

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



AUGUST 20, 2023

Twentieth 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

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.



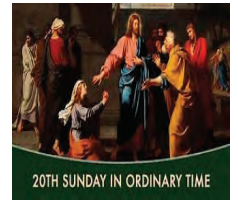
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Mass Intentions for August 19th through August 27th, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm Karen Dugas
 Sun. 8:00pm Pietro Zullo
 11:00am Grace Pascarella
 Mon. 7:30am Bill and Florence Kamzik
 Tues. 7:30am Joseph Zelisko
 Wed. 7:30am Mario and Maria Cortina
 Thurs. 7:30am Richard Visokay
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm Theodore Ferranti
 Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor
 11:00am Andrew Page – 18th Anniversary

r/b John and Joan Kovach
 r/b the Signore Family
 r/b the Toner Family
 r/b Parish of Notre Dame
 r/b Lauren Zelisko
 r/b the Family
 r/b the Family
 r/b the Malinowski Family
 r/b the Family
 r/b the Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: August 12th and 13th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$1,062.00
 Sunday 8:00am \$ 945.00
 11:00am \$2,068.00
 Total Mass Collection \$4,075.00
 Other Offertory \$1,030.00
 Online Giving \$2,265.00
 Capital Improvements \$ 10.00

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.

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Special Second Collection Next Weekend!

August 26 and 27, 2023

to assist those devastated by the wildfires
 In Hawaii.



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
A Friend	Carmen Cavanagh	Richard Hudson
Gina LaPan	Laura Banke	
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	

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.



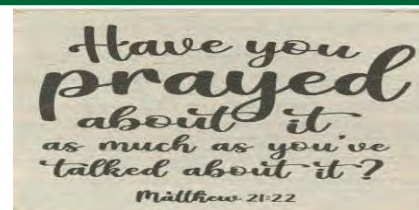
Rectory Office Hours

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

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:

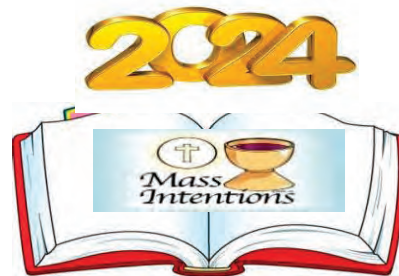
Beans (no green beans please)
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,
Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

***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!

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**Our 2024 Mass Book is open.**

**Please call the Rectory office to schedule your Masses for the year, and as needed.**

**(Please call the Parish Office & speak with Barbara, on Mondays or Wednesdays, to arrange your yearly scheduled Masses.)**








# DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

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10:00 AM MASS

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Chaplain, Ridgefield Police Department  
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203.994.7807

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be "made joyful in my house of prayer."

### **Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

### **Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023**

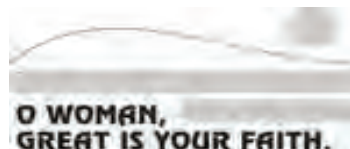
**"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants. Then I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."**

The Catholic church in our country has been blessed in a special way. Although many sadly absent themselves from active participation, we have been singularly blessed with immigrants from many continents and countries, both seeking the Lord to worship and bringing rich traditions of their faith experience.

They represent the face of Christ and are part of our community.

The goal of a Christian community is to see Christ in everyone who lives the faith with us, to welcome, protect, promote and integrate all into our community of faith. We wish to see the immigrant not as other, but as the vision of Pope Francis, as brother and sister.

Yes, there are many who join, minister and serve seeking to live their faith with us. We are called to embrace the vision of Isaiah, who six centuries before Christ spoke of our mission today. Jesus praised the Canaanite woman for great faith. May we share that faith with everyone.



## KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



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| Jesus     | S | E | L | P | I | C | S | I | D | T | S |
| Welcome   | W | R | L | C | C | M | M | H | E | L | P |
| Canaanite | W | E | L | C | O | M | E | S | T | W | F |
| Foreign   | U | T | B | R | E | T | R | G | N | O | R |
| Suffering | E | H | T | I | A | F | C | O | A | M | E |
| Daughter  | D | G | E | G | H | O | Y | R | R | A | Q |
| Great     | S | U | F | F | E | R | I | N | G | N | U |
| Faith     | U | A | U | N | H | E | A | L | E | D | E |
| Woman     | S | D | T | E | R | I | E | G | M | E | S |
| Mercy     | E | T | A | E | R | G | E | R | I | N | T |
| Help      | J | I | E | T | I | N | A | A | N | A | C |
| Disciples |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Request   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Granted   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Healed    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |





Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!





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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:**  
**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring  
the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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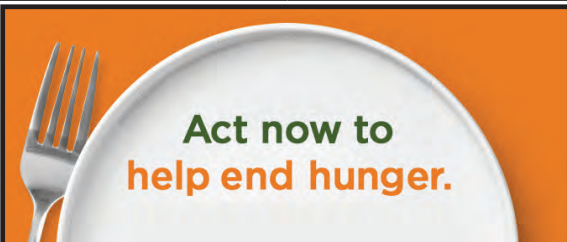
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