



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 19
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

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 9:30 am - Confession

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

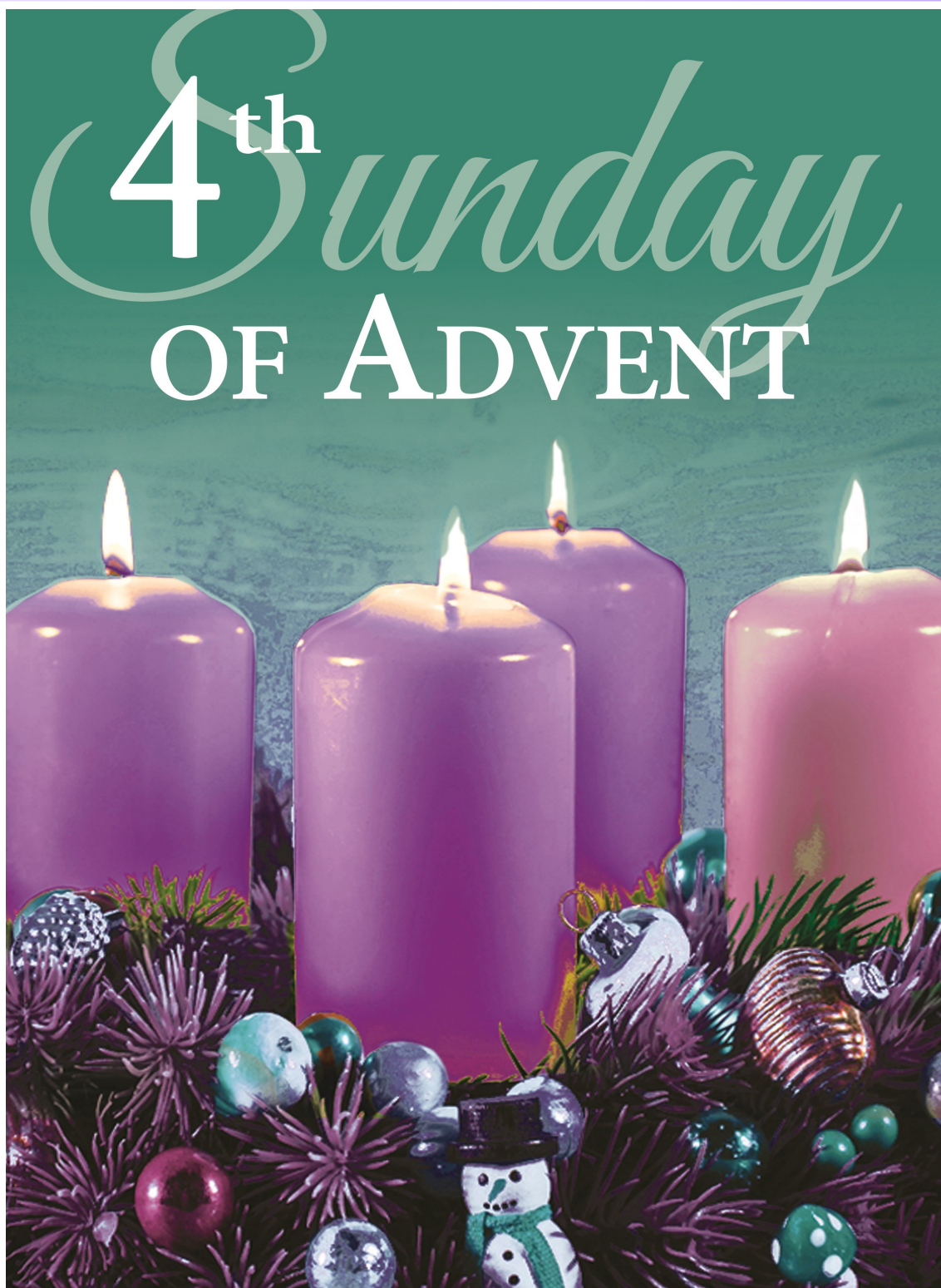
Mrs. Carrie Hannah

Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

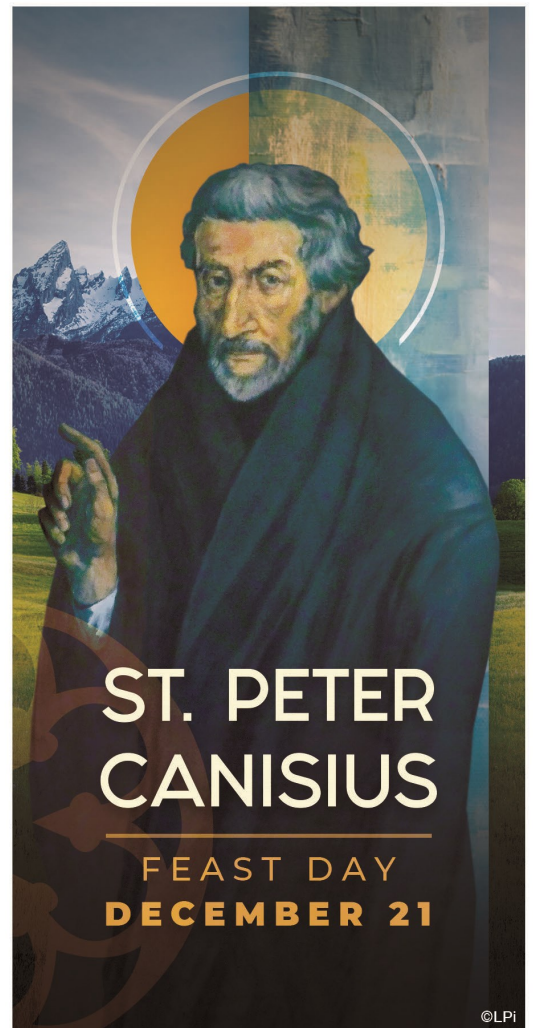
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Friday:** Christmas Eve
- Saturday:** The Nativity of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



MON 12/20	NO MASS
TUES 12/21 9AM	Marianne Kovac [Don & Shirley Kovac]
WED 12/22	NO MASS
THU 12/23 9 AM	Lena Piccirilli [Family]
FRI 12/24 9AM	Hugh O'Brien [O'Brien Family]
FRI 12/24 4PM	Eleanore Addison [Sustersic Family]
FRI 12/24 7PM	Al & Eleanor Zawack [The Wagner's]
FRI 12/24 10PM	McGinty & Stawaisz Families [Stawaisz Family]
SAT 12/25 9AM	Anne Durisko [Husband, John]
SUN 12/26 8AM	Mike Puleo [Family]
SUN 12/26 11AM	Dec'd Chavara Family [Dom & Lori Zomparelli]



SAT 12/25 9AM
LECTOR
Sign-up Sheet

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.
Sign-up Sheet

ALTAR SERVER
Sign-up Sheet

NO 4PM MASS

SUN 12/26 8AM
LECTOR
B. Lackey

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.
P. Clark / B. Rossi
P. Slezak / J. Wolinsky

ALTAR SERVER
A. Zahniser

SUN 12/26 11AM
LECTOR
K. Higgins

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.
K. Davenport / P. Dinger
C. Nawrocki / S. Puhl

ALTAR SERVER
N. Selby
M. Tarbay

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

Advent Penance Service

NOTRE DAME

December 19th, 2:00 p.m. - Sunday

Tuesday, December 14th

St. Bartholomew, Sharpville 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15th

Good Shepherd, West Middlesex 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16th

St. Joseph, Sharon 7:00 p.m.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED DECEMBER 23RD
THROUGH JANUARY 2ND.**

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
Vigil: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
12/24	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM	4:00 PM 12:00 AM
Christmas Day : THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
12/25	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
New Year's Eve		
12/31	5:00 PM	6:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
MON	NO MASS	7:30 AM
TUE	9:00 AM	6:00 PM *6:30 PM Confessions
WED	NO MASS	7:30 AM
THU	9:00 AM	NO MASS
FRI	9:00 AM	7:30 AM
SAT	9:00 AM *9:30 AM Confessions	

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>St. Bartholomew</u>
SAT	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
SUN	8:00 and 11:00 AM	9:30 AM



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.

ATTENTION LECTORS:

Lector Workbooks are in. If you are interested in purchasing one check with Fr. Allen after mass.

Cost: \$10

YEAR END GIFTS

As we approach the end of 2021 and prepare year end postings, gifts to be counted toward 2021 must be received on or before December 31st.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

Reminders:

Checks made payable to **Prince of Peace** must be mailed to the Prince of Peace Center.

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: Religiouused@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.

December

19 Class
26 NO CLASS (Christmas)

January 2022 – 9:20 – 10:45am

2 NO CLASS
9 Class (Safe Environment In-Service/All Grades)
16 Class
23 Class
30 NO CLASS (Confirmation Retreat)

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS CONTINUE:

Oplatki (Christmas Wafer) and the order form for the Wendall August Forge 2021 Ornament “An American Christmas” are in the back of the church Foyer.

The ornament has our “Notre Dame Church” stamp on the back and will be available for pick up on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Christmas Wafer, an Eastern European tradition for Christmas Eve are \$1.25 for a package of Four (4) wafers.

THANK YOU - I GIVE CATHOLIC DONORS!!

A big thank you to all of you who donated for Giving Tuesday to our iGiveCatholic app. Our final total collected was \$8,845.00!! This includes another prize of \$750.00 this year based on our large number of participants.

This money will be used to defray the cost of our Taped Mass Ministry, and will cover at least the next six months. This ministry helps bring mass to our shut-in and elderly parishioners (near and far) who are unable to return to live mass. Some of our viewers are from Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Wisconsin and other states.

Thank you for your generosity!!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”

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:

Al Puntureri

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND BROTHERS

We are so grateful to all who gave so generously to the annual retirement fund last year. In our valley, we know of the dedicated and hard-working effort by the many communities of sisters (Benedictine, Mercy and Sisters of St Joseph) who staffed and taught in our schools and religious education programs. We have special memories of the generosity and hard work of the Sisters of St. Joseph as they began: our Notre Dame school: Sr. Marie Corde (first Principal), Sr. Mary Timothy (Sr. Ann), Sr. Dominic, Sr. Cecelia and for the Shenango Valley Religious Education programs: Sr. Mary Paula, Sr. Mary Ann and Sr. Mary Rita. In the 90's, Sr. Mary Drexler, Sr. Joyce Lowrey and Sr. Ann Donahue SSJs returned and were among our Notre Dame school administration and teaching staff. Sr. Margaret Pellerite, SSJ, has been in her teaching and ministry work since the beginning of Kennedy Catholic High School in the 70's.

In a special way we remember Sr. Joyce Lowrey and Sr. Ann Donahue, both Sisters of St Joseph who died this year. Their ministry of teaching extended through their entire careers in many schools throughout our Diocese of Erie.

With this collection, we are reminded that these religious sisters, who maintained vows of poverty, “lived simply and received very little salary during their times of ministry. The majority of these sisters have aged and no longer can work outside their community and need our financial support and prayer”. If you were not prepared to give this week, a donation can still be made in the envelope marked *Retirement Fund for the Sisters* and dropped in the Sunday collection basket.





Luminarias in Memory & Honor of:

Mil & Stan Amon
Sarah Appel
Rocco & Mary Arcade
Ronald Arcade
The Baker Family
Chuck Baldoff Sr.
Gus Baldoff
Nora Baldoff
Cathy Barlett
John Bartko
Ann Bator
Paul Bator
Emory & Mary Beal
Thelma & Bob Beal
Carl Bell
John Beres
Mary Garay Beres
Julia Biss
Billy Borman
Fernando & Teresa Brestelli
Frances Brestelli Sr.
Mary H. Brestelli
Paul T. Brestelli III
Cheno Bruno
Frances Bruno
Mark & Joe Caracci
Kathy Chavara
Steve Chavara
Wm. & Mary Jane Chavara
John Cidila Sr.
Mary Ellen Clayton
Dan Conlin
Leo Conlin
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cooley
Betty Coon
Dick Darko
Helen & Jay Darko
Arlene Davidson
Louise Davidson
Volanda Delmonaco
Msgr. Dewalt
Eugene Dillon
Elizabeth DuBois
Peter DuBois
Evanchan Family
Frances Evans
Jo Facca
John Farmakis
Bill Feigert
Earl Feigert Sr.
Marguerite Feigert
Dorothy Fill
Henry Fill
Bill & Kay Furey
Katherine Gallagher
Anna Gantz

Bill Gantz
Michael Gargiulo Sr.
Mary Jane Geisel
Ralph Geisel
John Gilpin
Theresa Gilpin
Jim & Cathy Granata
Jim & Josie Granata
William Griffith
Vera H.
Frank Habuda Jr.
Lita Habuda
Josh Hamder
Dec'd Hauser Family
Joan Hawkins
Paul & Evelyn Heckathorn
Bill Hoelzle
Louise Hoelzle
Hohman Family
Hornyak Family
John B. Hornyak
Linda Hoover
Blaine Jennings
Margaret Jennings
Joseph Family
MaryLynn Jurko
Paul Jurko
Valeria Jurko
Mary K.
Teresa Klug
James E. & Mary Kollar
MaryAnn Kollar
Marianne Alex Kovac
Alex Kovacs
Dec'd Members Krantz Family
Angela M. Kudelko
Joe & Patsy Kulka
Joseph Kulka
Kaine Kulka
Patrick Kulka
Edward Kurelko
Cherly Lee
Stacy Lenarcic
William Lenarcic
Mary Leonard
Stanley Leonard
Mary Leonetti
Likovich Family
Matt LuFrano
Teresa Lyons
Thomas Lyons
Andrew Majoros
Betty Majoros
Marovich Family
Bob Marriotti
Frances Martincic

Nick Martincic
Paul Martincic
Jeanne McCullough
The McGinty Family
James McLusky
Jim & Lil McLusky
Betty McMahon
Peg & Chuck Means
Bob & Kaddie Mehler
Lisa Mehler
Molinari Family
Nick & Rose Molinari
Stephen Myers
Albert Necaster
Jeanne Necaster
Mickey Necaster
Mamie Neider
William Neider
Betty Nestich
Joseph Nestich
Dom & Lee Nigro
Leslie Norton
Marth Novelly
Dan & Dave Oakes
Ray & Bea Oakes
Barbara Oleskey
Pius Oleskey
Hugh O'Brien
Elsie M. O'Neill
Owens Family
Anthony Paglia Sr.
Theresa Panin
Premsi Patel
Frank Paulenich
Jimmy Paulenich
Jack Phinney
Nick Pici
Elmer Piroga
Hazel Tice - Policic
Mark Pollock
Sam & Rosalie Pontera
Kathy Prosser
Rea Family
Reanick Family
Kathryn Rettger
Leo Rettger
Richard & MaryLou Saborsky
John Sabulsky
Dec'd Members Sangregorio
Family
Fannie Scarnecchia
Salvador Scarnecchia
Sebastian Family
Joseph Selby
Dennis Sheehan
Mary Slezak

Tim Smith
Louis Squatrito
Rose Squatrito
Edward Stanton
Mary Stanton
The Stawaisz Family
Gary Stickelmeyer
Roxaine Thompson
Thomas Thompson
Jim Thornburg
Lila Tice
Jim Topper
Mary Topper
Dec'd Members Trkula
Family
Walter Trkula
Carole Vargo
Lillian Vargo
Francis Vicario
Michael Vicario
John Voza
Norma Voza
Wagner Family
Paul Walton
Dennis & Pam Watson
Whitney Watson
Harold Weller
Charles Werner
The Wible Family
Fr. Wiley
Mary Yonosik
Mike Yonosik
Young Family
Michael & Donna Yurich
Michael & Helen Yurich
Fr. Zeitler
MaryAnn Zikmund
Robert Zikmund