

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



AUGUST 27, 2023

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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## 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.

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## 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

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Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*  
Sikna Tito

Robert Gilmore, *Director of Music*  
203-268-5838

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## 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

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson  
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish  
Corporation  
Philip Adriani, Jr.,  
Charles E. Welch

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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 26<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm Theodore Ferranti r/b the Malinowski Family  
 Sun. 8:00pm Richard Naylor r/b the Family  
 11:00am Andrew Page-18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary r/b the Family  
 Mon. 7:30am Gaetano Liburdi, and r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family  
 Cesare and Palmira Savone  
 Tues. 7:30am Parishioners Living and Deceased of Notre Dame  
 Wed. 7:30am Rev. Michael Palmer r/b Frank and Claire Dunn  
 Thurs. 7:30am Women of Notre Dame Living and Deceased  
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS  
 Sat. 5:00pm Carmen Corica r/b the Pizone Family  
 Sun. 8:00am Special Intentions of Ann Adriani r/b the Family  
 11:00am Maria Civita Signore r/b the Signore Family



## Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$ 917.00  
 Sunday 8:00am \$ 675.00  
 11:00am \$ 881.00  
 Total Mass Collection \$2,473.00  
 Other Offertory \$ 330.00  
 Online Giving \$1,260.00  
 Capital Improvements \$ 25.00  
 Assumption of Mary \$ 525.00

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!

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## 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.

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## 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](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.  
 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](mailto: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 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Education Communion is celebrated in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious.

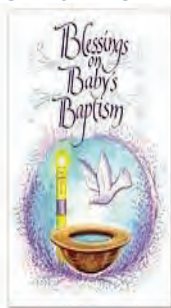
The requirements for receiving First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

We welcome into the Church thru Baptism

Hudson Francisco Lopez  
son of Julian and Christina



## 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:

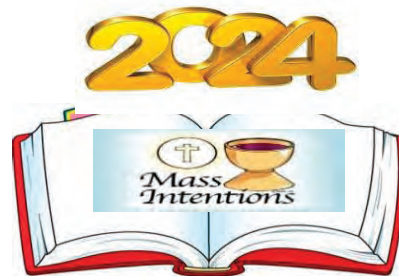
Beans (no green beans please)  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,  
Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

\*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.)





## Senior Nutrition Program



Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc. has sponsored the Senior Nutrition Program for more than 37 years serving over 400 elderly individuals on a daily basis. We provide nutritious meals, through Meals on Wheels, and at Senior Community Café sites, to individuals 60 years and older. There is a suggested donation to help cover the meal costs.

### Services:

- Meals on Wheels delivers healthy meals, human connection and a watchful eye for millions who are vulnerable at a time when they need it most.
- Meals on Wheels satisfies the nutritional needs of the homebound elderly and disabled by providing a well balanced meal and a safety check.
- Community Café Program: Café meals are offered at 8 meal sites throughout lower Fairfield County. Seniors benefit from dining in a group setting coupled with options to participate in activities ranging from Bingo to Tai Chi.

Catholic Charities' Senior Nutrition Program is funded in part by the federal Older Americans Act through the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging. Individuals age 60 or over are eligible for services under the approved project. For more information, you can also visit [www.SWCAA.org](http://www.SWCAA.org).



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30 Myano Lane Suite 32  
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#### Program Hours:

Monday – Friday  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words “open” and “shut” refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

### Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God’s plan for his people. In him, he writes, “all things are.”

### Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter exclaims, “You are the Messiah!” Christ then declares that Peter is the “Rock” upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power “to bind” and “to loose.”

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## Upon This ROCK



## I Will Build My Church

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## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

“He asked his disciples: ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter said in reply: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

The all important question as we speak about Jesus. In our world we find people describing Jesus in so many ways. People have their opinion – teacher, Son of Mary or the carpenter’s son. He is the miracle worker, the visiting preacher in the synagogue. ‘What a friend I have in Jesus’, He is the just judge. All are correct descriptions. They tell us about Jesus.

Today He asks me – who am I for you? Pause for a moment and think about your answer before you presume or speak. The final answer is: Jesus Christ is my personal Savior, and without Him there is little meaning in my life. As Peter made his response and was blessed by the Lord, so my response seeks His grace and blessing. Tell someone else who Jesus is for you, and like Jesus, ask who Jesus is for them.

Saint Peter Our first Pope,



You understand what it is to make a mistake. Help me confront my mistakes, humbly seek God’s forgiveness, and trust in His mercy as you did.

Saint Peter, you are the rock upon which Jesus chose to build His Church. Please pray for me that I may be steady as a rock in difficult times, and that I will live my life in a way that is pleasing to God. Amen

Amen

## KID'S KORNER

### Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to Matthew, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's faith was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "who do you say that I am"? Peter responded "You are the Messiah, The Christ, The Son of the Living God".

### Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told Peter he was the rock upon which He would build His church. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the formation of the church and the key, The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The bold words are found in the puzzle -

#### ACROSS

- 1) The Promised One
- 3) Peter's \_\_\_\_ was solid as a rock.
- 4) To construct
- 5) A place we go to worship
- 8) The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10) Jesus is The \_\_\_\_ of God.
- 11) Jesus said "who \_\_\_\_ you say that I AM".
- 12) What we use to open a locked door

#### DOWN

- 1) Today we read the gospel of \_\_\_\_.
- 2) Jesus is The Messiah, or \_\_\_\_.
- 3) The act or process of forming
- 6) Our Father, The Almighty
- 7) To give an answer
- 9) Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will build my church.







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but by the seeds you plant.



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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 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.

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**Office of Safe Environments:**  
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the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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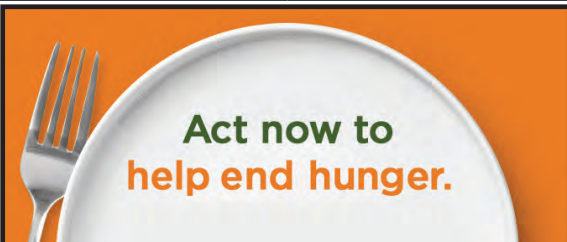
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