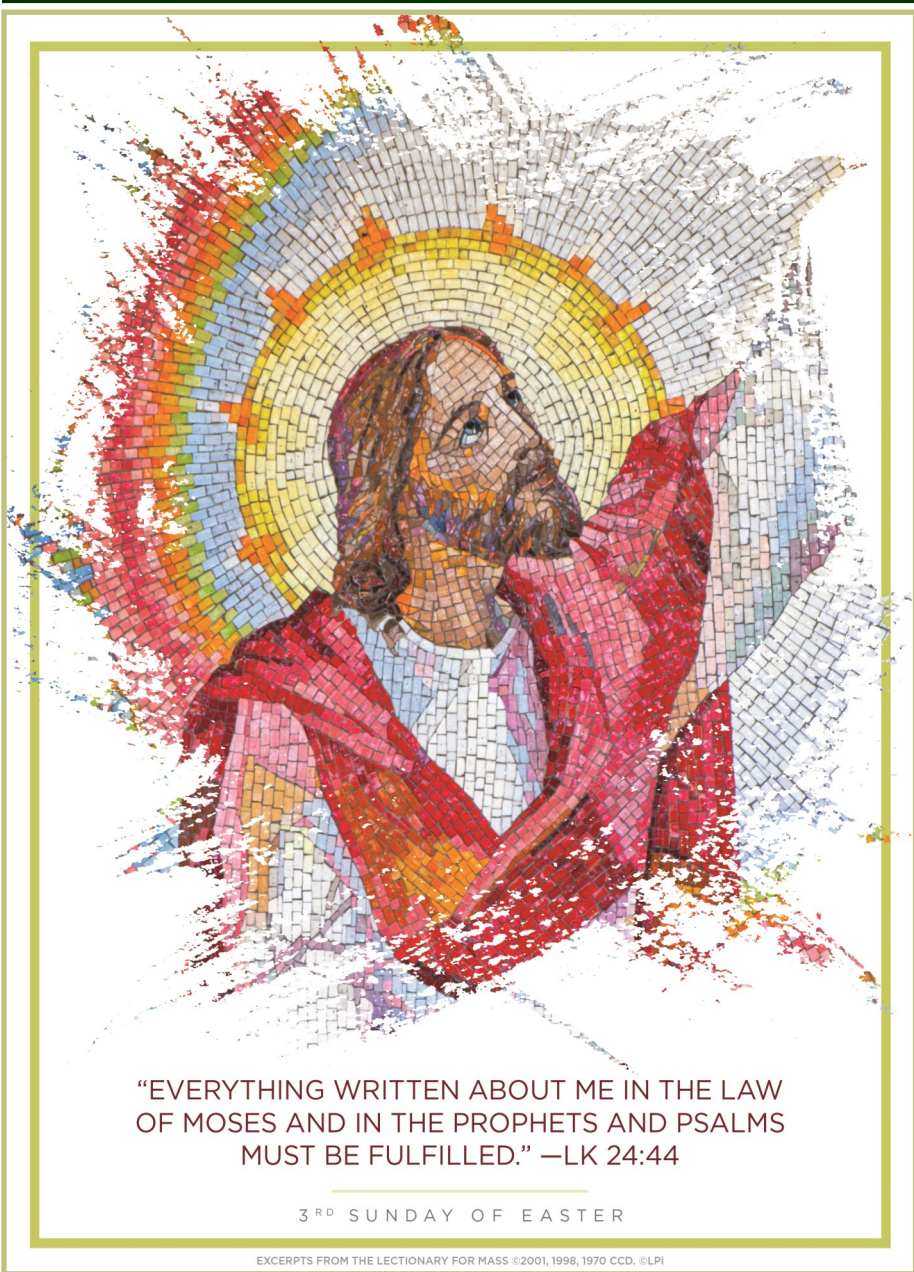




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**SUNDAY  
APRIL 14  
2024**

**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**

Tuesday: 9:00 am  
Thursday: 9:00 am  
Friday: 9:00 am  
Saturday: 9:00 am  
Saturday 3:00 pm - Confession

**~ PARISH STAFF ~**

**Pastor**

Fr. Richard Allen

**Deacon**

Dcn. Frank Hannah

**Director of Faith Formation**

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

**Director of Adult Education**

Ms. Kathy Higgins

**Liturgy/Music Coordinator**

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

**Parish Secretary**

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

**Religious Education Secretary**

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

**Business Manager**

Mrs. Ann Miller

**St. Rose / St. Mary Cemetery**  
<https://www.strosemariyscemeteries.com/>  
**Contact information:**  
St. Joseph Parish  
79 Case Ave.  
Sharon, PA 16146  
724-346-3711

**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:



**VIDEO MASS 4/14** \*Louis & Ellaine Mastrian / Celebrating 60th Annv. [Lou & Chrissy DeJulia]

**MON 4/15 NO MASS**

**TUES 4/16 9AM** +Dr. Kirk Works [Wife, Mary Ann & Family]

**WED 4/17 NO MASS**

**THU 4/18 9AM** +Cathy Strimpel [Rose Marie Haines]

**FRI 4/19 9AM** +Donald Rankin [Glenda Kurelko]

**SAT 4/20 9AM** +Danny Buzzeo [Mother, Olympia]

**SAT 4/20 11AM Memorial Mass / Jacob Flack**

**SAT 4/20 \* 3-3:30PM \* Confessions**

**SAT 4/20 4PM** +Carl Bell [Family]

**SUN 4/21 8AM** +Rosemarie Trindle [Tom & Pat Demas]

**SUN 4/21 11AM** +Kim Stephenson [David Joseph]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **BROTH, STOCK, & CREAMED SOUPS [CREAM OF MUSHROOM, ETC.]**. The upcoming item will be large garbage bags.

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



*Flowers this weekend are donated in Memory of*

**Micky Bolt**

*On Behalf of: Bolt Family*

### **MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, including Maintenance Fund, Christmas & Holidays.

**Budgeted**  
\$62,400

**Received**  
\$58,679

### **2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

Number of Pledges	316
Amount of Pledges	\$151,877
Amount Received to Date	\$69,638
Amount Outstanding	\$82,239



**SAT 4/20 4PM**  
**LECTOR**  
J. Spataro

**EUCH. MIN.**  
S. Goclano / P. Polesnak  
P. Polesnak  
**3 - Volunteer Needed**

**ALTAR SVR**  
**Volunteer Needed**

**SUN 4/21 8AM**  
**LECTOR**  
B. Lackey

**EUCH. MIN.**  
T. Brandenstein / P. Clark  
T. Pagliaroli / J. Trenga  
J. Wolinsky  
**1 - Volunteer Needed**

**ALTAR SVR**  
**Volunteer Needed**

**SUN 4/21 11AM**  
**LECTOR**  
C. Wallace

**EUCH. MIN.**  
K. Davenport / T. DeCaprio  
M. Hohman / S. Hohman  
B. McVey / A. Orndorff

**ALTAR SVR**  
L. Perry  
M. Tarbay

**\*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

## **CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month:**

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report child abuse. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

### **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**

## **ADORATION**

**Tuesday 9:30 AM—11:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM—11:00 PM**  
Join us for an hour of *Prayer*, Wednesdays during Adoration at 7pm

For more information call:  
Jo Feeny 724-699-3340 / Monica 724-977-7665



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

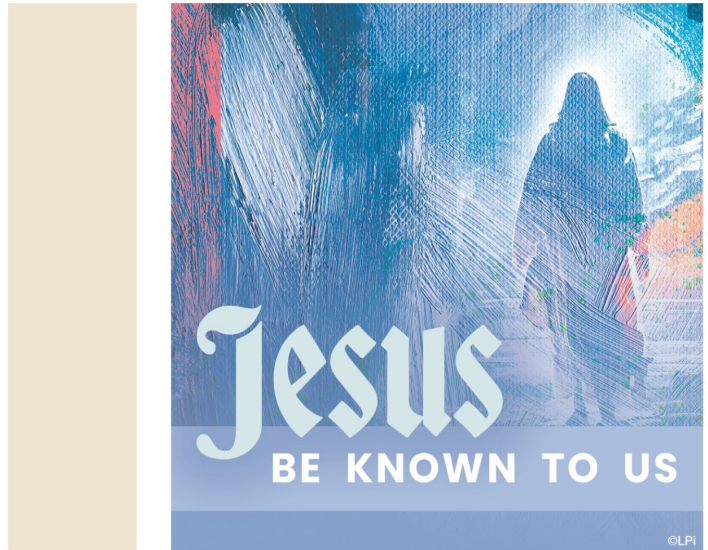
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Jn 6:60-69

### Next Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,  
29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir

# Second Annual Faithful to the Finish



## 5K Race & 1 Mile Walk Sponsored by the Church of Notre Dame Proceeds will benefit the Prince of Peace Center



*The Prince of Peace Center provides services to strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty throughout the Mercer County area.*

When: Saturday, May 4, 2024 Time: Registration: 9 am, Race Starts at 10:00 am

Registration: Online at <http://smilemiles.com/> or print and mail/email (see below)

Course: begins and ends at Linden Pointe, 3580 Innovation Way Hermitage, PA 16148

Race Day Registration and Packet Pick up: Linden Pointe beginning at 9:00 am

### Awards:

- Men's and Women's Overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Age Group Awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 0-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & older



**Entry Fee:** includes race, snacks, and shirt- please register by April 20, 2024

\_\_\_ In person 5K \_\_\_ Virtual 5K \_\_\_ In person 1 mile walk \_\_\_ Virtual 1 mile walk

\_\_\_ \$35 light blue wicking t-shirt \_\_\_ \$40 light blue long sleeve wicking t-shirt

\$ \_\_\_ Additional Optional Donation to Prince of Peace Center

\*Shirts are guaranteed to all runners pre-registered by April 20, 2024. 10% of all t-shirt proceeds will be donated to Prince of Peace by Molly Kapusta Designs

\*Please join us for snacks and fellowship following the race. If anyone would like to donate snack items, please contact Jessica Logue at (724) 977-0750.

*The proceeds from this race will be used by the Prince of Peace Center to provide services to strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty throughout the Mercer County area.*

### If registering by mail:

- **Make checks payable to:** Church of Notre Dame
- **Mail form & check to:** Church of Notre Dame, 2325 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA 16148
- or email form to [jessica.logue@yahoo.com](mailto:jessica.logue@yahoo.com)
- **If you are unable to race and would like to donate instead, you may send it to the Church of Notre Dame**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size Please circle: Youth: XS, S, M, L, Adult: XS, S, M, L, XL

### Race Waiver for Special Event (release)

In consideration of the acceptance, I for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Church of Notre Dame, and all other sponsors of claims, damages, demands, and actions whatsoever in any manner arising out of my participation in said athletic event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event. I understand that the race officials reserve the right to disqualify and remove any entrant from the race whom they deem a potential hazard to themselves or others.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

\*Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM  
 \*Grades: **PreK-10<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**  
 \*Grades: **11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM**  
 Facilitator: Deacon Frank Hannah  
 \*Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak  
 Email: Religiouised@notredame-pa.org / Phone: 724-981-5566

**April**  
**14** Class  
**21** Class  
**25** *Sacrament of Confirmation Mass - Bishop Persico / 7pm / Notre Dame*  
**28** Last Class



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION** allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. The collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit our Diocesan priests.

Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our Diocesan Retired Priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection. Please return next weekend or drop it off at the Parish Office.

## NOTRE DAME Book Club

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We will be reading, *A Tale For The Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki.

A few books will be available outside the parish office.

*Please join us!*

## Knights of Columbus & Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast

Sunday April 21, 2024

8am – 1pm

**ST BARTHOLOMEW CENTER**

**DINE IN AND TAKE OUT**

**Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, and Drinks!**

## NOTRE DAME EVENTS CALENDAR

**April**  
**20** Wine & Cheese following 4PM Mass

**May**  
**4** Women's Tea & Flower Arranging / All ages welcome / 2PM

**June**  
**15** Men's Night / Hot dogs & Beer

**August**  
**24 & 25** Rita's Italian Ice / following 4PM & 11AM Mass  
 Coffee & Donuts / following 8AM Mass

**September**  
**8** Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration

**October**  
**19** Wine & Cheese following 4PM Mass

**November**  
**23** Family Advent Wreath Activity

**December**  
**7** Women's Advent Breakfast

## MUCH APPRECIATION & THANK YOU!

Holy Week is one of the most important weeks of our liturgical year and it takes many hands to make it all work. Thank you to the lectors, choir members, ushers, and servers, along with the many hands whose *behind-the-scenes* work brought it all together. Special thanks to the decorating committee for set-up, removal, and flower decorations throughout the church building; to those who volunteered to have their feet washed during the Holy Thursday Mass; to all who made delicious soups to share at the Good Friday Soup and Salad Supper along with those who set-up, served, and did the clean-up tasks; and to the students who filled hundreds (and hundreds) of Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt and to those who weathered the wet and cold to distribute all those eggs to the very excited children of our parish.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

