

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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MARCH 7, 2021  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

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

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## RECTORY OFFICE

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Email: [churchladies@optonline.net](mailto: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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Pat Fischer & Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

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](mailto:ndore@optonline.net)

Mrs. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
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## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson  
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman  
Philip Adriani

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

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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 March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Sat. 5:00pm Rosemarie Brunetti  
 Sun. 8:00am David Riordan  
 11:00am Anna and Nicolas Mazzonna  
 Mon. 7:30am David Stanczyk  
 Tues. 7:30am Angelo Cavalli  
 Wed. 7:30am C. J. O'Connell  
 Thurs. 7:30am Kay Smith  
 Fri. 7:30am No Mass  
 Sat. 5:00pm Richard and Sally Holmes  
 Sun. 8:00am Raymond Gaydos  
 11:00am Benedetto Morlando

r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie  
 r/b the family

r/b Dylan Rooney  
 r/b the family

r/b the Martin family  
 r/b Richard and Elsie Naylor

### Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

February 20 & 21, 2021 - breakdown of collection

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 5:00pm               | \$ 445.73          |
| Sunday 8:00am                 | \$ 450.00          |
| 11:00am                       | \$ 472.00          |
| <b>Total Mass Collection:</b> | <b>\$1,367.73</b>  |
| <b>Other Offertory:</b>       | <b>\$1,225.00</b>  |
| <b>Capital Improvement:</b>   | <b>\$ 125.00</b>   |
| <b>Sanctuary gifts:</b>       | <b>\$1,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Online Weekly Giving:</b>  | <b>\$ 1,785.00</b> |

**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.

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



### 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               | Anthony Racca |
| A Friend           | Alice Martinich            | Pat Perrotta  |
| Elizabeth Morgan   | Georgia Egan               |               |
| Gabrella Reitmeyer | Deacon Vincent Heidenrieck |               |
| Carmine Donofrio   | George Adams               |               |



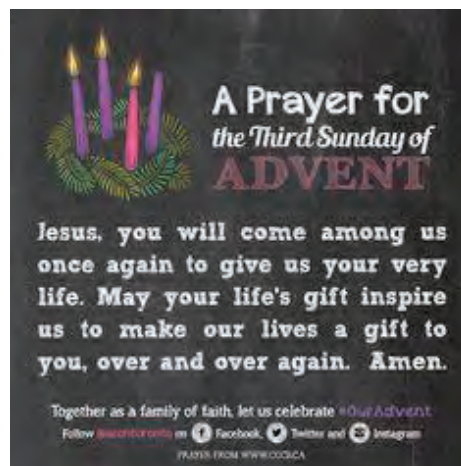
If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email [churchladies@optonline.net](mailto:churchladies@optonline.net), or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.

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### Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory office hours are:  
 Monday through Thursday  
 9:00am to 3:30pm.  
 The office is closed on Friday.

If you are coming to the office,  
 you must wear a mask.



# 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

**Tuesday – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## Blessed Sacrament Collection

Thank you to everyone for bringing weekly donations for the Blessed Sacrament food pantry.

### If You Can Help -

Please bring your donations to the Kitchen in the lower Church. We ask that you continue with the "usual items" please, ex: cereal, canned beans, Chef Boyardee pasta's, toiletries, such as toilet paper, etc. They have specifically asked for peanut butter and canned tuna.

**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC – BLESSED SACRAMENT CAN NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THIS TIME.**

**Please DO NOT bring clothing to Church**  
Your generosity has been wonderful through the pandemic – We thank you all very much.

Blessed Sacrament has an *Online Giving* page that has a way to direct a donation to the Food Pantry - good for those limiting trips to the grocery store - or going out of the house.  
<https://osvhub.com/blessedsacramentbpt/funds>



## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will alternate between 7:00pm and 12:00noon.

in the church.

**MASKS REQUIRED – SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED**

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**Stations will be held on Fridays at 7pm on:  
March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Stations will be held on Fridays at 12noon on:  
March 12<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45pm**

## Our Lenten Sacrifices

**Days of Abstinence:** all Fridays in Lent, for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, no meat can be taken.

**Days of Fast:** for all who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and have not as yet reached their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

**Weekdays of Lent:** No Obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**Easter Duty Obligation:** Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent through Trinity Sunday.

**Self Denial:** is encouraged on a voluntary basis.

Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

**Eucharistic Fast:** 1 hour from foods and liquids.

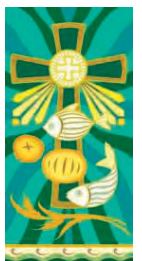
Water and medicine never break the fast.

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## Loaves and Fishes Collection

**Through Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Fasting during the Lenten season is one of several penitential practices that is part of our Catholic tradition. Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit and deepens our compassion for others. As you fast during Lent, please consider dropping your spare change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church if you are coming to the stations or coming into the Church to pray, and near the elevator if you are coming to Mass. Together we can enhance our Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals. If you prefer, you can drop a check into the jar or mail it to the Rectory; please make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo.



# Religious Education

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

## 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> child

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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.

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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.

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## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst. The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Do yourself a favor. Open your bible to chapter 4 of John's gospel and live the scene of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Discover the gentle invitation of Jesus, opening her heart to what He wanted for her.

Listen closely to the conversation, perhaps her initial fear, a stranger violating the customary protocol, and gradually she discovers herself, and Christ. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done.'

May the living water, God's grace this Lent well up in me, bringing forgiveness in reconciliation, and strength in the Eucharist.

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-filled life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and in so doing re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May the season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen

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### Attend Daily Mass

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

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

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**"I Am The Living Bread"**  
Jesus (JN 6:47-57)



### 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).**

**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 until it is safe to attend. Please read "Guidelines" on our website: [www.notredameofeaston.org](http://www.notredameofeaston.org) for all of the rules and regulations.

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