



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
JANUARY 24
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

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

SUN 1/24	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
MON 1/25	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
TUE 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
WED 1/27	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
THR 1/28	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
FRI 1/29	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
SAT 1/30	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	BVM
Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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*Teach me
your
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)



PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)



SECOND READING

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)



GOSPEL

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



MON 1/25 7 ³⁰ AM	Thomas Mulligan [Renee Kocis]
TUES 1/26 9AM	Andy Dorchock [Kaczmarczyk Family]
WED 1/27 7 ³⁰ AM	Lynne & Charlie Knott [Renee Kocis]
THU 1/28 9AM	Mary Francis Stawiasz [Stawaisz Family]
FRI 1/29 9AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
SAT 1/30 9AM	George Christoff
SAT 1/30 4PM	Joe Kocis
SAT 1/30 6PM	Jay Senko
SUN 1/31 8AM	Joseph Yourchisin [Nephew, Joseph Yourchisin]
SUN 1/31 10AM	Mass for the People
SUN 1/31 12PM	Judy Sniezek



SAT 1/30 4PM	Lector M. Petrillo	Eucharistic Min. P. Polesnak or P. Polesnak
SAT 1/30 6PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED
SUN 1/31 8AM	Lector J. Feeney	Eucharistic Min. A. Joseph or C. Kautzman
SUN 1/31 10AM	Lector F. Hannah	Eucharistic Min. M. Ballish or K. Davenport
SUN 1/31 12PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

***ATTN 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**

LUMINARIA

Due to COVID and the weather conditions last month the luminaria candles were not lit. All funds will be directed toward Easter and the names of your loved ones will be acknowledged at that time.

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:

**Rick Macchia
Donald Saxe
Thomas Test
Wanda Hale
Ann Zurko
Dorothy Fill**

*Altar flowers
are donated In thanksgiving to God
and in Memory of
Albert Nigro*

*On Behalf of:
Daughter, Lynne Bridges*

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 _____

NEVER TOO LATE.... A THANK YOU

Now that Christmas season is in the rearview mirror, a belated thank you is due to Erin Marchand and the staff of Cottage Gardens for the beautiful trees that graced our sanctuary this Christmas. And a huge thank you to Jeanne Pursel and her crew for decorating, and un-decorating the church. A big job to be sure.

You all brought light into the darkness of winter. THANK YOU!!

TAPED TV MASS FOR NOTRE DAME

We just want you to be aware that every week, Fr. Allen tapes the Sunday mass with the help of our videographer, Jerry Stigliano. It is available after 10am each Sunday on YouTube, Notre Dame Facebook Page, or My Parish App. This ministry is due in part to the generosity of many people who donated on IGiveCatholic day in December.

Fr. Allen plans to continue this ministry for all of this year. The use of the drone camera inside and outside make it an uplifting celebration for those of you unable to attend in person.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians, 5:16 – 18)

A life-giving ministry for Notre Dame's parish community is the Prayer Line. Since the beginning of Notre Dame parish, sixty (60) years ago, a constant group of people have been praying for "our spiritual and material welfare of the parish" and individual prayer requests that express the deepest needs of our parishioners, family and community.

We are so grateful for the steady leadership of **Kathy Borsa**, the Prayer Line Coordinator, who has headed this ministry for many years. Her gifts of empathetic listening to the concerns of the people who call our parish Prayer Line and then the steady phone calling of the Prayers continued to make this church ministry known throughout our Shenango Valley.

Kathy will be taking time away from this position with Kathy Higgins, our parish director of adult faith formation assuming responsibility for the Prayer Line calls. Her home phone number is 724-342-7858.

Again, we thank and our very grateful for Kathy's dedication and leadership with this critical ministry of prayer in our parish.

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;
churchoffice@notredame-pa.org

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.

Why? Dana Edwards offers the following www.cathoicapostolate.org:

1. Prayer is essential for our spiritual growth and personal well-being. God does not intend for us to bear our crosses alone. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
2. Being a part of a faith community serves as a support system for us. We rarely like to be alone. Don't we all crave sharing meals with friends and family? In fact, Jesus shares the source and summit of our faith with us over a community meal. Community strengthens and unites us in our faith. Our community even prays for our intentions at Mass. Therefore, community prayer is another way for us to become closer to God through others.

How Do I Join?

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?

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