



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3  
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 Faith Formation**

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

**Director of Adult Education**

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

**Liturgy/Music Coordinator**

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

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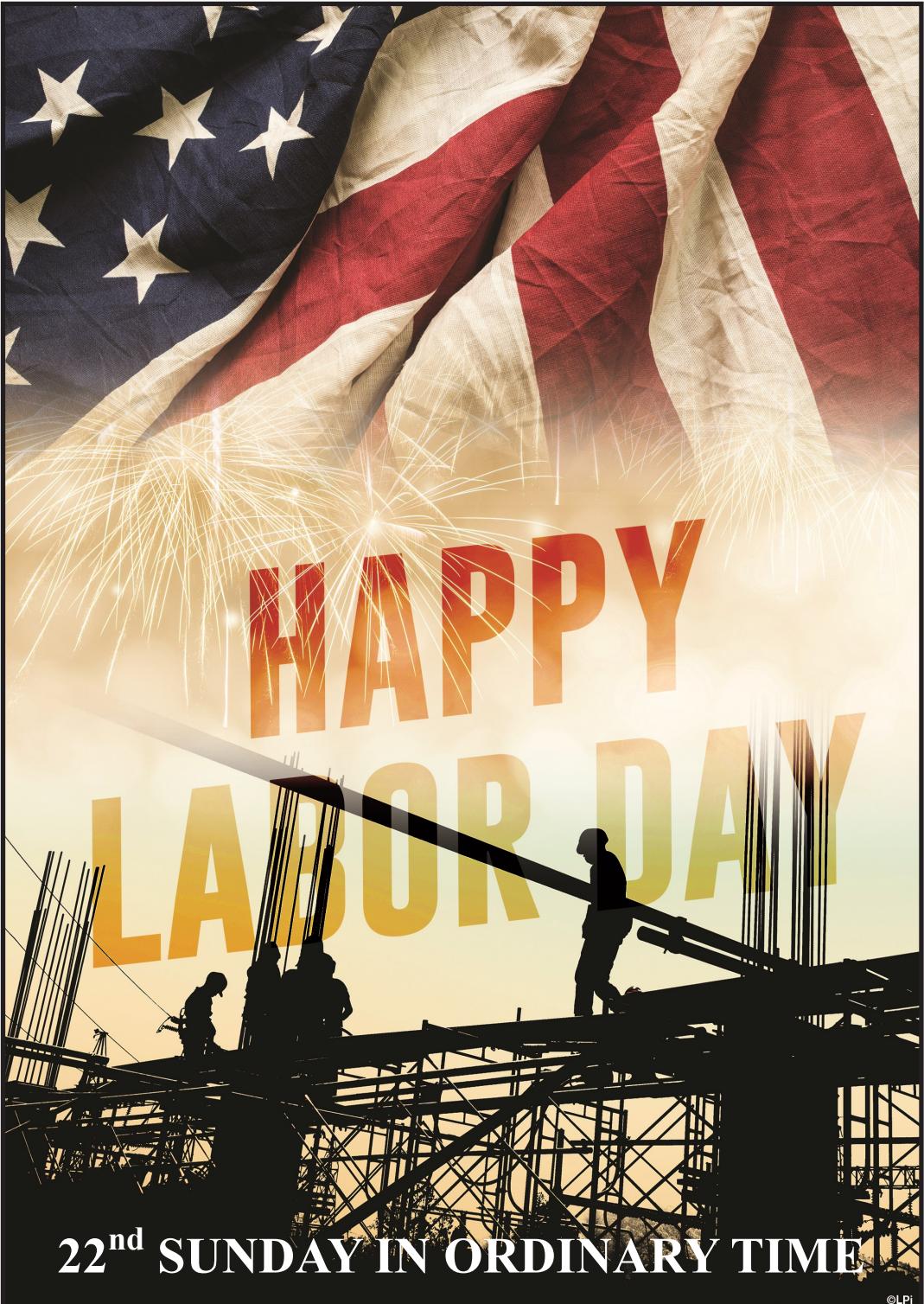
Mrs. Carrie Hannah

**Religious Education Secretary**

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

**Business Manager**

Mrs. Ann Miller





# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>VIDEO MASS 9/3</b>	+Judy Bajdek [Don Wallace]
<b>MON 9/4</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>TUES 9/5 9AM</b>	+Cecilia Kaczmarczyk [Kaczmarczyk Family]
<b>WED 9/6</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>THU 9/7 9AM</b>	+Frances M. Brestelli [Family]
<b>FRI 9/8 9AM</b>	+Dorothy VanDusen [SJPII Staff]
<b>SAT 9/9 9AM</b>	+Denise Condo [Corky & Deenie Costar]
<b>SAT 9/9 * 3-3:30PM *</b>	Confessions
<b>SAT 9/9 4PM</b>	+Michael Anthony Stawaisz [Stawaisz Family]
<b>SUN 9/10 8AM</b>	+Jim & Mary Topper [Skip & Becky Feigert]
<b>SUN 9/10 11AM</b>	+Michilene & Carlo Buzzo [Family]



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.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

Isn't it ironic that "Labor Day" is a holiday for most Americans. But "work" comes in many forms. Offer to do a task that your beloved usually does around your home. If one of you still has to work outside the home on this holiday, treat the laborer in some way.

## PARENTING POINTERS

"You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped...everyone mocks me." (Jeremiah 20:7) Sometimes a parent may feel that society (even experts) give conflicting parenting advice. (Should I spank or not? When should a child get a cell phone? ...) Children also fear their peers mocking them. When in doubt turn to your best instincts and prayer.



# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>SAT 9/9 4PM</b>	<b>LECTOR</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>EUCARISTIC MIN.</b> <b>D. Boller / P. Thornburg</b> <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> <b>A. Bowser</b>
<b>SUN 9/10 8AM</b>	<b>LECTOR</b> <b>B. Moder</b>	<b>EUCARISTIC MIN.</b> <b>B. Beaulieu / G/ Beaulieu</b> <b>T. Brandenstein / B. Rossi</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> <b>A. Zahniser</b>
<b>SUN 9/10 11AM</b>	<b>LECTOR</b> <b>M. Mondak</b>	<b>EUCARISTIC MIN.</b> <b>K. Davenport / M. Goncz</b> <b>B. McVey</b> <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVER</b> <b>M. Tarbay</b>

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

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

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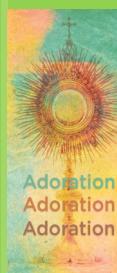
<b>WEEKEND:</b> SAT 5:30 PM	SUN 9:30 AM
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## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the family of  
**Josephine Bello**  
in your prayers.

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



Tuesday / 9:30 AM–11:00 PM  
Wednesday / 9:00 AM–11:00 PM

Join us for an hour of Prayer, every Wednesday during Adoration at 7pm

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

## 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.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the parish office at 724-981-5566

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

- Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Choosing the Cross

I've been called a lot of things in my life, but I've never been called "Satan," at least not to my face.

It seems to me the worst name you could call a person, and today we hear it straight from the lips of Jesus. It's just one of the many small reminders strewn throughout Scripture that Jesus preaches meekness, but he is not mild — not when mildness serves no purpose, anyway.

And here, when Peter is trying to deter Jesus from making the right choice, mildness serves no purpose at all.

Can we blame Peter? I certainly can't. I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my own dear friend. He is, in today's Gospel, wholly unwilling to embrace the cross — he's afraid of it, even — but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex.

What Christ speaks of today is a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday.

But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross.

We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. I have to believe that if even a firefighter's loved one threw themselves in his way, he would still charge toward the flames, crying, "Get behind me."

Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, I promise you — he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

*"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God..." — Romans 12:1*

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage are my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

#### Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

#### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

#### Gospel:

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt 16:24-25)

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### SCRIPTURE - Questions of the week

#### First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and ridicule he endures for answering his prophetic call. Who do you turn to in times of personal sadness and distress?

#### Second Reading:

Paul challenges us not to be conformed to the present world “but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” What can you do this week to grow in your thinking as someone who believes in Jesus?

#### Gospel:

Peter is resistant to Jesus’s revelation that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer and die before rising. How do you react to news difficult to hear?

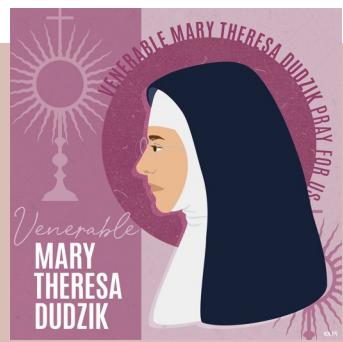
### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Isn’t it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter’s deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus’ suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn’t be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let’s not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus’ cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir



#### Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago’s Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800’s and the early 1900’s serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women’s religious congregation in Chicago.

#### Prayer

Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://mothertheresadudzik.com/prayers.html>)

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# 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.

## SIGN-UP FOR PARISH MINISTRIES AND DONUTS & COFFEE WEEKEND! SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>



Parish members can sign up to be involved in the various parish ministries after Mass next weekend. Please consider helping our parish by giving of your time and talents in a ministry of your choice. Ministries would include Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, Welcoming Team, Ushering, Youth Chorus, Music Ministry and Parish Activities.

Rita's Italian Ice will be served after the 4PM Mass on Saturday  
Donuts & Coffee will be served after the 8AM & 11AM Mass on Sunday

### BBQ Chicken



#### WHOLE BBQ CHICKEN - ONLY \$10

Sunday, October 15

11:30am - 2:00pm

#### PRE-ORDERS ONLY

CALL LUNA 724-342-2489

Deadline to place order: Sunday 10/8

#### ST. ANTHONY

804 Idaho St.  
Sharon, PA



### WLS...

The next pot-luck dinner is Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Multi-purpose Room. Main dish, TBD.

More information to come...

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Mercer, PA

Is sponsoring a day trip to  
Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:00 AM Anderson Bus leaves IHM Parking Lot  
5:15 PM Return

\$35.00 Per Person (Includes \$10.00 incentives)  
Call Marge 724-854-1503

### NOTRE DAME



Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> / 6:30 PM  
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

We will be reading, *Redeeming Love*,  
by Francine Rivers.  
A few books will be available outside the  
parish office.

**Please join us!**