



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
JUNE 25  
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



## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31



VIDEO MASS 6/25 +Msgr. Zeitler [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]

MON 6/26 NO MASS

TUES 6/27 9AM +Frank Matune [Jim DeAngelis & Marcia Malesick]

WED 6/28 NO MASS

THU 6/29 9AM +William Chavara [Dan & Morgan]

FRI 6/30 9AM +George Christoff [Family]

SAT 7/1 9AM +William Passerello [Deborah & Michael Lavin]

SAT 7/1 \* 3-3:30PM \* Confessions

SAT 7/1 4PM +Ed Emery [Tuesday Morning Small Group]

SUN 7/2 8AM +Dennis Candiotti [Ted & Judy Candiotti]

SUN 7/2 11AM +Cecelia Misik [Family]

**THE PARISH OFFICE  
WILL BE  
CLOSED TUESDAY,  
JULY 4TH**

## FROM OUR PASTOR

**RCIA** will begin soon – if you or anyone you know is an adult and in need of First Communion or Confirmation, or interested in the Catholic Faith, please contact **the parish office at 724-981-5566**.

## WHAT IS RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**IS RCIA FOR ME?** If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?



<b>SAT 7/1 4PM</b> LECTOR M. Multari	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> C. Esmond	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Volunteer Needed
<b>SUN 7/2 8AM</b> LECTOR C. St. John	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu T. Brandenstein / R. Vetica	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Volunteer Needed
<b>SUN 7/2 11AM</b> LECTOR K. Higgins	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b> A. McDonough / B. McVey	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> Volunteer Needed

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS!** Please sign-in prior to Mass

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

<b>DAILY :</b>	
MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM	TUES 6:00 pm / *6:30 PM Confessions
<b>WEEKEND:</b>	
SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM



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.

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of **Helen Sinkus** in your prayers.

"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"

## MINISTRY NEEDS

We are in need of more help in all ministries; **Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.**

**If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries during a Mass time of your choice, please call the parish office 724-981-5566.**

**Training will be provided.**

**WE NEED YOU!**

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33  
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2023

Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
Thursday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles  
Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest  
Next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

*“And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” — Matthew 10:28*

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading:

“Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!” (Jer 20:13)

### Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

### Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

### Gospel:

“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.” (Mt 10:28)

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## SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

### First Reading:

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

### Second Reading:

Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God’s grace in your life?

### Gospel:

Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What are some fears you have that you could turn over to God?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn’t want my fellow students to see school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn’t want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids’ judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus’ words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, **“Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”** Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That’s why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn’t mean we’re brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— *Father John Muir*



### Saint of the week

*Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery but became an elite hairstylist in New York City and a free man. He used the money he earned to transform the lives of impoverished New Yorkers, former slaves, and immigrants alongside his wife, Servant of God Juliette.*

### Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ, Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, New York.

If it is your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-pierre-toussaint#:~:text=Prayer,served%20Your%20people%20with%20generosity>)

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Church of Notre Dame  
**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**

**WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

Learning to Love Like Jesus  
Facilitator: Mrs. Pat Polesnak & Team

**August 7-11, 2023**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**PreK - Sixth Grade**

**Cost: \$10 per student**

**SJPII School Multipurpose Room**

**Questions contact:**

**Religious Education Office 724-981-5566 or**

**Email: Religioised@notredame-pa.org**

**Registration forms are available outside  
the parish office and in the church foyer.**

**NOTRE DAME Book Club**

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM**  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We will be reading, *This Time Tomorrow*,  
by Emma Straub.

A few books will be available outside the  
parish office.

*Please join us!*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

**PARENTING POINTERS**

Jeremiah said, "I hear the whisperings of many: Terror on every side!" (Jeremiah 20:10) Jesus said, "Do not be afraid..." (Mt. 10:31). To feel afraid at times is human. Share one thing each of you is afraid of. What helps you get through your fear?

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**

Is it any wonder that couples find it more difficult to keep marriage vows when promiscuity is portrayed as normative on sitcoms, snuck into emails, and annoyingly pops up on websites." What is the media feeding your psyche? Your marriage?



*Immaculate Heart*  
**SPLASH CANYON**

Vacation Bible School  
July 17-21  
5:30pm - 8:00pm  
Open to all children from Pre-K through Eighth Grade!  
\*Not a school affiliated event\*

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**LORD, IN YOUR GREAT LOVE,  
PLEASE ANSWER ME.**

Psalm 69



**CREATION, SPIRITUALITY, AND ART SERIES**  
**SUMMER LIFE! SUMMER COLOR!**  
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SR. TINA GREER  
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*Father's Day*

*Spiritual Remembrance*

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