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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7 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

PARISH STAFF

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He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

# **WEEKLY PRAYER**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

SUN 2/7	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
MON 2/8	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
TUE 2/9	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
WED 2/10	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
THR 2/11	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
FRI 2/12	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
SAT 2/13	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
SUN 2/14	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.





FIRST READING I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

**PSALM** Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.



#### **SECOND READING**

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)



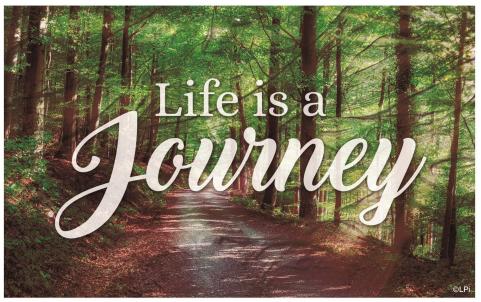
### GOSPEL

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.





MON 2/8 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Guy Earl D'Eramo [Wife, Virginia]	SAT 2/13 4
TUES 2/9 9AM	Genevieve Benson [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]	
WED 2/10 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Msgr. Zeitler	SAT 2/13 6
THU 2/11 9AM	Barbara Oleskey [Louis & Janylyn Saloon]	SUN 2/14
FRI 2/12 9AM	Tony Beiter	
SAT 2/13 9AM	Patrick Mastrian	
SAT 2/13 4PM	Paul Kocis [Wife, Virginia]	SUN 2/14
SAT 2/13 6PM	John Sabol	
SUN 2/14 8AM	Mass for the People	SUN 2/14
SUN 2/14 10AM	Madeline Piper [Kathy & Wayne Piper]	
SUN 2/14 12PM	Deacon Jack Tupper	*ATTN V



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

## 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



Altar flowers are donated In thanksgiving to God and in Memory of **Dorothy Fill** 

On Behalf of: Notre Dame Staff

## 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:

> Edward Lisac Jr. **Eleanore Addison Cathy Garnack**

Kevin Kavanagh Mary Rose Szugye

## **A FAMILY** PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are often confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon and tell Jesus about it "immediately".

### PARISH REGISTRATION

EUCHARISTIC

**AT OUR PARISH** 

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday

9:00 AM-11:00 PM

For more information call:

Jo Feeney 724-699-3340

Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

**ADORATION** 

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

## NEW CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME

## WEBSITE

Church of Notre Dame Parish is unveiling a new and improved website http://notredame-pa.org

The website will have a new display that will cover six focus areas:

- Celebrate With Us
- Join Us
- Pray With Us/Adoration

- Serve With Us
- Online Giving
- Faith Formation

The site also will include a video module that allows parishioners to view the videotaped Sunday Mass on the website.

Other features of the new website:

- Opportunities to make online Sunday giving
- Mass schedules
- Church bulletins
- New areas for parish and Catholic Church news
- Sign-up opportunities for a monthly email newsletter
- Faith Formation programs
- Information for receiving the sacraments
- Messages from the Pastor
- Staff and program information

Changes were incorporated to bring more information to parish members and those interested in Church of Notre Dame Parish Faith Community in an appealing, readable and coordinated manner.

Please take time to view the new website and to get familiar with many new features. Feedback and suggestions are always welcomed. Feel free to email your thoughts to <u>churchoffice@notredame-pa.org</u>

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse according to Psychology Today. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really listen to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online found dating tips can be in at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit: <a href="http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/">www.eriercd.org/childprotection/</a>

## JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Budgeted	Received
Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund	\$52,700	\$48,841
Faith Communication Collection	I	\$710

**2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** 

Number of Pledges Amount of Pledges Amount Received to Date 272 \$112,570.00 \$104,245.00

## ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY TAKE OUT ONLY

Every Friday during Lent Fried Fish Dinner or Baked Cod Fish Dinner \$10

MASKS REQUIRED

