



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26  
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

### **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**

Mrs. Ann Miller



*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/  
Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Thursday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



**ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
SOCIETY**

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*I will  
praise  
your name  
forever  
and ever.*

— PSALM 145:2 —



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

But Moses answered him,  
"Are you jealous for my sake?  
Would that all the people of the LORD were  
prophets!" (Nm 11:29)



## PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
(Ps 19)



## SECOND READING

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have  
become moth-eaten,  
your gold and silver have corroded,  
and that corrosion will be a testimony  
against you;  
it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)



## GOSPEL

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.  
It is better for you to enter into life maimed  
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,  
into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,  
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



MON 9/27 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Kathleen Chittenden [Dan & Debbie Giardina]
TUES 9/28 9AM	Ronald David Abaray
WED 9/29 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; COMMUNION</b>
THU 9/30 5 <sup>30</sup> PM	Ralph & Fern Saternow
FRI 10/1 9AM	Bob Nicolls
SAT 10/2 9AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
SAT 10/2 4PM	Bob & Kathy Liptak—Celebrating 50th Anniversary [Mary Ellen Liptak]
SAT 10/2 6PM	Sandy Rossi Jr. [Nancy & Marilyn Carlos]
SUN 10/3 8AM	Mary Guenther
SUN 10/3 10AM	Paul F. & Carmella Campoli [Campoli Family]
SUN 10/3 12PM	Mass for the People



<b>SAT 10/2 4PM</b> LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. J. Miller / T. Spatara	ALTAR SERVER A. Bowser
<b>SAT 10/2 6PM</b> LECTOR <b>LECTOR NEEDED</b>	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. <b>EUCH. MIN. NEEDED</b>	ALTAR SERVER <b>SERVER NEEDED</b>
<b>SUN 10/3 8AM</b> LECTOR J. Feeney	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu J. Trenga / J. Trenga	ALTAR SERVER <b>SERVER NEEDED</b>
<b>SUN 10/3 10AM</b> LECTOR K. Higgins	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. P. Dinger / B. Martz B. McVey / O. Yoursh	ALTAR SERVER <b>SERVER NEEDED</b>
<b>SUN 10/3 12PM</b> LECTOR <b>LECTOR NEEDED</b>	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. <b>EUCH. MIN. NEEDED</b>	ALTAR SERVER <b>SERVER NEEDED</b>

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

Thank you  
To everyone for the Memorial Contributions  
In Memory of  
Harry Crook  
Lynne Knott



## 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:

**Mark Panin**  
**Dorothy Venglarik**  
**Barbara Ann Gelesky**  
**Virginia Kocis**

*Altar flowers this weekend are donated  
In thanksgiving to God and  
In Honor of*

**Bob & Kathy Liptak**  
*Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*On Behalf of: Mary Ellen Liptak*



**Daniel Vanderslice**  
**and**  
**Jenna Wagner**  
September 18, 2021

*"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for"*  
*St. Therese of Lisieux*



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **large garbage bags**. The upcoming item will be paper towels.

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

## Catholic Education Collection

Last weekend, was the Catholic Education collection, that helps to support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese.

If you missed last weeks collection and would like to make a donation, you can place it in the offertory basket or online at [www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html)

## 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!**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2021-2022

Grades: **Pre-K–11<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings: **8:50am–9:50am**

Use Grotto entrance of SJPII School

Joe Ranelli, RE & Sacrament Prep Director / Mary Lou Hornyak, Secretary

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## October 2021

17<sup>th</sup> RE Begins (all grades)  
24<sup>th</sup> Class  
31<sup>st</sup> Class

## November 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Class  
14<sup>th</sup> Class  
21<sup>st</sup> Class  
28<sup>th</sup> 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.



**ERIE'S 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST**  
St. Joseph Church Bread of Life, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sassafras St.  
October 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup>  
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](http://WWW.STJOESBOL.ORG)

## ST. MICHAEL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2140 HIGHLAND RD  
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**44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION**  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

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

## RE-MEMBER OUR SUNDAY STORY BISHOP PERSICO'S PASTORAL LETTER IN PANDEMIC ENCOURAGES 'VIBRANT ENCOUNTERS'

All are invited to read and discuss Bishop Lawrence Persico's *Re-membering Our Sunday Story: a pastoral letter written in pandemic*. "I offer this reflection on our Sunday story in order to help our parish communities to make the celebration of the Eucharist more engaging, more vibrant and more effective encounters with the presence of Christ, who is always our true Companion," he writes. "It is in these encounters that we discover how our parishes can become Eucharistic communities of love, service to others and communion with one other and with all of God's People."

Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at [www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html](http://www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html).

## ST. ANTHONY PALACINKE SALE TAKE OUT ONLY



Thursday, October 21  
Pickup time: 3–5pm in Church Hall  
Cost: \$3.00 per Palacinke  
To place an order please  
call 724-342-7391  
Monday thru Thursday from 9am–3pm

ALL ORDERS WILL BE BOXED PRIOR TO PICKUP  
[Deadline to place an order is Thursday, October 14]

**ONCE LIMIT IS MET, WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT ORDERS**

Masks must be worn and  
social distancing maintained at time of pickup.



**Helping Hands Gala**  
Saturday, October 9, 2021

## Silent Auction

Can't attend The Helping Hands Gala on October 9<sup>th</sup>? No problem! visit [hhgala21.givesmart.com](http://hhgala21.givesmart.com) and register to watch the event via livestream. While you are there, make sure to check out the wonderful silent auction. Items range from a Dinner with the Bishop to rounds of golf, weekend getaways to lottery trees and coffee baskets. Items are added all the time, so make sure to check back often.