



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
MARCH 7  
2021**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

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: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

## **PARISH STAFF**

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- SUN 3/07** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- MON 3/08** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- TUE 3/09** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- WED 3/10** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 3/11** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- FRI 3/12** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- SAT 3/13** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

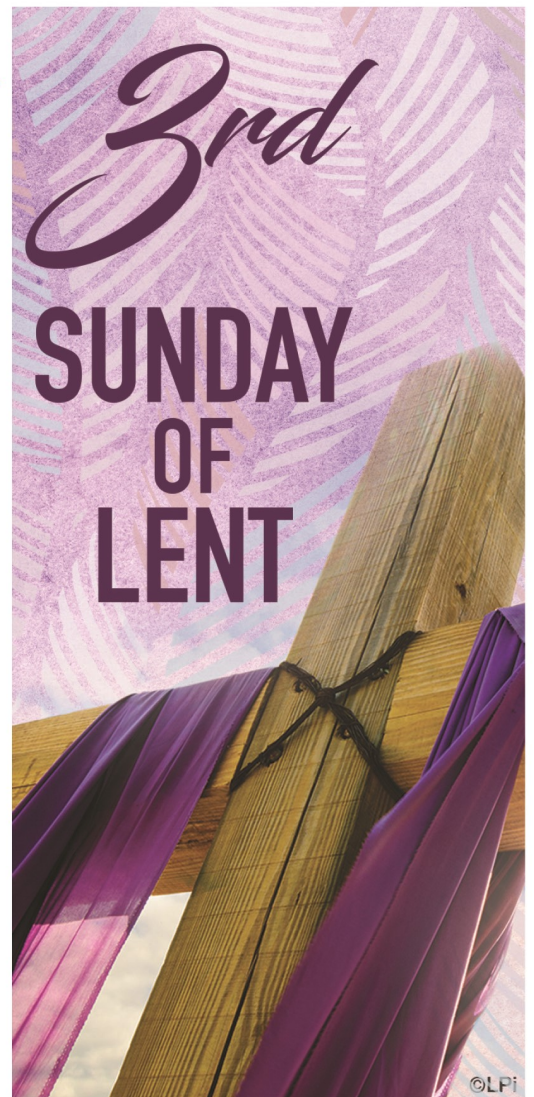
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

- Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

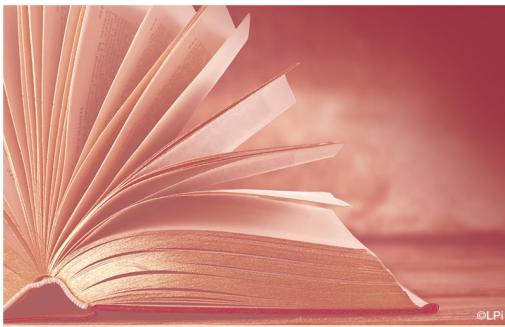


*Your words are  
everlasting  
life.*

— PSALM 19 —



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

In six days the LORD made the heavens  
and the earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)



## PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.  
(Ps 19)



## SECOND READING

For the foolishness of God is wiser  
than human wisdom,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than  
human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)



## GOSPEL

"Destroy this temple and in three days  
I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

# MASS INTENTIONS

MON 3/8 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Nick Pici
TUES 3/9 9AM	Lillian Helbling [Aileen Magnotto]
TUES 3/9 5 <sup>30</sup> PM	Vi Sferra [Tuesday Morning Small Group]
WED 3/10 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Richard Murcko [Cindy & Jerry Steklachick]
THU 3/11 9AM	Joe George
FRI 3/12 9AM	Fr. Robert Schriefer
FRI 3/12 7PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT 3/13 9AM	Thomas Lyons [Daughter, Sue Weller]
SAT 3/13 4PM	Rose Marchand Lowman [Mike & Pat Butala]
SAT 3/13 6PM	Mass for the People
SUN 3/14 8AM	Frances Moretti [Jean Sabol]
SUN 3/14 10AM	Barbara Oleskey [Geri & John Jurko]
SUN 3/14 12PM	Cecelia Misik [Family]



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**

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 3/13 4PM	J. Pursel	P. Polesnak or P. Polesnak
SAT 3/13 6PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED
SUN 3/14 8AM	Lector J. Feeney	Eucharistic Min. A. Joseph or R. Mentrek
SUN 3/14 10AM	Lector B. Moder	Eucharistic Min. A. Costar or B. McVey
SUN 3/14 12PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SACRAMENTS 2021

#### FIRST PENANCE

Thursday, March 25, 2021 / 7PM / Church

#### CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 11, 2021 / 2PM / Church

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church

**\*All sacraments will be celebrated with one pew for each family**

#### Confirmation Interviews

Monday, March 8, 2021	2 <sup>30</sup> - 5 <sup>30</sup> PM
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	2 <sup>30</sup> - 5 <sup>30</sup> PM
Thursday, March 11, 2021	2 <sup>30</sup> - 5 <sup>30</sup> PM
Friday, March 12, 2021	2 <sup>30</sup> - 5 <sup>30</sup> PM

#### **\*Double interview:**

Candidates will meet with Fr. Allen followed by Joe (20-30 minute interviews)

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | [gatorsnpa@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnpa@gmail.com)

## 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of Christ. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

The Catholic Services Appeal pledge envelopes were mailed last week. If you have not received a pledge envelope and would like one, please contact the parish office at 724-981-5566.

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

**Pledge to Heal:** The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their family members through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). Victims or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543. For particular questions you may call: **Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.**

### ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

4:00—7:00 PM Every Friday during Lent

804 Idaho St

Sharon PA 16146

### TAKE OUT ONLY

Fried Fish Dinner or  
Baked Cod Fish Dinner  
\$10



**MASKS REQUIRED**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED**

### LENTEN TALKS ON THE SAINTS

During the Lenten season, our pastor, Fr. Richard Allen, is giving a series of talks on the saints.

Those talks are available on the parish website:  
**[notredame-pa.org](http://notredame-pa.org)**

The parish home page displays a red banner on the Lenten talks. Click on the banner link to go to the Saints series, which is posted on YouTube.

A new saint talk will be posted on the website at **NOON** each Wednesday in Lent.

## LENTEN ETHNIC FOOD AND BAKE SALE

ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
St. Michael's Center (please use side entrance)  
2140 Highland Rd., Hermitage  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 3:00—6:00pm

#### PRE-ORDERS ONLY

1 Dz. Potato/Cheese Pierohi (dumpling)	\$8 frozen
1 Dz. Sauerkraut Pierohi (dumpling)	\$8 frozen
1 Qt. Fresh Halushki (cabbage, onions, noodles)	\$8

#### TO PLACE AN ORDER CALL

Bill 724-962-4618 or Christine 724-866-0058  
\*Once quota has been reached, orders will be declined.  
**NO WALK-INS FOR PIEROHI OR HALUSHKI!**

**CHECK OUT THE BAKE SALE**