

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MARCH 19, 2023  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*  
Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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## RECTORY OFFICE

640 Morehouse Road

Phone: 203-268-5838 Fax: 203-459-4940

Email: churchladies@optonline.net

Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Rectory Office is closed on Friday.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am

No Mass on Friday

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm

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Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

Robert Gilmore, *Director of Music*  
203-268-5838

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(in the church)

Mrs. Patricia Steccato, *Director of Religious Ed.*  
203-261-5596 / ndore@optonline.net

Mrs. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
churchladies@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson  
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman  
Philip Adriani, Jr.

Lay Members of the Parish  
Corporation  
Philip Adriani, Jr.,  
Charles E. Welch

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Eucharistic Adoration  
Temporarily Suspended

Parish Nurse Program /  
Blood Pressure Screening  
Temporarily Suspended

First Friday Communion Calls  
or Anointing of the Sick  
Please call the Rectory office.

## Pre-Baptismal Classes

Please call the Rectory office to  
schedule a class.

## Baptisms

Please call the Rectory office to  
arrange Baptisms.

## Weddings

Please call the Rectory office at  
least one year in advance to  
arrange a wedding.

## Hospital Visits

Please notify the Rectory office  
concerning family members  
who are hospitalized.

## Parish Registration

Please call the Rectory office to  
register.



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## Mass Intentions for March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sat.	5:00pm Katherine & Antoinette Ferrante	r/b the Malinowski Family
Sun.	8:00am Craig Saris	r/b the Laurino Family
	11:00am Audrey Russo Kanner	r/b her cousin, Maureen
Mon.	7:30am Egidio Zaffino	r/b Marie and Sal Gilbertie
Tues.	7:30am Ann Cote	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Wed.	7:30am Dr. Sal and Marilyn Santella	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs.	7:30am Kevin Visokay	r/b the family
Fri.	7:30am NO MASS	
Sat.	5:00pm Carmine Donofrio – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary	r/b the family
Sun.	8:00am Richard Naylor	r/b the family

### Children's Liturgy – Grade 1:

11:00am Gerard Flynn

r/b the family



### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$ 740.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 465.00
11:00am	\$ 859.00
Total Mass Collection	\$2,064.00
Other Offertory	\$ 965.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 415.00
Online Giving	\$1,755.00

**Thank You!**

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### ONLINE GIVING

Please **consider** Online Giving.

It is a simple, safe way to contribute to weekly offerings. In order to register:

1. log on to our parish website;
2. click the Online Giving logo on the homepage
3. fill out the registration form.

If you have any questions please call:

(800) 348-2886, option #2.

**Thank You!**

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Suggestion: When a loved one dies, please advise friends and relatives to

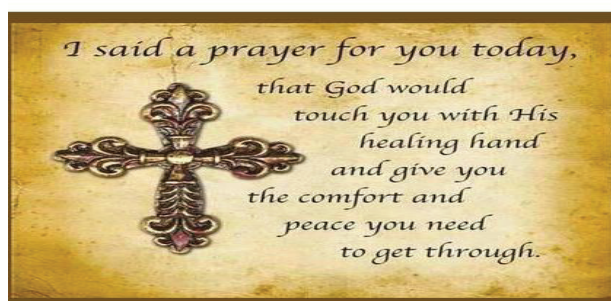
make donation to the "Notre Dame

Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the

deceased & include this wish in the

obituary notice.

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### Please Pray for the Sick

The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers:



Susan Williams	Alison Raver	Leah Ambrose
Christopher Vitale	Angela Doescher	Ed Kovac
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
Alfred Fressola	Gabrella Reitmeyer	George Adams
Corrine Marsicano	Anne Fiyalka	A Friend
Jennifer Durgin	Gina LaPan	Patricia Murray
Sal DiNardo	Shirley Russo	Carmen Cavanagh
Eleanor Baldyga	Laura Banke	
Richard Hudson		

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email [churchladies@optonline.net](mailto:churchladies@optonline.net), or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.

### Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory Office hours are:  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00am to 3:30pm.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass  
**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

### Parish Registration

We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by, or call the Rectory office, (203 268-5838), to officially register. Our office hours are 9am to 3:30pm Monday thru Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



## Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm  
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596  
[ndore@optonline.net](mailto:ndore@optonline.net)

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Religious Ed classes began Monday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for our students at SSES and HKMS.

### EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Eighth Grade Religious Ed classes are held in the Church on Monday evenings from 6:45pm-8:00pm.

### PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of preparation, beginning in first grade.

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Our **2023 Mass Book** is open.  
Please call the Rectory office to schedule your Masses for the year, and as needed.

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### Adore 365

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X**  
St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

With our **Adore 365** effort we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week. If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please email [saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com](mailto:saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com). Include your full name and phone #. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

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## Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



**Thank you for all you do!**

We are always in need for toilet paper and paper towels (any kind) and toiletries i.e.: 2/1 Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, etc.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

They have asked for travel size toiletries so that the volunteers can make up bags for the clients!

Food suggestions: Chef Boyardee canned pasta or the store brand is fine. Spaghetti sauce in preferably plastic jars or cans. Cereal is always needed, but **NOT the Giant Boxes** please. Rice is always needed, but please. **NOT the 20lb. bags.** It is hard for them to separate Giant or huge size items.

The Pantry can always use:  
Beans (no green beans please)  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese, Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

Kitchen in the lower church hall.

**Blessed Sacrament Church is the only food pantry on the East side of Bridgeport.**

As you know the cost of food has risen so much. Anything you can do is **GREATLY** appreciated!

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.



**Now  
you are in the light**



Study the Bible  
with us



## Notre Dame of Easton's Bible Study

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join our group as we read and discuss the *Gospel according to John*. We meet in the lower Church Hall every other Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm.

### Meetings will be:

March 21<sup>st</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

No experience is necessary.

Just bring an open heart.

Come read, share, ask questions, and pray.



*Stations of the Cross* will take place on the Fridays of Lent with the following schedule:

7:00pm: March 24

April 7 - Good Friday

12noon: March 17

March 31



Wednesday April 5 No Morning Mass

Holy Thursday April 6 7:00pm Mass  
(No morning Mass)

Good Friday April 7 3:00pm Passion of  
the Lord

Holy Saturday April 8 12:00 noon Blessing  
of the Easter Food

Easter Vigil Mass April 8 8:00pm

Easter Sunday April 9 9:00am Mass  
11:00am Mass

Easter Monday April 10 No Morning Mass



### Loaves & Fishes Collection:

#### Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday

Fasting during the Lenten season is one of several penitential practices that is part of our Catholic tradition. Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit and deepens our compassion for others.

**As you fast during Lent, please consider dropping your change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church and near the elevator.** Together we can enhance our Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and Donating the cost of those meals. If you prefer, you may drop a check into the jar or mail it to the Rectory. Please make checks payable to "Notre Dame of Easton" with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo.

**Thank you!**



### St. Stephen Bereavement Support Group

This Bereavement Ministry can offer you hope of coping with your grief. It is open to anyone you may know who needs help. The 10 week course with a guided workbook provided will begin on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm.

Registration is required.

Please call 203 268-6217. Your call will be returned by a bereavement facilitator.



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A Pre-Baptism class is required for both  
parents prior to the Baptism of their 1<sup>st</sup> child.

**Please take note:** It is a requirement for  
at least 1 Godparent to be able to get a sponsor  
certificate from the Church that they  
are registered in. A Sponsor Certificate is a  
letter/form from their church stating that  
they are a parishioner in good standing.

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**Sponsor Certificates:** We **CANNOT** give  
you a Sponsor Eligibility Certificate unless  
you are a registered member of the parish  
for at least 6 months and attend Mass  
regularly.

**Office of Safe Environments:**

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