

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 10th
 7:30 a.m. *Scripture & Communion Service

Tuesday, September 11th
 9:00 a.m. +Theresa Geroni [Family]

Wednesday, September 12th
 7:30 a.m. +Ruth Hedderick [Family]

Thursday, September 13th
 9:00 a.m. *Scripture & Communion Service

Friday, September 14th
 9:00 a.m. +Joseph Dorsey [Liz O'Neill]

Saturday, September 15th
 9:00 a.m. +Kenny Brant [Family]

Sunday, September 16th
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass *Mass for the People
 8:15 a.m. +Jeremy Harkulich [Family & Friends]
 11:00 a.m. +Clayton Ross [Wife, Corky]

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, September 10th 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 11th 1 Cor 1:6-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12th 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 13th 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
 Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 14th Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11
 Jn 3:13-17

Saturday, September 15th 1 Cor 10:14-21/Jn 19:25-27
 Or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday, September 16th Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18
 Mk 8:37-35

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

The 2018 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 15th-16th. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at Notre Dame Parish to support our own religious education effort and faith formation programs.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. September 15 th		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
M. Multari J. Spataro	E. Beal R. Beal S. Goclano O. Mehler M. Petrillo T. Spataro P. Thornburg (sub req)	S. Multari S. Osborne A. Volkay
Sunday, 8:15 a.m. September 16 th		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
R. Lackey J. Jofery	B. Beaulieu G. Beaulieu T. Brandenstein P. Clark J. Heutsche B. Moder J. Trenga J. Wolinsky	F. Cindric K. Gilliland N. Selby A. Zahniser
Sunday, 11 a.m. September 16 th		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
K. Wagner C. St. John	C. McGonigle F. Pale F. Pale S. Puhl R. Supel D. Whalen K. Wilcox O. Yoursh	C. Boren A. Coates K. Fleis M. Winslow

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.

NOTRE DAME BOOK CLUB

The Notre Dame Book Club will meet Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be reading "The Passenger". Books are available in the parish office. Please join us!

PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

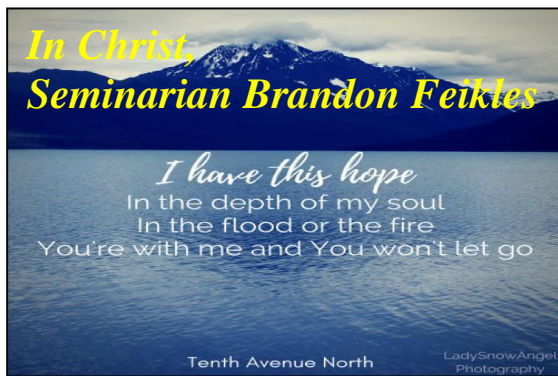
Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is canned fruit. Thank you for your care and concern for God's poor.

CHOOSE CHRIST

To those of us who are struggling with a spirit of deep-seeded hopelessness, I pray that this weekend’s readings and maybe even this short reflection will speak into your pain and your poverty – because that is exactly what God wants to do in these readings.

How many times do you feel like God has abandoned you, or doesn’t care about you? Your situation? Your family? Your suffering? If this is you... it can be easy to throw in the towel and give into that despair. BUT – the beautiful thing about the Christian religion is that it is the only religion where GOD COMES TO US FIRST, regardless of anything we have or have not done. For the sheer fact that God promised Himself to us in love, *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us* (Jn 1:14). God comes in history to save, restore hope, heal... to keep His promises. Jesus (God) keeps His promises by healing our deaf and mute man this week. This showcases a powerful message to the Jewish audience: it tells them that God has arrived! He is here and is doing what He said He would do (see first reading). And let’s not forget how human Jesus is in all of it! He gets right into the muck of this man’s situation and heals him, which takes effect *immediately* (Mk 7:35). He restores his Hope.

For you and me – We need to constantly remember that Jesus has never “left” us. He has gone to the right hand of the Father in heaven to be in-charge of His army, working with all of His warriors to achieve His Will here on earth. Jesus is still Jesus: human, divine, powerful and alive. He wants your healing, your joy... He wants your heart. *Beg God this week to lay His Hands upon you, to take you to a private place,* and to speak into your closed heart which is wounded by sin - *Be Opened!* (Mk 7:32-34). May we all be transformed like our brother in the Gospel, and have a new-found hope in Jesus Christ... except this time you don’t have to hide it! You can proclaim whatever He does for you.



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

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/ST _____ ZIP _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION NEWS

A mailing is in the making to all current registered families with calendar and the 2018-2019 registration form. If you have never registered your child/children here at Notre Dame for religious education, please phone the office so your family is placed on our contact/ mailing list (724-9814-9447). Our tentative date for the first official class for all grades (Pre-K thru 11th) is Sunday, September 30, 2018. Please do not hesitate to phone the office with any questions.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NEWS

Attention Parents with a son or daughter in Grade 11. If you desire the reception of this sacrament for your child this year and **have not been** a part of the religious education ministry in the past, please phone the office so your family can be placed on our contact/ mailing list. If you have any questions, please call Joe Ranelli @ 724-981-9447.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF IN-SERVICE

All catechists and assistants are asked to attend the in-service workshop on Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Any adult interested in serving in the ministry, please call Joe Ranelli @ 724-981-9447.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – IT BEGINS!

The members of Religious Education are pleased to announce that a **Bible Study** for adults who are interested in pursuing a deeper love for the Scriptures, and ultimately for Jesus Christ, is now being offered! Facilitated by Seminarian Brandon Feikles, we are looking for parishioners who would like to sign up. Please contact Carrie or MaryLou in the Parish Office at 724-981-5566 if you wish to be signed up, or to simply receive more information at the appropriate time. Details will be discussed at our first gathering, Tuesday, October 9th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. God Bless!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, which is where we publically recognize and bless all the parishioners who have chosen to catechize and witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our children, youth, and adults. At Notre Dame, we acknowledge our: catechists, helpers and staff in religious education, teachers and staff at Kennedy Catholic School, our adults working with Pre-Cana, the Rite of Christian Initiation, and sacramental prep programs. We also recognize facilitators of small faith sharing groups, and facilitators of the Liturgy of the Word with children. Most central to living lives as disciples are our parents, grandparents and other family members who witness daily to the Christian vocation of sacrificial love. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.