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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

Pat Fischer & Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

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

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Philip Adriani

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Mrs. Diane Baker &
Salvatore Gilbertie

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 December 25th, 2021 through January 1st, 2022

Christmas Day- the Nativity of the Lord

Sat. 9:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sun. 9:00am Joseph Zarornacky

~ NO 11:00am Mass ~

Mon. 7:30am Veronica and Philip Adriani

Tues. 7:30am David Stanczyk

Wed. 7:30am Rocco Russo

Thurs. 7:30am Gertrude Helen Prescott

Fri. 7:30am No Mass

Sat. 5:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sun. 8:00am Msgr. Thomas J. Driscoll – 3rd Anniversary

11:00am Deceased Members of the Women of Notre Dame

r/r the Pulie family

r/b the family

r/b the family

r/b Jeff & Patricia Trongone & family

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Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

Due to the Holiday's the collections for

December 18th & 19th, 2021,

December 25th & 26th, 2021

January 1st & 2nd, 2022 will be
reported in a later bulletin.

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

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    |                    |                 |



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.

Please wear a Mask.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

### Parish Registration:

We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish.  
Please stop by or call the Rectory office  
(203 268-5838) to officially register.

Our 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)

### SECOND GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Important Sacramental Dates for First Penance

First Penance Workshop - Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00am to 11:00am  
"Snow Date" for above workshop Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10:00am  
Sacrament of First Penance – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
"Snow Date" for First Penance – Wednesday evening, March 23, 2022 at 7:30pm

### THIRD GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Important Sacramental dates for First Holy Communion

Sacramental Workshop – Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00am – 11:00am  
"Snow Date" for above workshop - Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 from 9:00am-11:00am  
Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Thursday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00pm  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00am

### SUBSTITUTES ARE STILL NEEDED AT SSES AND HKMS!!

If you would like to help out but can't commit to every week, we could really use you as a substitute. Please contact the Religious Ed office if you are interested.

### 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. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in the 2nd grade.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 3rd grade.

The **requirement** to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The **requirements** to receive First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.



### Notre Dame of Easton Bible Study

*Bible Study  
will resume in 2022.*

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
From the Bible Study Group.



*From Fr. Lyons.  
Deacon Sabol  
And  
The Staff*



## MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Day  
Saturday – December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am

No vigil Mass – No confession

Mass  
Sunday - December 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Solemnity of Mary  
January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Not a Holy Day

Saturday - January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Confession as Usual  
4:15pm-4:45pm

Vigil Mass – 5:pm  
Sunday – January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00am & 11:00am



## BLESSED SACRAMENT FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you everyone  
for bringing donations  
for the  
Blessed Sacrament  
food pantry.

It is so thoughtful of you and  
very much appreciated by  
the recipients -

Fr. Skip, Norma and the staff

**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory office  
to arrange for a Baptism – 203-268-5838,  
Monday thru Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm.

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: DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Diocese of Bridgeport are  
required to comply with the Diocesan Safe  
Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending  
the program, Protecting God's Children/Virtus and  
also keeping up with all RE-certifications and the  
new Safe Environment 2020 Handbook. If you wish  
to help in any way within the parish or Diocese,  
please call the Parish office at (203)268-5838 or  
email [churchladies@optonline.net](mailto:churchladies@optonline.net). Thank You.

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to  
ensuring the safety of all children in our Diocese.  
To report an incident of abuse or misconduct go to:  
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## One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

*This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia (pp 123-124 titled "Arise Sir Knight!"). If you are interested, you can read [the original version](#).*

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