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> Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY November 28 2021

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 <u>Weekday Masses</u> Monday: NO MASS Tuesday: 9:00 am Wednesday: 9:00 am Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF Pastor Fr. Richard Allen Deacon Mr. 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**

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	ls 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	ls 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	ls 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	ls 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	ls 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. ls 30:18d]/Mt 9:35— 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

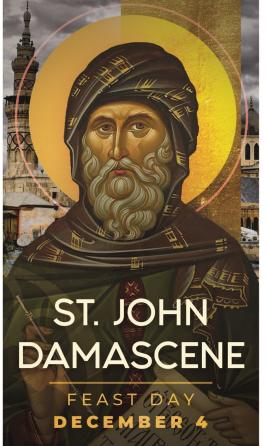
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle	
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	
Saturday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
Next Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Advent	

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

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St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.



MON 11/29	NO MASS or SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNION
TUES 11/30 9AM	Anne Durisko [Husband, John]
WED 12/1	NO MASS or SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNION
THU 12/2 9 AM	Hugh O'Brien [Dan & Susan Wallace]
FRI 12/3 9AM	Courtney Hillman [Kaczmarzcyk Family]
SAT 12/4 9AM	Walter Trkula [Family]
SAT 12/4 4PM	Augustina Masters [Mark, Gio, Santina, &
	Luciana]
SUN 12/5 8AM	Bill Feigert [Skip & Becky Feigert]
SUN 12/5 11AM	Edward Kurelko [Family]



SAT 12/4 4PM **EUCHARISTIC MIN.** ALTAR SERVER LECTOR M. Bradac R. Beal / C. Esmond A. Bowser P. Polesnak / P/ Polesnak SUN 12/5 8AM EUCHARISTIC MIN. LECTOR ALTAR SERVER T. Brandenstein / J. Trenga J. Pursel **SERVER NEEDED** T. Pagliaroli / J. Trenga SUN 12/5 11AM EUCHARISTIC MIN. ALTAR SERVER LECTOR K. Davenport / R. Fleis K. Higgins C. Boren B. McVey / A. Orndorff K. Fleis

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

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

KNEELING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

After the Lamb of God, parishioners will kneel. After receiving Holy Communion, you may kneel or be seated. This restored practice is intended to help to unify posture throughout the Diocese of Erie, place us in greater harmony with the Church throughout the United States, lessen confusion, and assist those parishioners who are unable to stand for long periods of time. In situations where the people are unable to kneel, they may sit instead.

This directive goes into effect the First Sunday of Advent, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, NOV. 29TH

Additional Assignment

In addition to Fr. Allen's assignment as Pastor at Notre Dame, beginning November 27th, he will also be assigned to St. Bartholomew, Sharpsville as the Administrator. This means he will be covering Mass at both parishes. In order to do that, Fr. Allen had to make some changes to the Mass Schedule at Notre Dame and St. Bartholomew.

Listed below is the **new Mass schedule beginning the weekend of November 27/28.**

NOTRE DAME Daily Mass Scl

Mass Schedule:		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

NO MASS 9:00 am NO MASS 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am *9:30 am Confessions

4:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday

Sunday <u>ST. BARTHOLOMEW</u> Daily Mass Schedule: Monday Tuesday

7:30 am 6:00 pm *6:30 pm Confessions 7:30 am NO MASS 7:30 am

8:00 and 11:00 am

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am

Wednesday

Thursday

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SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS

Please note: Mass Intentions that are scheduled at a time that we will no longer have, will be changed. The parish secretary will contact you to reschedule.

Mass Intentions that have been scheduled on Thursday, 5:30 pm will move to 9:00 am and those scheduled on Sunday, 10:00 am will move to 11:00 am.

Please be patient with us through this process and we will do everything we can to accommodate you with another date of your choice.



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

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



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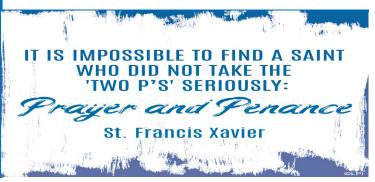
Once again this year the money raised for Notre Dame will be used to continue the ministry of **Taping Weekly Mass** for our shut-ins and those staying in during the ongoing covid virus.

Last year our Parish won the regional prize of \$750 for most participation in giving.



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **quart and gallon size storage bags.** The upcoming item will be salad dressings.

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



GETTING MARRIED (OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS)?

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html. We would love to welcome you this January!

"PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND"

Join Fr. Rich Toohey and Fr. Nicholas Rouch on a special Pilgrimage to England! Spend 11 days in the company of Mary, missionaries, monks, martyrs, scholars, and converts who all made great contributions to the longevity of Catholicism in the country. Catholic Mass will be celebrated daily as you tour stunning Cathedrals and Basilicas which date back to the Catholic origins in the UK as well as many sites of historical and cultural significance. See famous castles like Dover and Windsor Castle. Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites like Canterbury Cathedral, and Blenheim Palace. Tour the Birmingham Oratory and walk in the footsteps of St. Philip Neri and St. Henry Newman. In London, explore historical sites such as the London Bridge, the Tour of London, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and more! Feel immersed in British culture and learn of the great Saints who brought Catholicism here - return home feeling renewed in faith with memories that will bear spiritual fruits that will last a lifetime!

July 18-28, 2022 / Cost: \$4,799 / Includes: Accommodations, Meals and Roundtrip Airfare out of Pittsburgh

All information can be found at <u>www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohey/england</u>/"

PRINCE OF PEACE PEGGY'S STOCKINGS TOY DRIVE GIVING CHILDREN HOPE NOVEMBER 15TH-DECEMBER 13TH



Brighten the lives of children this Christmas by choosing one of "Peggy's Stockings" and purchasing a gift for one of the 300 children [ages 14 and under] in need. Each of these children receiving gifts is enrolled with the Prince of Peace Center's food pantry—OR will be an identified child in need whose parents are not registered with any food pantry withing the Community Food Warehouse network.

To participate, simply take a "Peggy's Stockings" tag and purchase a toy or item for the age and sex of the child. Return the **unwrapped** gift, along with the identifying tag attached, no later than December 13th. While we ask that gifts be offered unwrapped, fell free to include wrapping paper for parents to wrap the gifts themselves. Gifts will be delivered to families on December 16th.

If you have any questions, please call Maritza Conley, Office Assistant at the Prince of Peace Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K—11**th / 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

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.

November

28 NO CLASS (Thanksgiving) (Advent Begins)

December

- 5 Class
- 12 Class
- 19 Class
- 26 NO CLASS (Christmas)

January 2022

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- NO CLASS
- Class (Safe Environment In-Service/All Grades)





SPONSOR A SENIOR THIS CHRISTMAS

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A Gift That Matters

Nursing home facilities give us each resident's "Wish List". Based on their needs, we curate boxes specifically for them and add your message as a final touch! Last Christmas, we had requests for warm clothing, shoes, radios and walker bags.

Our Story

While working in nursing homes, Purpose Founders saw loneliness and isolation first hand. Holly (left) and Ali (right) started the Purpose Sponsor a Senior Program in December of 2018. 60% of residents in nursing homes do not receive visitors. The impact of Covid 19 has been devastating to our elderly population, with some nursing homes **still** not allowing visitors. Additionally, many residents do not have family members to provide them with essential items. This year, we are working with nursing homes across the United States, pairing our sponsors with their residents. Our Purpose Boxes symbolize hope and, for some, will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

Please consider sponsoring a few seniors this year to make their Christmas cheerful and serve as a reminder they are not forgotten.

Sponsor Today

After your box is delivered, we will send you an email detailing who the box went to along with the image gallery to see all their smiling faces!



Loneliness is Real

1 out of 4 adults over 65 are considered **socially isolated**. Our mission is to remind seniors around the US they are NOT forgotten, especially during the holidays. We have over 165 nursing home facilities with 30+ residents on our waiting list for a Purpose Box.

