

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



APRIL 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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.

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

Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*
Sikna Tito

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

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

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

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 April 15th through April 23rd, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat.	5:00pm Ernie, Martha and Linda Meerbach	r/b Kathleen O'Connor
Sun.	8:00pm Richard Naylor	r/b the family
	11:00am Maddalena and Enrico Panicia	r/b the Signore Family
Mon.	7:30am Deceased Members of the Troise Family	r/b the family
Tues.	7:30am Colette Anne Austin	r/b Diane and Bill Baker
Wed.	7:30am Liam Baker	r/b the family
Thurs.	7:30am Joseph and Irma Muzsi	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Fri.	7:30am NO MASS	
Sat.	5:00pm Joseph Giorgio, Sr.	r/b the Giorgio Family
Sun.	8:00am Catherine Hershey	r/b Deacon and Mrs. Gerald Sabol
	11:00am Maria Civita Signore	r/b the Signore Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: April 8st and 9th, 2023

Saturday 8:00pm	\$1,113.00
Sunday 9:00am	\$2,302.00
11:00am	\$1,785.00
Total Mass Collection	\$5,200.00
Other Offertory	\$1,485.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 230.00
Online Giving	\$3,970.00
Easter	\$4,822.00
Holy Land	\$ 702.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 465.35

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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**Bequests to Notre Dame of Easton are Strongly Encouraged and Gratefully Accepted**

**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.



## 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.

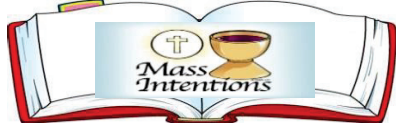
### EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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.

St Pius X  
834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT



## 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.

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### Meetings will be:

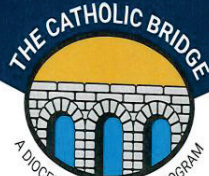
April 18<sup>th</sup>

No experience is necessary.

Just bring an open heart.

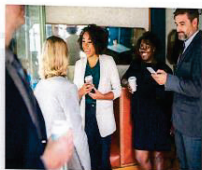
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## Foundations in Education 2023

### Annual Gala ~ April 27, 2023

Foundations in Education invites you to its Annual Gala on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our honorees – Cindy and Ned Lautenbach & The Lautenbach Family Foundation and Helen Burland, Executive Director of St Catherine's Center for Special Needs. Join us in celebration and support of Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide tuition assistance to children from low- and middle-income families so they may experience the benefits of a quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call 203-416-1671 or visit [www.foundationsineducation.org](http://www.foundationsineducation.org)



### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

#### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."



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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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the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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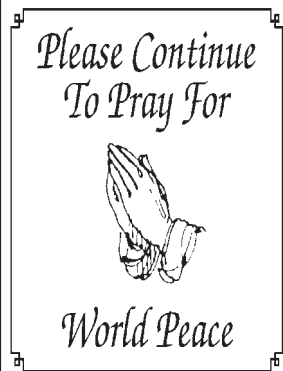
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