



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3
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

Confession: Saturday 9:30 am

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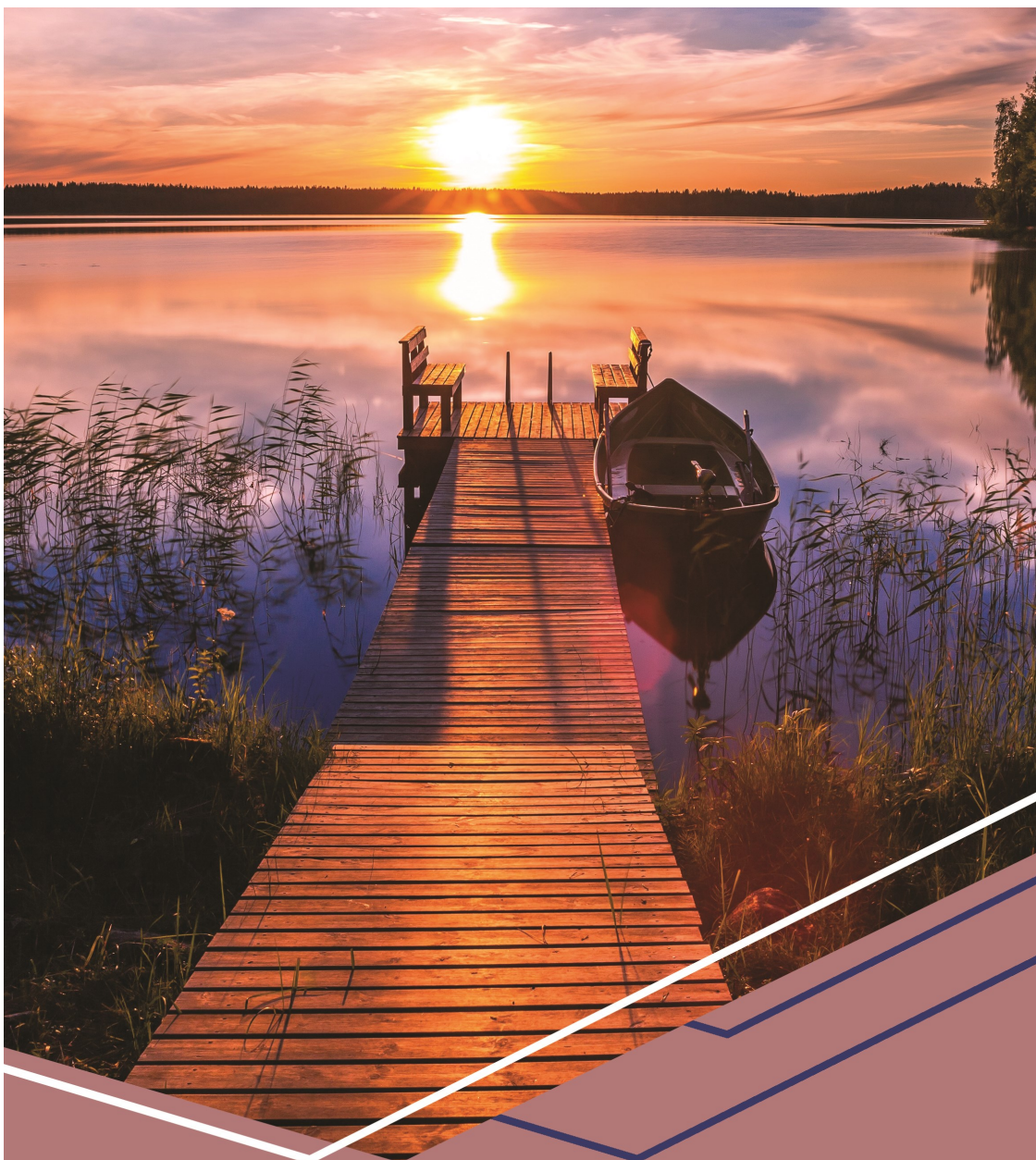
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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:12-12
- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

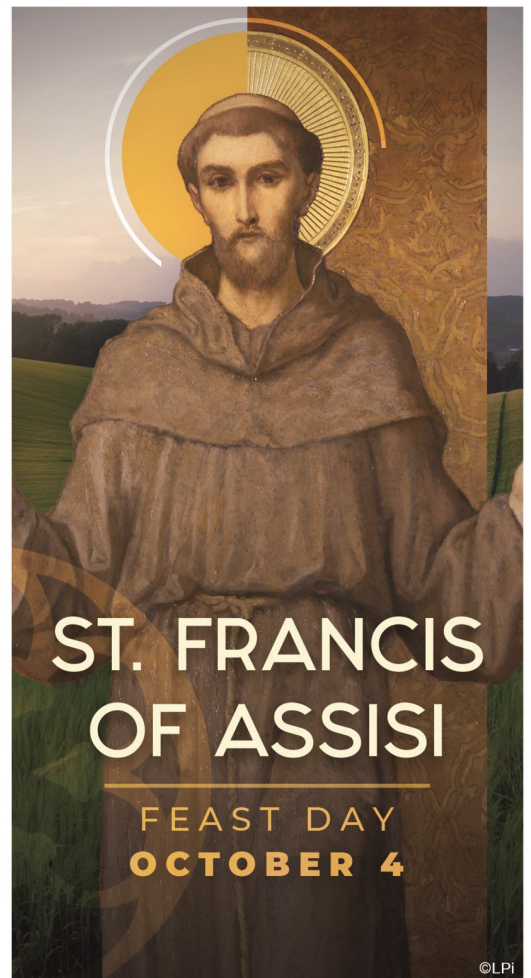
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday:** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Thursday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Saturday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

That is why a man leaves his father and mother
and clings to his wife,
and the two of them become one flesh.
(Gn 2:24)



PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
(Ps 128)



SECOND READING

He who consecrates and those who are
being consecrated
all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)



GOSPEL

"Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



MON 10/4 7 ³⁰ AM	Mary Guenther
TUES 10/5 9 AM	Mary Rose Szugye [Mark & Jackie Evans & Family]
WED 10/6 7 ³⁰ AM	Patrick Mastrian
THU 10/7 5 ³⁰ PM	Barbara Anne Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
FRI 10/8 9 AM	Eleanore Addison [Joanne & Paul Kirila]
SAT 10/9 9 AM	Barbara Anne & Michael Stawaisz, Annv. [Stawaisz Family]
SAT 10/9 4 PM	Mary & Louis Szugye [Marianne Bianco]
SAT 10/9 6 PM	Diane Peters [Bob & Joan Peters]
SUN 10/10 8 AM	Tony Beiter
SUN 10/10 10 AM	Jerry Whitehead [Family]
SUN 10/10 12 PM	Mass for the People



SAT 10/9 4 PM LECTOR T. Bain	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / D. Boller D. Boller / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SAT 10/9 6 PM LECTOR LECTOR NEEDED	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 10/10 8 AM LECTOR G. Leonard	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Joseph / R. Mentrek T. Pagliaroli / P. Slezak	ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED
SUN 10/10 10 AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. K. Davenport / P. Dinger R. Fleis / S. Puhl	ALTAR SERVER C. Boren K. Fleis
SUN 10/10 12 PM 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

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!



*Luke Alexander Foust, September 26, 2021
Son of Ryan and Jennifer Foust*

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

Virginia Sebestyen

On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family



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

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

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:

Melvin Slezak

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**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Perhaps Jesus' two-fold message in today's gospel is a reminder to married couples to return to the innocence of the early years of their love—like children, loving each other with abandon. Do you know any couple who have recently married? Their love is contagious, and glowing, right? Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love ... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K–11th** / Sunday Mornings: **8:50am–9:50am**
Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School
Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director / Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary
Office: 724-981-5566 / Email: Religioused@notredame-pa.org

October 2021

17th RE Begins (all grades)
24th Class
31st Class

November 2021

7th Class
14th Class
21st Class
28th NO CLASS (Thanksgiving) (Advent begins)

NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY BISHOP PERSICO'S OFFERS A CHANCE TO REFLECT ON LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC

Our faith in Christ teaches us that we encountered the presence of God with us during these days of pandemic in the courage of doctors, nurses, emergency medical personnel, essential workers, teachers, food pantry volunteers and so many others. Their service and bravery in the face of this virus have helped us to see the presence of Christ in them and to hold on to hope. These thoughts and more can be found in *Remembering Our Sunday Story: A pastoral letter in pandemic*, offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Accompanying the letter are thought-provoking questions such as: What acts of service did you witness during this pandemic? In your parish? In the world? How can we better connect our celebrations of Eucharist to our parish life, our personal life, and our home life?

The letter and questions, designed for both individuals and small groups, can be found at

www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html

ST. BARTHOLOMEW HOMEMADE PIEROGI SALE

Cost is \$7 per dozen.

Pick-up will be available:

October 13, October 20, November 3, and November 10
From 12:30 To 6PM

St. Bartholomew Parish Center
311 W. Ridge Ave. Sharpsville PA. 724-962-7130

Order can be placed by calling St. Bartholomew Church.

Thank you to Ann Sheasley for her dedication for providing food on the 20th of every month for the past 12 years to Joshua's Haven! And thank you to all of those who have provided a meal.

We are going to continue this tradition. If you are interested in helping, please call **Bob or Terri at 724-346-4739.**



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Diocesan Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility.

The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*. To read the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>

For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

ST. ANTHONY PALACINKE SALE TAKE OUT ONLY



Thursday, October 21
Pickup time: 3-5pm in Church Hall
Cost: \$3.00 per Palacinke

To place an order please
call 724-342-7391

Monday thru Thursday from 9am-3pm

ALL ORDERS WILL BE BOXED PRIOR TO PICKUP
[Deadline to place an order is Thursday, October 14]

ONCE LIMIT IS MET, WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ORDERS

Masks must be worn and
social distancing maintained at time of pickup.