

# Good News of Notre Dame

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## Video Taping Session

Getting ready to tape the Sunday video Mass are, from left Jerry Stigliano, videographer, Gretchen Wagner, liturgy/music coordinator, Ginger and Father Richard Allen.

## ND's Video Mass ministry is touching many people

Two and a half years ago, a month into the Covid lockdown, we decided we needed



Father Allen

to do something to stay in touch with our parishioners who could no longer attend Sunday Mass.

The thought of being on camera had always made me uncomfortable, but the advantage of video was obvious: in a time when everybody was stuck at home, we could bring them to church by bringing the church to them every Sunday.

We were extremely lucky to have a parishioner, Jerry Stigliano, who is an artistic and proficient videographer, as well as a ready library of music recorded by our own Notre Dame Folk Group over the last 30 years.

So we began the on-line mass ministry, and not only was it popular, it was enjoyable work. When things returned to normal people began to ask whether the ministry would continue. The answer was immediately obvious. There are so  
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## Church of Notre Dame raises more than \$15,000 for Sunday video Mass

Notre Dame parishioners and people from all over the U.S. donated \$15,430 to Church of Notre Dame during the #iGiveCatholic campaign that culminated on Giving Tuesday Nov. 29.

The money will defray the costs of Notre Dame's weekly video Mass that is posted on YouTube each Sunday as well as on the parish website, [www.notredame-pa.org](http://www.notredame-pa.org).

In setting up the parish's #iGiveCatholic campaign this year, Father Richard Allen noted that: *"Once the COVID experience began, we found the need to televise our Sunday Mass. This cost is about \$1,200 monthly. Any donation is greatly appreciated and will help with the cost."*

Here are a few comments from people who donated to the video Mass project:

- ♦ *"I want to support the YouTube televised Mass. I am blessed to have found it. Thank you."*
- ♦ *"I want to help in the online mass ministry at Notre Dame. When my father, Hugh O'Brien - a long time parishoner - was no longer physically*

*able to come to mass, he enjoyed watching online. He especially liked seeing Ginger each week!*

The Sunday video Mass was initiated in 2020 after the Erie Diocese closed churches because of the Covid outbreak.

Videographer Jerry Stigliano was hired to do all the camera and production work for the video Mass, which is taped on Friday and uploaded to YouTube on Sunday morning.

The video Mass has been very popular. During some Sundays during the worst of the Covid outbreak upwards of 5,000 viewers were watching the Notre Dame Mass on YouTube.

Even after churches were opened and regular Mass schedules resumed, the video Mass still attracts more than 1,000 viewers each week. On two different Sundays in July and August more than 3,000 people watched the video Mass.

Here are some typical comments left on YouTube in response to the video Masses: (continued on page 3)



# Annual Notre Dame Parish Picnic September 2022



## Children of God: Recent Baptisms at Notre Dame



**Mia Grace Prendergast,**  
daughter of Michael and  
Jennifer Prendergast



**Joslyn Laine Abbott,**  
daughter of Benjamin and  
Chelsea Abbott



**Mylan Parks Djakovich,** son  
of Corey and Dani Djakovich



# New Parishoners Welcomed at Luncheon

## November event officially fetes our new ND parish members



Notre Dame hosted a welcoming luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 13. Attending from the left are: Jerry and JoAnn Chizmar, Patricia and Nicholas Walsh, Father Richard Allen, Pat Galsky and Jennifer and Matt Urban.



Others at the luncheon included, from the left, Kim and Ed VanCise, Beth and Drew Palisin, Patty Sinkus, longtime parishoner Karen Lackey and Shari and Brian Bronson.

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- ◆ "When I am unable to attend my local parish for Sunday mass, I go to the video services that are held by Father Allen. His service is so inspirational."
- ◆ "I have enjoyed the Video mass during the pandemic,

and I'm very grateful that we continue to have it. Jerry Stigliano does a great job taping the mass and our priest Father Allen is wonderful. Please continue to have it!"

- ◆ "Thank you for another thought provoking homily. I so appreciate your wisdom and

the hopeful messages you deliver."

- ◆ "I wish I lived in PA. This priest speaks to my heart in simple heartfelt ways. His homilies give hope in everyday language.. in ways that relate to real life. Thank you Father."

## **Christmas Week Schedule** **2022**

Dec. 24, 2022 – Vigil of Nativity of the Lord: 4 pm, 7 pm and 10 pm

Dec. 25, 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord: 8 am and 11am

Dec. 31, 2022 – New Year's Eve: 4 pm

Jan. 1, 2023 – New Year's Day: 8 am and 11 am

**Touching people** (continued from p. 1)  
many people tuning in week after week, not just from our own parish but from all over our country.

It seems that we are providing a ministry and message that touch many people, some of whom cannot physically attend.

They have given us a great deal of encouragement and even financial

support.

I am appreciative of everybody involved in the holy work: the lectors, our head of music ministry Gretchen Wagner, Jerry Stigliano our technical wizard, those who have donated to help us pay the bills, and everyone who tunes in each week.

Thanks for the help and support, and please keep us in your prayers.



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