for their faith and hope in Jesus. For what or for who are you thankful to God?

Gospel:

The religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to “entrap” Jesus with the question, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” How often do you feel you have to defend your faith?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

With little more than a year until the United States’ national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week’s gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, “**Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**” This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What’s a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God’s all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — *and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus’ words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn’t God — but he is indeed God’s.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/> translation by LPi.)

©LPi

©LPi

ADORATION

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:
Feeney 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665

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

October 2023

22 Class
29 NO Class

November 2023

5 Class
12 Class
19 Class [Safe Environment In-service]
26 NO Class [Thanksgiving]

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY THE STUDY OF THE EUCHARIST: SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

In this first year of Eucharistic Revival, Our Catholic Conference of Bishops have invited all American Catholics to immerse themselves in the study and understanding of the Eucharist- "The Source and Summit of our Catholic faith". Notre Dame Staff will offer a five (5) week course on understanding the Eucharist.

Reservations to Kathy Higgins are helpful for completing handouts- 724-981-5566, ext. 109.

Thursdays / 6:30 - 8:00pm / Multipurpose Room

Eucharist is the Source and the Summit

Oct. 26 / Kathy Higgins

Topic: *Community Of The Body Of Christ [Called And Sent]*

Nov. 9 / Joe Ranelli / Meeting in Chapel

Topic: *Personal Prayer: Eucharistic Adoration*

FAMILY LIFE BREAKFAST SET FOR NOTRE DAME IN NOVEMBER

Notre Dame families are invited to attend a **free Family Life breakfast** that will take place at 9:30 Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Notre Dame.

This event is expected to be the beginning of continuing activities to help strengthen parish families, **especially young families**, and assist them in building a strong foundation with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Guest speaker: Statia Brown, who has been active in youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Erie for 20 years. She is currently a campus minister at Gannon University, where she serves as an advisor to the weekly women's group, Adoration ministry and leads the RCIA program.

*There is no cost for families to attend the breakfast.

Reservations are preferred by calling the ND church office at (724) 981-5566.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4003



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, Oct. 29 / 9am-1pm / Multipurpose Room

Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, & Drinks

St. Bartholomew Food Pantry 5K Race & Fun Walk

Saturday, November 11, 2023
311 W. Ridge Ave., Sharpsville, PA

REGISTRATION: Race \$20 - Fun Walk \$10

NO SHIRTS FOR REGISTRATIONS AFTER 10/30/23

REGISTRATION ONLINE: <https://www.smileymiles.com>

START TIME: RACE 9 AM - 1 MILE FUN WALK 9:10 AM

More Information: snadra04@outlook.com or rjz@psu.edu

CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

FROM OUR PASTOR

RCIA – if you or anyone you know is an adult and in need of First Communion or Confirmation, or interested in the Catholic Faith, please contact **Fr. Allen or Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566**.

WHAT IS RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

IS RCIA FOR ME? If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

*A non-baptized person? *Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion? *Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments? *Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?