



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 20
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

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm - Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

Deacon

Dn. 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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



VIDEO MASS 8/20	+William "Bill" Coon [Chuck & Mary Lou Baldoff]
MON 8/21	NO MASS
TUES 8/22 9AM	+Pam Cianci [Joe Ranelli]
WED 8/23	NO MASS
THU 8/24 9AM	+Serafina McGrath [Masters Family]
FRI 8/25 9AM	+Frank Matune [Rose Cirillo]
SAT 8/26 9AM	+Renee Cardamon [Clara Wilson & Family]
SAT 8/26 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions	
SAT 8/26 4PM	+Francis X. Petrini [Wife]
SUN 8/27 8AM	+Sandy Rossi Jr. [Rosemary Rossi, Jim, Tina, & Julia Trenga]
SUN 8/27 11AM	+Anita DeRenzo [Calabrese Family]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **SANDWICH, QUART, AND GALLON SIZE STORAGE BAGS**. The upcoming item will be salad dressing.

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

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

VACATION BIBLE CAMP "WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR"

What a wonderful and fun week of learning for our 40 + campers about our love of God and love of our neighbors through bible stories, storytelling, crafts, snacks, fun activities, and music. We are grateful for the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Pat Polesnak, the organizational skills of Mr. Joe Ranelli and Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak in our religious education office and the welcoming smiles of Mrs. Katie Tiefenthal, Principal of St John Paul II school and Mrs. Elizabeth McGoff, Bible camp Teacher.

Our adult counselors were joined by over ten energetic high school youth who guided our campers to the various areas of activities. Thank you to our supportive parents and grandparents and to Father Allen. We look forward to another Summer Vacation Bible Camp next year.



SAT 8/26 4PM LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. D. Boller / D. Boller T. Spatara / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
SUN 8/27 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu T. Brandenstein / P. Clark	ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser
SUN 8/27 11AM LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. McVey / B. Moder A. Orndorff	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

***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

JULY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Reg. Offertory, 5 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund		
	Budgeted	Received
	\$51,200	\$48,672
National Needs		\$632

2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	208
Amount of Pledges	\$131,635
Amount Received to Date	\$99,315
Amount Outstanding	\$33,320



**Altar flowers this weekend
are donated in Memory of**

Msgr. Edward Zeitler

On Behalf of: Ken & Gretchen Wagner

Job Opportunity - The parish is looking to hire a person to perform maintenance activities. This is a part time position. Responsibilities include setting up and taking down tables and chairs for parish events, performing minor repairs, monitoring the overall facility, and maintaining records as required.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X, Pope
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“O woman, great is your faith!” The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” (Mt 15:28)

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SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

First Reading:

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to “foreigners” (nations other than Israel) for God’s covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul believed that Israel’s rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew, and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel:

Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman’s request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week’s Gospel gives a “limit” case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. “My daughter is tormented by a demon,” she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don’t think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively understands that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God’s family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord’s table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter’s, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fondazionesantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/>)

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PARISH PICNIC

August 26th
Following 4pm Mass

4:00pm Mass will be celebrated in the Church. Meal will be served at 5:30pm, along with games and crafts. Meat and drinks will be provided, and we ask that you provide a side dish or dessert according to the first letter of your last name with

A-G providing a dessert
H-N providing a salad
O-Z providing a hot casserole

We plan to have games and activities for all ages. If you have a craft or game you would like to oversee or have a teenager who would like to man one of the activities, please sign up in the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers for other duties, so please check the sign-up sheets. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and make new friends!

We are also looking for \$5 gift cards that we can use for prizes. These can be dropped off at the church office Mon - Thur 9am-12pm or 1-3pm by August 21st.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S SHENANGO VALLEY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Alzheimer's isn't stopping and neither are we. Families facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia need us now more than ever — and with your help, we can be there for them. Every dollar you raise through the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's benefits the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

Here are three ways you can join us:
Participate / Volunteer / Educate

Our comprehensive website, alz.org, and free 24/7 Help-line (800.272.3900) are available around the clock, 365 days per year, providing reliable information, resources, and support.

Visit act.alz.org/shenangovalley2023
for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- * 2023-2024 Registration will be mailed to previously registered families soon.
- * Grades 9 & 10 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.
- * The Edge model will be the norm for Grades 6-7-8
- * We can always use a few more adult helping hands and hearts.

If interested, please contact Joe Ranelli at the parish office 724-981-5566.



**JOIN US
AFTER MASS
SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH
FOR
DONUTS & COFFEE!**

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**FISH FRY
FRI., SEPT. 1
4-7PM
TAKE OUT
ONLY**

WED., AUG. 30 * 2-5PM
THURS., AUG. 31 * 9AM-2PM
FRI., SEPT. 1 * 9AM-2PM
SAT., SEPT. 2 * 9AM-12 NOON

**RUMMAGE SALE LOCATED IN THE ANTONIUM
(SHERMAN AVE., SHARON, PA)**

ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDE: FURNITURE, ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, LINENS, HOME DECOR, DISHES, POTS & PANS, TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, VIDEOS, CLOTHING, AND LOTTERY TREE

DAILY SPECIALS & FOOD CAFE