



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5  
2021**

## **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 9:30 am - Confession

## **PARISH STAFF**

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### Deacon

Mr. Frank Hannah

### Director of Religious Education

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT





# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

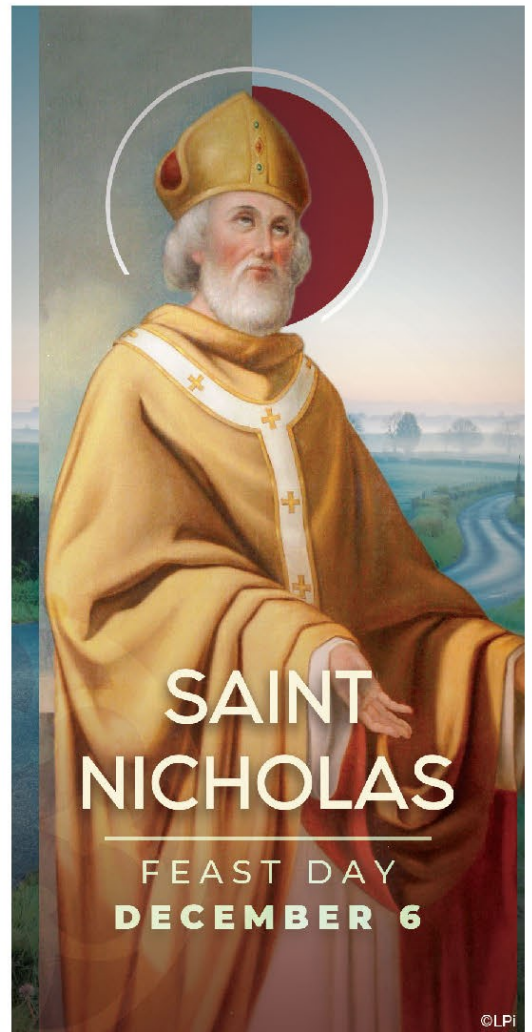
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Tuesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- Friday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Saturday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

<b>MON 12/6</b>	<b>NO MASS or SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNION</b>
<b>TUES 12/7 9AM</b>	Dick Stigliano [Sewecke Family]
<b>WED 12/8 9AM</b>	Genevieve M. Benson [Gary & Cindi Byers]
<b>WED 12/8 7PM</b>	Thomas Streicher Jr. [Karen Dahl]
<b>THU 12/9 9 AM</b>	Hugh O'Brien [Jim & Peggy Parnham]
<b>FRI 12/10 9AM</b>	Ginny Kocis [Ann Stigliano]
<b>SAT 12/11 9AM</b>	Barbara Anne Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
<b>SAT 12/11 4PM</b>	Dennis Sheehan [Peggy & Kelly]
<b>SUN 12/12 8AM</b>	Margery Buzzeo [Husband, Pat]
<b>SUN 12/12 11AM</b>	Hugh O'Brien [John Jarocki]

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT 12/11 4PM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> J. Spatara	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> D. Boller / D. Boller T. Spatara / P. Thornburg	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> <b>SERVER NEEDED</b>
<b>SUN 12/12 8AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> J. Feeney	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> P. Slezak / J. Trenga R. Vetica / J. Wolinsky	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> A. Zahniser
<b>SUN 12/12 11AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> K. O'Brien	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> M. Goncz / B. Martz B. Moder / O. Yoursh	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> N. Selby / M. Tarbay

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

**Advent Penance Service**

**NOTRE DAME**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - Sunday**

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

St. Michael, Greenville	1:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer	4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Beloved Disciple, Grove City	2:00 p.m.
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**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

St. Bartholomew, Sharpville	7:00 p.m.
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**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Good Shepherd, West Middlesex	7:00 p.m.
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**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph, Sharon	7:00 p.m.
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**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:

**John Anderson**  
**Richard Hawk**  
**James Cave**

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 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

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**The Digital World:** The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly.

Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

**YEAR END GIFTS**

As we approach the end of 2021 and prepare year end postings, gifts to be counted toward 2021 must be received on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.*

**Reminders:**

Checks made payable to **Prince of Peace** must be mailed to the Prince of Peace Center.





## Holiday Bucket List

*Be*

1. ~~Buy~~ presents
2. Wrap gifts *someone in a hug*
3. Send gifts *love*

*Donate*

4. ~~Shop~~ for food
5. Make ~~cookies~~ *memories*

*Be*

6. ~~See~~ the lights

## SPECIAL RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments."

Learn more or register at  
<https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>.

We would love to welcome you this January!

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

St. Nick's Day - The Christmas season is traditionally a "family focused" time and for many people that means focusing on children. For newly marrieds this might be a cozy time of couple bonding but for couples hoping for a child it can be a bittersweet time. Pray for those longing for children.

PRINCE OF PEACE

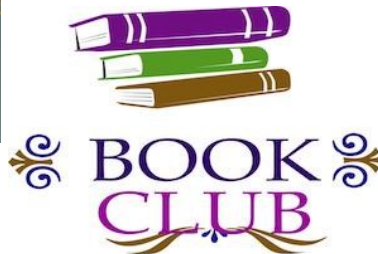
## PEGGY'S STOCKINGS TOY DRIVE GIVING CHILDREN HOPE

REMINDER: ALL **unwrapped gifts**, along with the attached identifying stocking must be returned no later than **December 13<sup>th</sup>**.



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **salad dressings**. The upcoming item will be juices and powdered drinks.

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



The Notre Dame Book Club will be meeting **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 PM** in the **FOUNDERS ROOM**.

We will be reading  
The Kitchen House by  
Kathleen Grissom.

*Please join us!*

## GIVING / OFFERTORY REMINDERS

### CSA:

- Please **DO NOT** use other offertory envelopes for CSA. Using a non-offertory envelope will help ensure your giving is credit correctly.
- Please do not combine your CSA payment with any other offertory giving.
- CSA checks should be made payable to Notre Dame Church

### OFFERTORY CHECKS:

- Please make sure your check has the correct date, made payable to Notre Dame and signed.
- When issuing one check for multiple envelopes, mark the contribution amount on each envelope and make sure the total of all envelopes equal the amount of the check to ensure proper credit is given.

**ENVELOPES:** Please use the envelopes only for what they are intended for. Although we work diligently trying to catch all notes written on the envelopes and record payments as intended, notes are easily overlooked.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K—11<sup>th</sup>** / 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](mailto:Religioused@notredame-pa.org)

## 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.

## December

5 Class  
12 Class  
19 Class  
26 NO CLASS (Christmas)

## January 2022

2 NO CLASS  
9 Class (Safe Environment In-Service/All Grades)  
16 Class  
23 NO CLASS (Christmas)



## SPONSOR A SENIOR THIS CHRISTMAS

    [purposetherapybox](https://www.purposetherapybox.com)

### Our Story

While working in nursing homes, Purpose Founders saw loneliness and isolation first hand. Holly (left) and Ali (right) started the Purpose Sponsor a Senior Program in December of 2018. 60% of residents in nursing homes do not receive visitors. The impact of Covid 19 has been devastating to our elderly population, with some nursing homes **still** not allowing visitors. Additionally, many residents do not have family members to provide them with essential items. This year, we are working with nursing homes across the United States, pairing our sponsors with their residents. Our Purpose Boxes symbolize hope and, for some, will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

Please consider sponsoring a few seniors this year to make their Christmas cheerful and serve as a reminder they are not forgotten.



 **SCAN ME**



### A Gift That Matters

Nursing home facilities give us each resident's "Wish List". Based on their needs, we curate boxes specifically for them and add your message as a final touch! Last Christmas, we had requests for warm clothing, shoes, radios and walker bags.



### Sponsor Today

After your box is delivered, we will send you an email detailing who the box went to along with the image gallery to see all their smiling faces!



### Loneliness is Real

1 out of 4 adults over 65 are considered **socially isolated**. Our mission is to remind seniors around the US they are NOT forgotten, especially during the holidays. **We have over 165 nursing home facilities with 30+ residents on our waiting list for a Purpose Box.**

