

Mass Intentions for August 25th through September 2nd, 2018



Sat.	5:00pm	Joseph Zelisko – 9 th Anniversary	r/b his daughter, Lauren
Sun.	8:00am	Ernie Cook	r/b Gregory Beach
	11:00am	Andrew Page – 13 th Anniversary	r/b the family
Mon.	7:30am	Kevin Visokay	r/b the family
Tues.	7:30am	Edward J. McCarthy	r/b Alana Green
Wed.	7:30am	Donna Biondi	r/b Lawrence and Brenda Adriani
Thurs.	7:30am	NO MASS	
Fri.	7:30pm	Lillian Garofalo	r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
Sat.	5:00pm	Alfred Lenoci, Jr	r/b Sal and Christine Dinardo and family
Sun.	8:00am	Special Intentions of Ann Adriani	r/b Veronica Adriani
	11:00am	Helen Darragh	r/b the Lyons family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

Collection for 18th & 19th – \$4,153.61

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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;
www.notredameofeaston.com
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.

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Ministry to the Homebound

Anyone who is seriously ill, having surgery, or homebound, may call the Rectory office and one of our Lay Caring Ministers will bring Holy Communion or just pay a visit. They visit parishioners in Nursing Homes as well.

* For anointing of the sick please call the office so Father Lyons can visit.

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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 a donation to the "Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the deceased and include this wish in the obituary notice.*

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We welcome through Baptism
Jonathan Webster, Jr
son of Jonathan, Sr. and Jessica



September 1st and 2nd, 2018

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm I. Paxton I. Paxton -----

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani D. W. E. Grob

11:00am B. Hommel C. Hommel J. Hommel

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com

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Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers

We are working on our next liturgy schedule beginning with September 8th through December 2nd. Please get your requests in by August 29th.

You can call 203-268-5838 Fax 203-459-4940 or email churchladies@optonline.net. As always we thank you for your continuing help. Pat and Barbara

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Please Pray for the Sick

The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers.



Walter Finick	Susan Williams	Judith Christiansen
Christopher Vitale	Angela Doescher	Diane DiNapoli
Frank Lyons	John Buckley	Siobhan Smith
Marian Basso	Joan McGrath	Michael Glowacki
Matthew Cargill	Rick Coons	Lavon Robinson
Priscilla Thompson-Flynn		Tony & Alice Martinich
Mary Nelson		

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.

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Rectory Office

Summer hours - July thru August

Mondays & Fridays

9am to 1pm

Tuesdays thru Thursdays

9am to 3:30pm

(Regular office hours will resume on
Monday, September 10th.)





Join fellow parishioners once a month for a Walk through the Bible.

Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12-1:30 in the church hall. Dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11 Bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be served.

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Diocesan Blue Mass



Commemorating the seventeenth Anniversary of 9-11
September 9, 2018 - 10:30am

St. Joseph Parish, 370 Main St., Danbury

A Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service Personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Everyone welcome!

Reception immediately following the Mass in the gym. The Diocesan Blue Mass is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Bridgeport and Fairfield County Councils and Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact

Elizabeth Auda: 203-416-1643.

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Autumn Day of Recollection

Thursday, October 25 from 9:00AM-4:00PM

Cost: \$90

Filled with beautiful gardens, memorable landmarks and breathtaking views, Enders Island is the perfect place for prayer and reflection. Directed by Father Demetri Belsito, the day's program will focus on: *How one can find joy in a world of suffering.*

Transportation, lunch and snacks included.

To register online:

<https://www.celebratect.com/product-page/enders-island-day-of-recollection> or send check to Michelle Falcone at 10 Laurel Drive, Easton, CT 06612. Call Michelle Falcone at 203-650-3959 with any questions.

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Annual Catholic Appeal Update:

We have raised 151 gifts worth \$75,035 from 138 donors bringing the parish to 65.25% of its \$115,000 goal. Thank You

Back to School!

play nice.

work hard.

stay kind.

Have a Good Year!

The Women of Notre Dame News!

September Food Collection for Blessed Sacrament Church

will be held on September 8th & 9th.

"The pantry has asked if we can help with non-food essential items this month. They are low on every day necessities such as diapers for children, toothpaste, toilet paper and deodorant for adults."

Thank you for your ongoing support!!!!

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Stephen Bereavement Support Group:

St. Stephen's Church – 6948 Main St. - Trumbull
Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? Our Bereavement Ministry can offer you hope of coping with your grief. It is opened to anyone you may know who needs help. The 10 week course with a guided workbook provided will begin on Thursday, September 13th, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Registration is required preferably by September 7th. Please call St. Stephen's rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the two bereavement facilitators.

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Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 7th from 12 to 4pm.

The tent and moon bounce have been rented and the port-a-potty as well! In September the team will have their volunteer and donation sheets at Church.

Countdown - 6 weeks

Baptism – The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12 noon. A *Pre-Baptism Class* is required for both parents prior in the Baptism of their 1st child. Register by calling the Parish Office: 203-268-5838

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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 Friday.

(July and August: the Rectory office closes a 1pm on Mondays and Fridays)

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Sponsor Certificates: We cannot give you a sponsor certificate unless you are a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. If Father does not know you personally, or by sight, the only other way of knowing you are a practicing Catholic is by tracking your contributions by check or envelope.

Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596
ndore@optonline.net

After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons during the school year: (203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734

PLEASE NOTE:

The summer hours for the Religious Education office will be Monday through Thursday from 10am-4pm. The office will be closed on Fridays through the end of August.

TEACHERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering to teach in our Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons. No experience is necessary, just an understanding of Catholic teaching and tradition.

Teachers are needed at SSES for grade two and HKMS for grade seven.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED AT HKMS AND SSES!!

If you would like to help out but can't commit to every week, we could really use your help as a substitute.

Please contact the Religious Education Office if you are interested.

2018-2019 REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 Religious Education classes were mailed on April 25th to all families currently registered in the Religious Ed Program for 2017-2018.

If you have not received forms for your children, or if your child will be new to the program, blank registration forms are available in the Church vestibule

LATE FEES NOW APPLY:

Registrations received in our office after August 1st are subject to a \$50.00 per child late fee.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Eighth grade Religious Ed classes are held in the Church on Monday evenings from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Monday, September 17th, 7:15-8:00pm. There will be a mandatory meeting for both child and parent in the Upper Church.

CONFIRMATION 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 2018 at 1:00pm.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Student only.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW

The Confirmation Review will be held in the Lower Church on Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. All students are required to attend.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

The Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Friday evening, October 19, 2018 from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

We will meet in the Lower Church.

Attendance will be required for both student and sponsor.

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Mercy Learning Center Seeks Volunteers!

"Educate Woman...Educate a Family"



Mercy Learning Center, Inc., located at 637 Park Ave in Bridgeport, is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners, as well as adult basic reading and math in its small group tutoring program.

Tutors meet with their students at the Center twice weekly, for two hours each session.

Teaching experience is not necessary.

Upcoming training sessions will take place on Monday, August 27, Friday, September 14 and Friday, September 28 from 9am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, or to register for a training session,

Please contact: Lynn Gabriel or Erica Hoffman

Tutor Coordinators – 202-334-6699

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org

erica.hoffman@mercylearningcenter.org

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God has given us:

EYES, not to judge others but to look beyond situations,

MOUTH, not to criticize but to speak for the truth,
HANDS, not to punish but

to give a helping hand,

EARS, not to be insensitive

but to listen and aid those in pain.

EVERYTHING God gave us has its purpose.

Use them for the greater glory of the Lord.



FORGIVENESS
is YOUR CHOICE

2015 Charleston, SC - Innocent Lives Cut Short

A shocking crime. Nine lives stolen. Family and friends' lives altered forever.

An offender who so many feel does not deserve an ounce of grace.

Forgiveness is hard; yet, forgiveness is what they chose. Hear how grace won.

Rev. Anthony Thompson

His newly-ordained wife was leading the Bible study at his neighboring church when the assassins' bullet took her life. His forgiveness experience will be featured in the upcoming documentary film, *Emanuel*.

Alana Simmons

Her grandfather, Rev. Daniel Lee Simmons Sr., was one of the nine victims that tragic day.

As a result, she was led to start the non-profit foundation *Hate Won't Win* honoring his legacy of love, not hate.

Polly Sheppard

One of only three survivors whose life was spared when the assailant ran out of bullets.

She ultimately had to watch her many friends, and her own son, take their last breath

Hear Their Stories Q&A

Date: September 8th

Time: 7:00 - 8:45pm

Covenant Church of Easton

****Childcare provided. Special program on forgiveness for grades 2-6****