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JULY 16, 2023 Fifteenth 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 AdorationTemporarily 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 15th through July 23rd, 2023

Ffifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm Debbie Roche
Sun. 8:00pm Marc Jarvis

11:00am Filomena, Vincenzo and

Domenica Savone

Mon. 7:30am Angela Doescher Tues. 7:30am Jean Bassani

Wed. 7:30am John and Fran Morris

Thurs. 7:30am Perry Page Fri. 7:30am NO MASS

Sat. 5:00pm Gabriella Lee Reitmeyer

Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor

11:00am Phil Falcone, Sr.

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Tifteenth Sunday

Ordinary Time

r/b the Family

r/b Patty Steccato

r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family

r/b Phil and Ann Adriani and Family

r/b the Family

r/b Parish of Notre Dame

r/b the Family

r/b Richard and Jane Mary Link

r/b the Family

r/b Bill and Cheryl Constand

### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

### July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$ 909,00 Sunday 8:00am \$1,284.00 11:00am \$ 734.00 Total Mass Collection \$2,927.00 Other Offertory \$1,105.00 Online Giving \$ 970.00 Peter's Pence \$ 25,00 Capital Improvements \$ 270.00

### 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!

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 Eleanor Baldyga Sal DiNardo Siobhan Smith Joan McGrath Alice Martinich Pat Perrotta Elizabeth Morgan Georgia Egan George Adams Corrine Marsicano Anne Fiyalka Carmen Cavanagh Richard Hudson A Friend Jennifer Durgin Laura Banke Gina LaPan

Douglas Fedorko Jonathan Webster

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email <a href="mailto:churchladies@optonline.net">churchladies@optonline.net</a>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.



## 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:

Feeding the

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!





### ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PIUS X

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in the Chapel of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (to the right of the church).

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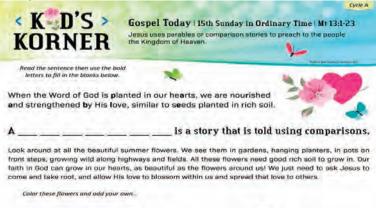


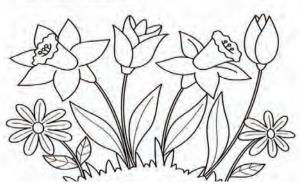
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### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

### Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."



## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### <u>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> July 16, 2023

"Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

Parents joyfully remember the first words spoken by their baby. How many words we hear each day on radio and television. How many words do we speak to others. Jesus used parables to teach and compares His word to a seed that is sown, but with a purpose, to produce fruit, not to return empty.

We recall famous speeches – 'Ask not what your country can do for you', 'Four score and seven years ago', 'We have a pope'. They echo throughout the ages.

What about the word of God? We hear it proclaimed at Mass, do we listen loosely? We hear the pleas of the poor, the homeless, the victims of abuse. Do we respond with kindness and compassion?

We are told 'think before you speak', yet the Lord has spoken, we now must think.







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Monday thru Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm.
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.

<u>Sponsor Certificates:</u> 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:

### **DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**

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: /safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-abuse-or-misconduct).

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