

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*
Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

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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

Pat Fischer & Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

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203-268-5838

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(in the church)

Mrs. Patricia Steccato, *Director of Religious Ed.*
203-261-5596 / ndore@optonline.net

Mrs. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*
churchladies@optonline.net

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman
Philip Adriani

Lay Members of the Parish
Corporation
Mrs. Diane Baker &
Salvatore Gilbertie

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 December 19th through December 27th, 2020

Sat.	5:00pm	Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo	r/b the Malinowski family
Sun.	8:00am	Msgr. Thomas J. Dirscoll – 2 nd Anniversary	r/b Parishioners of Notre Dame
	11:00am	Nicola Vaccaro	r/b the family
Mon.	7:30am	Juliene Scott Garcia	r/b Carmen Lynch
Tues.	7:30am	Joseph Peloso, IV	r/b the family
Wed.	7:30am	NO MASS	



Christmas Eve - vigil Masses

Thurs.	3:00pm	Parishioners Living and Deceased
	4:00pm	Parishioners Living and Deceased
	5:00pm	Parishioners Living and Deceased

Christmas Day- The Nativity of the Lord

Fri.	9:00am	Joseph Peloso, IV	r/b his aunt, Kathryn Darretta
Sat.	5:00pm	Joseph Zahonnacky	r/b the family
Sun.	8:00am	Philip Adriani, Sr.	r/b his wife, Veronica Adriani
	11:00am	John and Ann Lyons	r/b the family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

November 12th & 13th, 2020 breakdown of collection

Many of our parishioners have been mailing in their offertory envelopes – it is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

5:00pm Mass	\$ 1,385.25
8:00am Mass	\$ 1,010.65
11:00am Mass	\$ 332.75
Total Mass Collection:	\$ 2,728.65
Other Offertory:	\$19,140.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 160.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 155.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 3,100.00
Giving Tree monetary donations	\$ 75.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 170.10
Online Giving:	\$ 1,895.00
Online Giving Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Online Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00

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ONLINE GIVING

We realize these are uncertain times, if you could keep up your offertory to the church, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our Online Giving company, OSV, has installed a dedicated phone line for parishioners for set-up and other issues.

It is Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) 260-2243.

jthinnes@osv.com

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.

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	Angela Doescher	Ed Kovac
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	
A Friend	Alice Martinich	Pat Perrotta
Mildred Negri	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
Deacon Vincent Heidenriech	Gabrella Reitmeyer	
Fannie Donofrio	Anthony Racca	

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 for this week are:
Monday through Wednesday 9:00am to 3:30pm. **Thursday (Christmas Eve)**

9:00 – 12:00noon

The office is closed on Friday.
If you come to the office, we ask that you please wear a mask.

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 & include this wish in the obituary notice.



Religious Education

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



Merry Christmas

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of preparation, beginning in first grade.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in the 2nd grade.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 3rd grade.

The requirement to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements to receive 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.

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Baptism – Please call the Rectory office to set up 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

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Women of Notre Dame News:

2020–2021 Membership



Notre Dame of Easton Bible Study

We are happy to report the Bible Study will resume on
January 12th
10:00-11:30am.

- * No food is permitted.
- * We must each sign in and provide contact information at every gathering.
- * Masks are required, along with social distancing.
- * Chairs must be sanitized after each event.
- * Rest room must be cleaned after each use.

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HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020



"Mary said to the angel: 'How can this be, since I do not know man?' The angel answered her: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you, hence the holy offspring to be born will be called the Son of God... Mary said, 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done unto me as you say.' With that the angel left her... The word became flesh and he made his dwelling among us."

Because we are caught up in so many activities, it is easy for us to miss the importance of the visit of the messenger to Mary. She was being asked to redirect the history of the world. She raised a logical question, and through the Spirit, was answered, for our well being she said 'yes.'

Did you ever wonder what the young Jewish girl was doing when Gabriel came? Was she praying, doing household chores? Was she startled, afraid or curious? Before she went to assist Elizabeth did she tell her parents or Joseph? How would I react or respond? The great Saint Bernard said, 'Hurry up Mary, the world is waiting for your answer.'

The same Lord wishes to make His dwelling with us. Are we ready?



Hail, Mary, God is with you.

Merry Christmas

*Our Christmas
wish for you:
That your heart be
light as a snowflake;
that your troubles
melt away like snow.
And a drift of
blessings surround you.
With many blessings,
Fr. Lyons, Deacon Sabol
and
Staff*

Giving Tree and Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone that sent donations and gift cards and participated in our drive-through, drop-off day on Saturday, December 12. Through our Giving Tree, we collected enough gift cards to give each of the 45 women studying at Caroline House a gift bag containing \$75 in gift cards. The rest of the gift cards went to St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport to supplement the family Christmas program. We also collected donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry in Bridgeport; the donations filled a pickup truck and two cars. Please note that the collection for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry is ongoing—donations may be dropped off in the Notre Dame parish kitchen anytime. Thank you again for your generous and continued support, and Merry Christmas!

The Christmas Story

by Leanne Guenther

Once upon a time,
A long, long time ago,
Begins the story of a baby,
That most of you should know.



His daddy's name was Joseph,
And Mary was His mom,
This babe was very special
He was God's only Son.

Some angels came from heaven,
And they began to sing.
To the shepherds in the fields below,
"Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens,
To light the magi's way,
To the baby in the manger
Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him,
Rejoiced and praised His birth,
For the babe, the King, named Jesus,
Is our Saviour here on earth!

*All Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day Masses are full -*

*There will be a wait list if spaces
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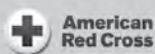
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Resumption of Masses

Masses are held in the lower Church Hall.

□ Masses will be offered with the following
schedule:

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 AM

(No Mass on Friday).

(NOTE – change in schedule)

****All upcoming Friday intentions will be
honored at the Thursday morning Mass.**

**Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 AM
and 11:00 AM.**

The limit for Mass attendance is 50 people.

**Bishop Caggiano has continued to dispense the
obligation to attend Sunday Mass through the
summer.**

Please read "Guidelines" on our website:

**www.notredameofeaston.org, for all of the rules
and regulations.**

Attend Daily Mass

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
7:30am**

**See want a difference a few minutes
a day can make**

"I Am The Living Bread"

Jesus (JN 6:47-57)



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