

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



JULY 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

640 Morehouse Road

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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

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203-268-5838

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(*in the church*)

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

Mrs. Rosemary Bilash, *Safe Environment Coord.*
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 July 8th through July 16th, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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|--------|--|--------------------------------|
| Sat. | 5:00pm Bridget Keohane | r/b John and Nancy Gavigan |
| Sun. | 8:00pm Special Intentions of Lawrence Adriani, r/b the Family and Veronica Adriani – 4 th Anniversary | |
| | 11:00am Giuseppina Zullo | r/b the Signore Family |
| Mon. | 7:30am Albert Natale | r/b Angela Toner |
| Tues. | 7:30am Shakku Garga | r/b Michelle Falcone |
| Wed. | 7:30am Jackie Reck | r/b Parish of Notre Dame |
| Thurs. | 7:30am Lindy Nelson | r/b Chris and Carl Linley |
| Fri. | 7:30am NO MASS | |
| Sat. | 5:00pm Debbie Roche | r/b the Family |
| Sun. | 8:00am Marc Jarvis | r/b Patty Steccato |
| | 11:00am Filomena, Vincenzo, and Domenica Savone | r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family |

Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: July 1st and 2nd, 2023

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Saturday 5:00pm | \$ 478.00 |
| Sunday 8:00am | \$ 900.00 |
| 11:00am | \$1,439.00 |
| Total Mass Collection | \$2,817.00 |
| Other Offertory | \$ 465.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1,390.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 130.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 70.00 |

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!

Requests 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:

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Susan Williams | Alison Raver | Leah Ambrose |
| Christopher Vitale | Eleanor Baldyga | |
| Siobhan Smith | Joan McGrath | Alice Martinich |
| Pat Perrotta | Elizabeth Morgan | Georgia Egan |
| George Adams | Corrine Marsicano | Anne Fiyalka |
| A Friend | Carmen Cavanagh | Richard Hudson |
| Jennifer Durgin | Gina LaPan | Laura Banke |
| Sal DiNardo | Douglas Fedorko | |

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email 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.

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EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS

Religious Education

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

2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Registration Forms for 2023-2024 Religious Ed classes were mailed on June 5th, 2023 to all families currently registered in the Religious Ed Program for 2022-2023.

If your child will be new to the program, blank registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, at the Church Rectory, and online at: notredameofeaston.com

EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE

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

Home schooling is not available.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

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

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in 2nd grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3rd grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements for receiving First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9th Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7th and 8th grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.

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.

***Please bring your donations to Notre Dame's 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!

Please remember in your prayers the soul of

Angela Doescher

mother of Jeanine Pagliaro

May she rest in peace.



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*Always pray to have  
Eyes that see the best in people.  
a Heart that forgives the worst  
a Mind that forgets the worst  
and a Soul that Never  
loses faith in God.*

*Whenever  
you do not understand  
what's happening in  
your life, just close  
your eyes, take a deep  
breath and say  
"God, I know it's your  
plan. Just help me  
through it".*

Gospel Today | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 11:25-30

Blessed are the children and child-like who are open to receiving the Word of Jesus. Living His Word will give peace and rest.

**BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

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|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blessed   | N | O | R | B | D | N | I | F | A | F | E | S | A |
| Children  | R | P | G | G | E | N | T | L | E | A | R | T | H |
| Open      | H | U | M | B | L | E | V | N | S | T | S | E | D |
| Receiving | A | E | E | K | A | T | B | Y | H | H | E | K | I |
| Praise    | E | N | G | Y | E | H | L | S | L | E | M | O | C |
| Father    | S | G | N | I | V | I | E | C | E | R | A | Y | C |
| Lord      | U | N | I | R | E | N | S | A | L | E | A | R | N |
| Heaven    | E | E | V | N | R | P | S | K | V | J | D | G | T |
| Earth     | C | H | I | L | D | R | E | N | N | E | P | O | H |
| Living    | A | E | L | R | K | A | D | O | L | S | N | A | G |
| Word      | E | V | O | E | C | I | R | W | O | U | O | D | I |
| Jesus     | P | W | E | S | T | S | I | S | R | S | P | A | L |
| Knows     | R | M | H | T | D | E | N | E | D | R | U | B | W |
| Peace     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Revealed  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Come      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Burdened  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| To do     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Learn     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Meek      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Gentle    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Humble    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Heart     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Rest      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Find      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Yoke      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Upon      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Easy      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Light     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Contrasting “flesh and spirit,” Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the “Spirit.”

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, “Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.”



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 9, 2023**

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will...No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

How many times in the scriptures we find Jesus at prayer, communicating with His heavenly Father.

In Gethsemani, at Calvary, we are privy to His intimate conversation with the Father. We join in praise of God, because we are the little ones, desiring to know the Father and the Son who He has sent.

John tells us this is eternal life. Jesus invites us today to move in His direction, to go to Him and please, bring all your cares, needs, and gratitude and place them in His loving hands. His gracious invitation is for us, now, as we reflect on His prayer, and He reveals His love to us.



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**This is why we support the Bishop's Appeal**

Please join us in making a gift.

"I think we all have to remember the Church is larger than our parishes, and we have a responsibility not just to support our parishes but to support the works of the diocese as well. It is really important that we stand behind the Appeal, because to me these are the Gospel mandates that Christ gave to us, especially to do work with the poor, to feed the hungry – the Corporal Works of Mercy, as well as the Spiritual Works of Mercy."

Msgr. Robert Weiss, Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Co-Chair

"We encourage Catholics to look beyond the borders of their parishes and support the Appeal, which funds programs and ministries for education, retired religious, seminarians, and other initiatives that provide works of charity, formation in faith, education and catechesis."

Paula Summa and Jim O'Neill, parishioners of St. Paul Parish, Co-Chair Couple

"It is important for everyone to participate in the Bishop's Appeal; no gift is too small. The more people who take part, the more we can provide for the programs and ministries that support and provide for our faith for generations to come. We believe in the importance of giving our time, talent and treasure."

Morgan and Mark Mooney, parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, Vice Chair Couple

Please make your gift by June 30<sup>th</sup> and help your parish make its goal.

Learn more at: [www.2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2023BishopsAppeal.org)  
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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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