



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 19
2021**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

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: 5:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Confession: Saturday 9:30 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

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Mr. Frank Hannah

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Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

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Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

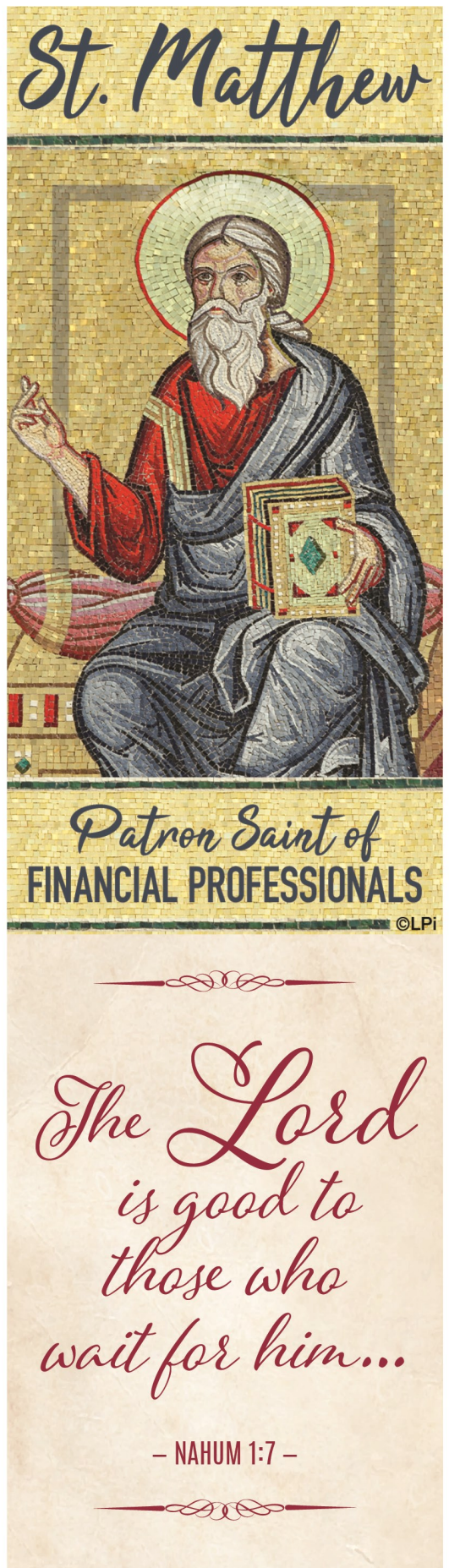
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,
and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

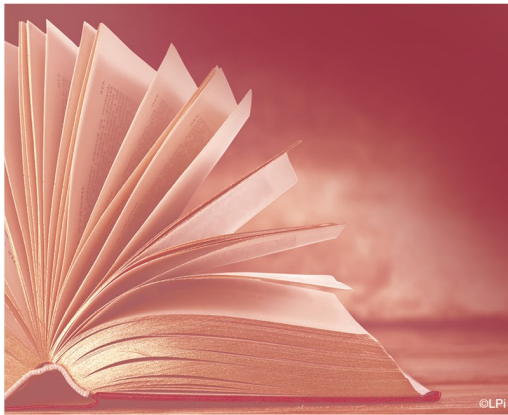
LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take
care of him. (Wis 2:20)



PSALM

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)



SECOND READING

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)



GOSPEL

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will
rise." (Mk 9:31)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



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| MON 9/20 7 ³⁰ AM | Special Intention |
| TUES 9/21 9AM | Frances M. Brestelli [Family] |
| WED 9/22 7 ³⁰ AM | Clayton Ross [Wife, Florence] |
| THU 9/23 5 ³⁰ PM | Diane Peters [Bob & Joan Peters] |
| FRI 9/24 9AM | Erasmus & Lena Piccirilli [Family] |
| SAT 9/25 9AM | Henry Fill [Son, John Fill] |
| SAT 9/25 4PM | Eleanore Addison [Tim & Sarah Susteric & Family] |
| SAT 9/25 6PM | Thomas Zorzi [Wife & Children] |
| SUN 9/26 8AM | Mass for the People |
| SUN 9/26 10AM | Wanda Hale [Family] |
| SUN 9/26 12PM | Carlo & Micheline Buzzeo [Pat Buzzeo] |

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| SAT 9/25 4PM LECTOR M. Multari | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Beal / P. Polesnak P. Polesnak / P. Thornburg | ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED |
| SAT 9/25 6PM LECTOR J. Feeney | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. EUCH. MIN. NEEDED | ALTAR SERVER SERVER NEEDED |
| SUN 9/26 8AM LECTOR B. Lackey | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. T. Brandenstein / P. Clark A. Joseph / J. Wolinsky | ALTAR SERVER A. Zahniser |
| SUN 9/26 10AM LECTOR M. Jones | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Moder EUCH. MIN. NEEDED | ALTAR SERVER N. Selby |
| SUN 9/26 12PM LECTOR R. McGoff | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. R. Fleis / Sue Hohman M. Hohman | ALTAR SERVER K. Fleis |

*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **juices and powdered drinks**. The upcoming item will be large garbage bags.

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

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:

Mary Jane Simon

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
AT OUR PARISH**



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00 AM—11:00 PM

For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645

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

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!

AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Reg. Offertory, 4 Sundays, Budgeted \$54,800 | and Maintenance Fund Received \$57,750 |
| Latin America Church | \$815 |

2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

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| Number of Pledges | 317 |
| Amount of Pledges | \$120,385 |
| Amount Received to Date | \$92,870 |

Catholic Education Collection

Today is the 2021 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program that funds faith formation opportunities. Half of what you give will remain at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. Thank You!

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2140 HIGHLAND RD
HERMITAGE PA

44TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

DOORS OPEN 1:00 PM / DRAWING AT 2:15 PM

ADMISSION—\$5.00

[LUNCH + 1 FREE TEAR SHEET]

TEAR SHEETS—7 FOR \$5.00

Prizes for every family member!

50/50 Raffle / Lottery Raffle / Finale—Grand Prize Raffle

LEVEL PARKING & WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

ERIE'S 15TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

St. Joseph Church Bread of Life, 24th and Sassafras St.
October 1st—3rd

Fri. 5-11 PM / Sat. 1-11 PM / Sun. 12-5 PM

FOOD / MUSIC / BEER

Free Admission / Free Parking / Authentic German Food / Beer Tent / Wine Tent / Live Bands / Family & Pet Friendly / Kid's Fun Zone—Wiener Dog Race Bavarian Coffee House / Church Tours / Photo Booth Over 150 Theme Baskets!

For more information visit:
WWW.STJOESBOL.ORG

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K—11th** / Sunday Mornings: **8:50am—9:50am**

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director / Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary Office: 724-981-5566 / Email: Religioused@notredame-pa.org

October 2021

17th RE Begins (all grades)
24th Class
31st Class

November 2021

7th Class
14th Class
21st Class
28th NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)(Advent begins)

NOTE:

Calendar is subject to change due to the ongoing COVID circumstances. We will adhere to state mandates and guidelines as they unfold concerning the virus. Our primary means of communications to convey adjustments and notices will be email. Please check your email on a regular basis. If you do not have an email address, please notify the RE office.

RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY BISHOP PERSICO INVITES US TO DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT

"It is time for us to come together again as disciples of Christ and to 're-member' our Sunday story," Bishop Lawrence Persico says in his new pastoral letter written in time of pandemic. "By this I do not mean only a recalling of the teachings and legacy of Jesus Christ that deepen our faith; I also mean that we need to come together again as the Body of Christ...and to become in Christ the faith-filled disciples that we are called to be." The letter, along with questions for reflection and discussion, can be found in its entirety on the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* webpage at www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html.

Online Giving is Now Available on the Notre Dame Website

Notre Dame Parish members are now able to make donations to the church online at the Notre Dame parish website:
www.notredame-pa.org.

For those who like setting up payments online, whether recurring or on a one-time basis, the website's online giving feature will be convenient and timesaving. Here's what to do:

Go to www.notredame-pa.org

- Click on the Resources line at the top of the website then click on Online Giving.
- Once there you will be asked to set up an account with your name, address etc. while setting a username and password.
- Once logged in, you can decide whether you want to make a recurring gift or make a contribution whenever you wish to. You can designate a weekly gift as you do with your Sunday envelopes and also make donations for Holy Days, special days designated by the Catholic Church and the Erie Diocese Catholic Services Appeal.
- You will be asked the type of payment method, e.i., from checking or savings accounts or by credit card. You will need to provide the necessary information for whatever account is designated.

Feel free to call the parish office at (724) 981-5566 if you have any questions about Online Giving.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Taking a child, Jesus placed him/her in the [disciples'] midst....Whoever receives one child in my name, receives me." (Mark 9:36-37) Think of one thing you have learned from your child.