

July 11, 2021 † Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9, 10:30AM & 12 Noon

Weekdays: Monday through Friday:
6:30 & 8:45AM

Saturday: 8AM

Holy Day Vigil: 5PM

Holy Day: 6:30, 8:45AM
12:05 & 7PM

Confessions: Saturday -
12 Noon to 1PM in Sacristy
OR— by appointment

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one of the priests to sign up!

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Saturday, 8:00AM	July 10, 2021 †For the Conversion of all Mothers Seeking an Abortion at AWC
4:30PM	†Eufemia Valz & Leonardo Manrique
Sunday, 7:30AM	July 11, 2021, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Homer L. Derr
9:00AM	†Leonard Achey
10:30AM	†Grace M. Hader
12:00PM	†Raymond Semeraro
Monday, 6:30AM	July 12, 2021 †Charles P. Dugan
8:45AM	†Joseph Petrizzi
Tuesday, 6:30AM	July 13, 2021 †Caroline Tanhauser
8:45AM	†The Parishioners of Notre Dame
Wednesday, 6:30AM	July 14, 2021 †John & Carol Ferraro
8:45AM	†Dennis Mertz
Thursday, 6:30AM	July 15, 2021 Elizabeth Klines 94th Birthday!
8:45AM	†For the Living & Deceased Members of the Nigh & Hamersky Families
Friday, 6:30AM	July 16, 2021 †Mary Engle
8:45AM	†Frank Umland
Saturday, 8:00AM	July 17, 2021 †Donald Wagner
4:30PM	†Tom & Helen Chiaramonte
Sunday, 7:30AM	July 18, 2021, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Joan Floyd
9:00AM	†Jennifer Cresko
10:30AM	†Phillip Summers
12:00PM	†David R. Vance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - Direct Telephone Line (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection:Pamela Russo, MSW, MS - (610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection."**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK:**

My dear people of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish---

Notre Dame of Bethlehem School has it all: faith, academic excellence, athletics, service, community! We still have room in some grades for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the school office, and they will be thrilled to welcome you for a personal tour and informational visit. Parents--- you go this way but once! Give your children the best possible formation in faith and academics. **Ask any Notre Dame School alumni---**how well prepared they were for high school and college-- thanks to Notre Dame of Bethlehem School!

We have employment opportunities available in our Notre Dame School - Preschool program for the 2021-2022 school year! We are currently seeking a Lead Pre-K teacher and teacher assistant to join our fun, creative and completely rewarding early childhood program. A degree or experience in early childhood is recommended. For more information please contact Mrs. Brita at dbrita@ndbethlehemschool.org or 610-866-2231.

The Flowers on the Main Altar in Church
this week are in memory of **Michael Stockman**
and

The Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar in Church
this week are in memory of
Wendell & Jeanne Butash's Anniversary

RCIA- Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend who seems interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? Are you or do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has been away from the Church? Are you or do you know someone who has been coming to Mass for a while, but is not Catholic. All it may take is for you to INVITE THEM!!! The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program designed to help non-Catholics and nonpracticing Catholics learn more about Catholicism through a series of classes, discussions, prayer times and ceremonies. Our class at Notre Dame is friendly and welcoming. We meet on Mondays at 7PM in the former convent. As of today, we have one person signed up. Please call one of the priests for more information or to sign up!

****School Office Summer Info/ Start of School**

The School Business Office will be open from 9AM until 12Noon every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the summer months. School officially opens on Monday, August 30th. If you wish to register your child or if you have any concerns at times other than the above schedule, please call the school office at 610-866-2231 and leave a message on the answering machine and someone will return your call. **Please DO NOT call the Parish Rectory office.** All school related questions should be communicated to the School Office. Thank you!

IT'S BACK!!! The Annual Notre Dame Parish Garage Sale will be held again this year on **Saturday July 17th: 8AM until 1PM**, & then after the 9AM & 10:30AM Masses on July 18th. As in the past this sale benefits Boy Scout Troop 352. **Donations accepted Monday through Thursday, July 12th-15th from 6PM-8PM** in the Church Hall. Boy Scouts will be on hand to help unload your items. Please make sure that your "treasures" are actually resell-able before bringing it to us! **Please note: NO furniture, computer equipment, printers, monitors, televisions, VHS tapes, stuffed animals, cribs, VHS tapes, or clothing.** For help---please contact Deb Pavis 610-226-7366.

Save-the Date Saturday, October 2nd: Mark your calendars for October 2nd, the date of our next half day women's retreat right here at Notre Dame! We will be celebrating the 4th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary: The Assumption of Mary. Our theme will be Janua Coeli (Gate of Heaven) and we will welcome Fr. Ezaki as our main speaker. Look for more details to come....

Check out the CD/ Book rack in main vestibule/& side entrance
We have NEW CD's!!!

What a great way to GROW in FAITH!

Notre Dame, Our Mother, pray for us!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
in memory of:

Frank Waldron

<https://www.ndbethlehemchurch.org>- Church
<https://www.ndbethlehemschool.org>- School

We WILL have a holy hour on the 1st Friday in August— after 8:45 AM Mass.

Although some cannot receive the Lord sacramentally, you can ask for His grace and make an **Act of Spiritual Communion**--any day of the week:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

YOUR QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” *Edith Wharton*

NOTRE DAME DOLLARS NEWS

YES- it is easy to purchase Notre Dame Dollars! We will not be returning to the back of Church for a while yet, but gift cards are still available! Don't miss out on getting your gift cards—a great way to help our Church. Send your order to Patti Hudock at p_hudock@hotmail.com by Monday afternoon and pickup is Tuesday mornings, 9AM – Noon.

Please pray for our Parishioners, including those in the Nursing Homes (not listed) and family members in need:

Carolyn Stopper, Neil Schlottman, Dona-Marie Triandafilou, Elizabeth (Betty) Krisak, Teresa Griffith, Mary Ann Gray, Kathryn Derr, Sharon Sincavage, Janet Lamos, Cynthia Gaudreau, Kay Hill, Bridget Kenney, James Ralph, Frank Rider, Harper Headland, Eileen Dalsasso, James McAndrew, George Senick, Paul Tanzosh, Daniel Roth, Bishop Herbert Bevard, Kathryn Contrino, Dorothy Hoffman, Anthony Sena, Irene Latsko Laton, Vicki Robertson, Joan Nauroth, Judith Emery, Clarice Townsend, Janet Mueller, Lois Jaikes, Catherine (Kay) Mulligan; Chris & Roseanne Dehmer; and Frances Doddy.
**Notify rectory office to add/delete names from this list—immediate family only, please.

Next Weekend's Liturgical Assignments

July 17th - July 18th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY			
	<u>4:30PM</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>12:00 NOON</u>
Lector	J. Fiore	H. DeNofa	E. Albertson	S. Heffelfinger	S. Esch
Altar Servers	O. Maret N. Zoltak	O. Shiffert P. Tocci	M. Lennert L. Uliana	B. Freeh E. Heffelfinger	C. Hershman C. Rivera
Cantor	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Leon M. Otto M. Posivak M. Visperas	TBA L. Stellato	K. Bookbinder M. Fischer L. Mergel M. Moser	L. Bradford S. Freeh D. Hartigan P. Hartigan	J. Mueller M. Perez
ND \$ Sellers	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!	PRAY!

Please pray for God's blessing for the following brave men and women who are serving in the military:

Army: Master Sergeant, Christopher Chladny; Staff Sergeant/1st Airborne, John Palmieri; Air Force: Senior Airman/Ammo; Staff Sergeant Kevin Merkel/Air Force; Captain, Pete Gardner; Lt. Andrew Spier; Navy: LCDR Jillian Dorsam; Marines: Sergeant - Daniel Gasper; Lance Corporal Taylor Martinez; Jacob Daniello MMA Sub Navy; Stephen Doria - Master Chief, US Coast Guard; 2nd Lt. Andrew Posch - Army; Collin Roszyk, Captain, Army; Tech Sargent Michael A. Kalman, US Airforce; Kimberly Ashley R. Garcia, Captain, US Space Force; Lt. (Father) James Harper, Navy; Lt. Derek M.Vasko, US Navy. **God bless & keep you safe!** (Family members- please notify the Rectory office to help us keep this list accurate! Thanks!)

Yes, we do love our children! Keep in mind-- we don't have a cry room-- but the main vestibule is our "Substitute Cry Room." We appreciate the efforts that young families make to attend Mass. If young children start acting like young children during the "high listening times of Mass" (i.e.- Readings and Homily), feel free to take a short walk to the Main Vestibule where you can hear the readings and homily there (there is a speaker in the ceiling of the vestibule.) Be at home in God's house!

Upcoming Baptism? The next class will be this **Tuesday, July 13th from 7:30 to 9PM** in the former convent. This call will be directed by Deacon Rick and Deb Sewald. You must call the Rectory and speak to Kathy Costello to Register at 610-866-4371.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal: We need the support of all our parish families. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org Thank you for your support!

Keep Christ in Summer- Wherever you go this summer--- **go with Christ.** Plan in advance to attend Mass, wherever you go! Check out www.MassTimes.org. Whenever we make a sacrifice for Christ--- He blesses us in amazing ways. Yes, he's worth it! PS-Special thanks to our generous parish supporters, who either donate electronically (WeShare)-- or play "catch-up" once they return from vacations. The cost of running Notre Dame, just never seems to take a vacation. Thanks for your support!

CYO News: Join in the summer fun, Co-Ed Basketball Skills and Drills for ALL boys & Girls Grade (just completed) 1st thru 7th. Monday evening 6-7PM Grade 1 & 2 - Tuesday evening 6-7:30PM Grade 3 & 4 - Wednesday evening 6-7:45PM Grade 5 thru 7. Sessions from June 21st thru Aug 9th. Signups on the School website or under your Sportsengine account. Please join us!!!

Student looking for service opportunities? Msgr. Tom has projects on the Church grounds that need help! Give him a call!

Muhlenberg Hospital & Cedar Crest LVHN will allow a priest to visit Catholic patients— but—**YOU MUST ASK for a visit— either through Pastoral Care or your Medical Team!** Fr. Karobo is ready to provide the sacraments. PLEASE ASK FOR A VISIT! It is your right to be receive spiritual care.

Upcoming Events at St. Francis Retreat House (3918 Chipman Rd, Easton, PA): July 30-August 1 "Love Endures All Things: Seven Stages of a Healthy Marriage" with Jeanne Hunt. Interactive weekend retreat. Suggested onsite offering: \$390 per couple, \$215 per person, and virtual offering (per viewer) on Zoom: \$75. **AND/OR** August 27-29 - "You are my Beloved Son: Discovering the Heart of the Father" with Fr. Keith Laskowski, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, men's weekend retreat. Suggested offering: \$215. Virtual on Zoom: \$75. To register for either of these events: 610-258-3053, ext. 10, or at www.stfrancisretreathouse.org.

During the "Year of the Real Presence," we encourage visits to the Blessed Sacrament, daily from 6AM until 3PM at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church! It's a wonderful time to bring young children to Church- light a candle, say a prayer! It's Notre Dame's best kept secret!

Thank you for using Notre Dame Dollars! The extra revenue we receive is needed more than ever. We are moving forward to upgrade the air conditioning/ heating units in the School, as well as unifying the computer controls for School and Parish Center. Notre Dame Dollars is a way to give more, without cost you more!

2021-2022 Room Reservations for ALL groups: Please remember that you must submit a new request each year.

We do not hold them from year to year. Requests should be submitted in writing to the Rectory or email notredamesec@gmail.com (If you didn't receive a response, we did not receive your request).

Is God calling you to serve Him as a priest?

Contact Rev. Mark R. Searles at
msearles@allentowndiocese.org

-- for more information--- and to begin a discussion!

Men of Notre Dame-- please consider joining our Knights of Columbus Council 313. Contact info on page 6 of bulletin.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, July 20th from 12-2PM in the Convent. Please join us!

Music/Choir Director Needed! Queenship of Mary Church in Northampton is seeking a Music Director, with proficiency in organ and piano, as well as choral directing of Adult Choir, Contemporary Group, and Children's Choir. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Please submit resumes to Father Lamb at the rectory (email to plamb@allentowndiocese.org). Any questions, please call the rectory at (610) 262-2227.

Mercy School for Special Learning- Allentown, PA Job Openings: Over 21 Program- Full time(w/ Benefits) and Part time positions- IMMEDIATE OPENINGS! Working with adults with disabilities in a group or 1:1 setting. Job Coach: 2 Positions available, Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position. A job coach is an individual employed to help students (1:1 or small group) with disabilities learn, accommodate, and perform their work duties. A job coach also helps with interpersonal skills necessary in the workplace. The coach will assess the worker's strengths and needs through observation or assessment. Teacher's Aides: Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position If you are passionate about working with students with special needs, Mercy School wants you. Teacher Assistants will work under the direction of the classroom teacher. Interested? Please call: 610-797-8242 or Email: learn@mercyschool.org.

St. Mary's Church (122 Union St., Catasauqua) is so excited to announce "Our Block Party is Back"! Please join us Thursday, July 15th, Friday, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th from 6-10PM. As always, we will feature our homemade foods such as steak sandwiches, pierogies, halupki, potato pancakes, cabbage & noodles, and more. Play Bingo each night in our air-conditioned Parish Hall. Your favorite adult and children games are back as well. New this year, we will be honoring our Hometown Heroes. Each night volunteers from the Catasauqua Fire and Police Departments will be present with a piece of their emergency equipment. We will hold a 50/50 Raffle each night with all proceeds being donated to their respective departments. The Fire Police will assist you with parking on Race Street and help you safely across to come up to our church. D.H. Productions will, as always, entertain you all night long with your favorites and some games to get all involved. If you have any questions, please call 610-264-0332 or email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com. You may also visit our Parish Website at annunciationbvm.net.

Join the podcast that Fr. Ezaki preached about in his Homily: "The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)." Fr. Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. For more information go to the website: <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>

Yes--- you can make your donations to Notre Dame Church electronically! Go to: www.ndbethlehemchurch.org, and click on "WeShare,"--- and follow the directions. Set up an account, and your regular support for Notre Dame Church will be taken care of. Hundreds of parishioners use WeShare! It's easy! This has been such a big help to us, especially this part year of Covid19 shutdowns!

Friday, August 6th, 1st Friday in August, we will have a Eucharistic Holy Hour following the 8:45AM Mass. Will pray the Rosary, time for personal prayer, Confession, the Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction. It's a short mini-retreat! Please join us, if you can, for this "Year of the Real Presence" celebration.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

MISSION STATEMENT: *We, the parishioners of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Roman Catholic Church, are a Eucharistic community of faith. We are a pilgrim people, under the patronage of our Blessed Mother Mary. As His apostles, we welcome all in Jesus Christ, share the good news of salvation, worship together and serve God's people. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we strive to help one another become all that God wants us to be.*



SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY:

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated on the Last Sunday of the month. You must be an active parishioner for at least three (3) months, prior to baptism. A special Pre-Baptismal Workshop is conducted for expecting parents in the Convent from 7:30-9PM on the following **Tuesdays:** July 13th, September 14th, and November 9th. The following dates for 2022 will be as follows: January 11, 2022, March 8th, May 10th, July 12th, September 13th, and November 8th. You **must call** the Rectory and speak to Kathy Costello to Register at 610-866-4371.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Confessions by appointment in the Rectory.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to **active** members of the parish who are registered in the parish and receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

MARRIAGES:

Couples planning a marriage must contact the Rectory at least **one year prior to the marriage**. Our Diocese requires that each couple participate in the Marriage Preparation Program of the Diocese.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Please call the rectory at the beginning of an illness for the reception of the Sacrament of the Sick. Communion is taken to the sick, elderly, and shut-ins every First Friday. Our ministers of Communion will be happy to bring the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Call the Rectory.

PLEASE JOIN US- Please call Msgr. Baddick or Fr. Ezaki to register for Notre Dame Parish.

We are a Tithing Parish

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SUPPORT NOTRE DAME ONLINE GIVING:

Check out **WeShare** on the parish website: ndbethlehemchurch.org - Please call Rectory if you need assistance in signing up!

PARISH DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesdays after the 8:45 a.m. Mass (Spring and Fall)

Exposition: Fridays after 8:45 a.m. Mass (Sept to June) Adoration until 4PM Benediction.

Rosary: daily after the 8:45 a.m. Mass.

LEGACIES:

Please remember Notre Dame in your Will.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL of NOTRE DAME:

Do you need help or know someone who does? The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides food and financial assistance to those experiencing emergency situations. Please contact the Society at 484-226-7047. All correspondence is strictly confidential. Food Bank Donations can be made in the wooden containers located at Church entrances.

Knights of Columbus Council 313 meets the 3rd Thursday of month, in Notre Dame Convent, at 7PM. Please call Past Grand Knight Ron Moser (484-860-0084) for information about joining!



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