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JULY 2, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 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.



Mass Intentions for July 1st through July 9th, 2023

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Sat. 5:00pm Edward Kovac, Sr. Sun. 8:00pm Eugene Germe

11:00am Virginia Fortin

Mon. 7:30am Ron and Maryanne Rudin

Tues. 7:30am Lindy Nelson

Wed. 7:30am Easton Police, Firefighters, and

EMS Responders

Thurs. 7:30am Angelo Squillante

Fri. 7:30am NO MASS

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Sat. 5:00pm Bridget Keohane r/b John and Nancy Gavigan

Sun. 8:00am Special Intentions of Lawrence Adriani, r/b the Family

and Veronica Adriani – 4th Anniversary

11:00am Giuseppina Zullo r/b the Signore Family





Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

June 24th and 25th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$4,087.00 Sunday 8:00am \$ 977.00 11:00am \$ 856.00

 Total Mass Collection
 \$5,920.00

 Other Offertory
 \$ 485.00

 Online Giving
 \$ 980.00

 Votive
 \$ 61.00

 Capital Improvements
 \$ 210.00

Thank You!

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

r/b the Radomski Family

r/b Frank and Maria Peloso

r/b Women of Notre Dame

r/b Parish of Notre Dame

r/b Michelle Falcone

r/b the Baker Family

r/b the Allen Family

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

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

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.



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 fanilies 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.

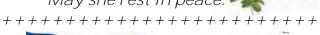
PREPARATION FOR SCRAMENTS

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

Please remember in your prayers our

former parishioner Barbara Firisin May she rest in peace.





Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection

Thank you for all you do! We are always a 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:

Community

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!



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I think it is promising that we are today witnessing a rebirth of Christian Art...reconnecting with the art of the icon, of a Christian Art that endures in the great norms of the iconological art of the past but that also extends to today's experiences and vision.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

A woman in Shunem believed strongly in the holiness of the prophet Elisha. To reward her, Elisha promised that she and her aging husband would, within the year, be the parents of a son.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul explains to the Romans that by immersion in water at baptism, they "die" to their sins; by rising from the water, they rise from "death and sin" to new life in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

With simplicity, Jesus tells his apostles that everyone should love him above all others -- father, mother, son or daughter. He adds, "He who welcomes you, welcomes me."



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me...And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

How frequently in the church we find the word 'receive' to describe important moments. We receive communion and confirmation, we receive absolution and anointing of the sick. It almost seems like a passive moment. Yet Jesus speaks of an action which describes our life, to give only a cup of cold water.

As we give and as we accept, we are drawn closer to the Lord. The reward is God's grace to live with Him. Grace is the life of God, not merited, offered to us as a gift, and accepted. We move from receiving to acting as a true disciple.

In this time when we buy bottled water while others are deprived of good clean water, may we use the message of Jesus to discover how we can give Him to others as a cup of water, as a cup of kindness, as a cup of care and concern. There is definitely a reward.







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Give... even a cup of water in my name.

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A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior to the Baptism of their 1st 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.

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

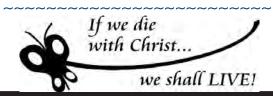
Office of Safe Environments:

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