

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 27th
7:30 a.m. +Laurie Fix [Jay & Suzanne Senko]

Tuesday, August 28th
9:00 a.m. +Carmen Trenga Sr
 [Lou, Paula & Angela Dalessandro]

Wednesday, August 29th
7:30 a.m. **Scripture & Communion Service*

Thursday, August 30th
9:00 a.m. +Mark Vance [Emil & Lisa DeBonis]

Friday, August 31st
9:00 a.m. +Mary Ellen Ebert [Mary Tyillian]

Saturday, September 1st
9:00 a.m. +Robert Ravenstahl
 [Jo & Ned Feeney]

Sunday, September 2nd
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass +Helen Yonchak [Paul Bellis]
8:15 a.m. +Jim & Mary Topper
 [Skip & Becky Feigert]
11:00 a.m. +Liz & Jack Schmidt [Susan]

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, August 27th 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday August 28th 2 Thes 2:1-3a/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 29th 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday, August 30th 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 31st 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 1st 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:13-30

Sunday, September 2nd Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME

Don't be late! Mass will begin at 4:30 p.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is large garbage bags. Thank you for your care and concern for God's poor.

PRINCE OF PEACE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Prince of Peace Center in Farrell will celebrate its 35th anniversary by honoring a number of people and businesses that have contributed to the success of the agency founded by Sister Benita Repasky, SSJ, in 1983. The dinner, award presentations and fundraising activities will be held September 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Avalon Golf and Country Club at Buhl Park in Hermitage. The theme of the anniversary is "Planting the Seeds for the Next Generations." Bishop Lawrence Persico will be the special guest. For more information on dinner tickets, sponsorships and contributions to the new Sister Benita Repasky Endowment Fund, contact Erica Wenger at 724-346-5777

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. September 1st		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
J. Spatara M. Multari	B. Beaulieu G. Beaulieu O. Mehler M. Petrillo P. Polesnak P. Polesnak T. Spatara P. Thornburg	S. Multari A. Volkay J. Wilson
Sunday, 8:15 a.m. September 2nd		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
B. Moder R. Lackey	C. Kautzman R. Mentrek B. Rossi T. Scoccia P. Slezak J. Trenga R. Vetica J. Wolinsky	C. Boren K. Gilliland N. Selby A. Zahniser
Sunday, 11 a.m. September 2nd		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
K. O'Brien M. Mondak	P. Dinger M. Goncz S. Puhl B. Ryhal T. Ryhal D. Sterling D. Whalen K. Wilcox	L. Ordinario E. Slezak L. Villegas M. Winslow

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the parish is extended to the family of **Darrell R. Whitehead** and **Patrick Bonesaro**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

OUR NOTRE DAME FAMILY

Please pray for those who are hospitalized, ill, homebound, and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them. Please pray, too, for those in the military and those who serve us in various service careers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Midnight
 For further information call:
 Emory Beal 724-981-2645 or Mike 724-342-3508

CHOOSE CHRIST

The readings today are not easy... they are challenging and I want to address that. But I am grateful, because the Church in her wisdom knows what we need and feeds us *with finest wheat*. Besides, wouldn't you rather be challenged than left alone? Each reading leads us to a peak moment in our walk of faith. These things may be *hard to accept*, and may cause us to *return to our former ways of life* if we are honest. We need to be this honest. Joshua, Paul, and Jesus each have something to say.

Through Joshua, God invites us to just finally make the decision about our faith. He is saying to his people: "Listen, no more games. If you are going to serve God, serve him; no more lip service, no more sin, no more betrayal, no more hypocrisy...". Paul is calling marriages to holiness by helping them see how to model it: the way Christ and the Church interact with each other as bridegroom and bride. In freedom, each chooses to love. Jesus doesn't budge on His Eucharistic teaching, rather, many people leave because they don't like what they hear, what they experience, who they are called to be... Man. Really God?

EVEN in light of all the pain, anger, frustration, bitterness, sadness, and felt violations that I'm sure we all are experiencing for one reason or another... are we **STILL** willing to serve God as more committed disciples than ever before? More loving, more intentional, more on fire? Are we willing to re-examine how we are living our lives, being open to change, deepening, and re-centering? Is the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives?

You don't have to answer this now☺, but you will have to eventually. We need to choose our God, whatever that God will be. For the next week, I think it is a good time to ask ourselves some questions before making this HUGE decision to authentically follow Christ, because honestly...

OWLS

The next OWLS potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, September 8th, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Signups will take place the weekend of September 1st and 2nd.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What does equality mean in marriage? Does it mean one is the boss and the other follows? Of course not. It means recognizing each other's talents. Sometimes leading, sometimes following but always honoring the essence of the other. It's not a zero sum game that if one wins, the other loses. Win/win solutions work best.

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

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____

Catholic "lukewarmity" cannot and will not cut it anymore— you and I both know that. After all, before Joshua has the people answer him today, they have time to think and process (we don't see that in the lectionary). Take some time, be honest... Here are some questions:

- 1) Why am I Catholic?
- 2) What do I put my faith in?
- 3) Why do I attend Mass every Sunday?
- 4) How much do I invest into my faith?
- 5) What do I really desire in this life?
- 6) How might I be called to conversion?

The choice is yours... my prayer is that upon reflection and prayer, you will **CHOOSE CHRIST** just like Joshua: *As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.* – Joshua 24:2



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments.

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help Create safe environments with children and youth. Check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>