

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth 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.

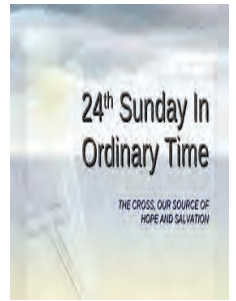


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Mass Intentions for September 16th through September 24th, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat.	5:00pm Angela Doescher	r/b Women of Notre Dame
Sun.	8:00pm Linda Josephine Nelson	r/b Mary and Michael Larocca
	11:00am Lindy Nelson	r/b Women of Notre Dame
Mon.	7:30am Special Intentions of Robert Adriani	r/b the Family
Tues.	7:30am Marta and Istvan Takacs	r/b their daughter Dori
Wed.	7:30am Joe Cremona	r/b the Toner Family
Thurs.	7:30am Raymond and Irene Naylor	r/b the Family
Fri.	7:30am NO MASS	
Sat.	5:00pm Anna Avalone Malinowski	r/b the Malinowski Family
Sun.	8:00am Gaetano Liburdi & Lorenzo and Lucia Liburdi	r/b Felicia Catale
	11:00am Maddalena and John Albano	r/b Mary and Michael Larocca



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: September 9 & 10, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,260.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,348.00
11:00am	\$ 568.00
Total Mass Collection	\$3,176.00
Other Offertory	\$1,085.00
Online Giving	\$ 890.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 199.00
Catholic Univ. of America	\$ 55.00

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:

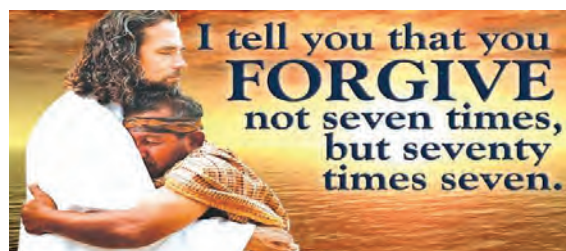
(800) 348-2886, option #2.

Thank You!

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
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	John Cahill
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

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Monday through Thursday

9:00am to 3:30pm.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass
MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

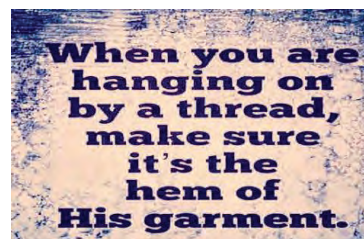
Parish Registration

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

Religious Ed Classes Begin:
Monday evening, October 2nd
for the 8th Grade.

Classes are held in the Lower Church
from 6:45pm-8:00pm.

Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd for
Grades 1 through 7 at

SSS: 3:50pm-5:00pm
and

HKMS: 2:50pm-4:00pm

Guidelines and calendars will be mailed
home the first week in September.

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

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.

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To register for the Jubilee call  
Pat Hansen - 203 416-1342:



## 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:

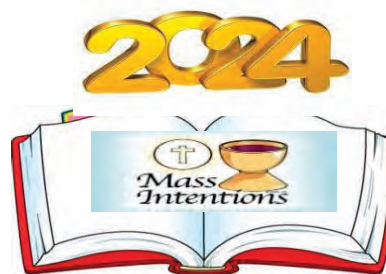
Beans (no green beans please)  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,  
Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

\*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 MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

-Fall 2023-



- Do you enjoy singing?
- Have you sung in a choir before?
- Are you looking to enrich your involvement in the Church?
- Would you like to be part of a new community of faith, friendship and music?

If so,

COME SING WITH US!

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CHOIR: The Diocesan Jubilee Choir will sing for the 70th Anniversary Mass of the founding of the Diocese of Bridgeport on Saturday, October 21 at St. Augustine Cathedral. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm at the Cathedral starting on September 18.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR: The Cathedral Choir will sing for the weekly 10am Bishop's Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral starting in mid-September. The choir will rehearse from 9-10am each Sunday prior to the Mass, and occasional weeknight evenings as announced.

Both choirs are open to singers of High School age and older. Prior musical experience and the ability to read music is helpful, but not required. All adult participants must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environments Policy, including Virtus Certification.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Music Ministry, or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/diocesan-choir/home/
Dr. Bill Atwood | Email: William.atwood@diobpt.org | Phone: 203.368.6777 X 22

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Young Adults: 18-35 years old:
(youngadultmass.brite.com)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 17, 2023**

"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins... and overlook faults... 'Lord if my brother sins against me how often must I forgive?'"

We recite the Lord's prayer and state that we will receive forgiveness, perhaps only when we forgive others. The reading from Sirach sets the tone. Not only are we to forgive, but we are called to discover ways to initiate the action.

One of the greatest powers we possess is the power to forgive. We can do so or withhold this gift when someone asks. We can offer it before it is sought, when we realize how generous and merciful is our God to us. The adage 'forgive and forget' is nice, but difficult. A wonderful monk taught me, 'forgive and remember without bitterness.'





JOIN BISHOP CAGGIANO FOR THE

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Mass & Social

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ST. MATTHEW PARISH
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk

5:30 PM
Rosary and reflection

6:00 PM
Mass with Bishop Caggiano

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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 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.

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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
incident of abuse or misconduct go to:
/safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-
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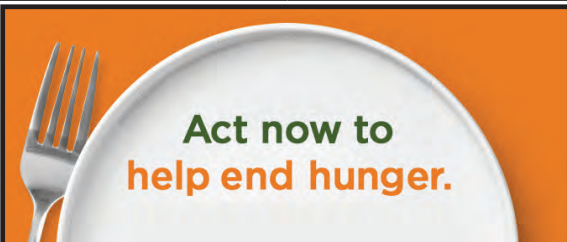
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