Mass Intentions for December 14th through December 22nd, 2019

Sat.	5:00pm Ann B. Troy 8:00am Veronica Adriani	r/b A friend r/b the Egan family
	11:00am Robert Svada	r/b the Lutinski family
Mon.	7:30am Thomas McCafferty	r/b the Women of Notre Dame
Tues.	7:30am Nicola Vaccaro	r/b the family
Wed.	7:30am Special Intentions of Colleen Adriani	r/b Veronica Adriani
Thurs.	7:30am No Mass	

7:30am Msgr. Thomas J. Driscoll - 1st Anniversary

11:00am Joseph Peloso, IV r/b the family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

Fri.

Sat. Sun.

November 14th & 15th breakdown of collection:

8:00am Joseph Zahornacky

5:00pm Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo

Mass Saturday - 5:00pm - \$1,506.50 Mass Sunday - 8:00am -\$1,569.00 Mass Sunday - 11:00am -\$1,999.00 Other offertory loose checks- \$ 410.00 Total Mass Collection: \$5,484.50

Online Giving for November: \$2,240.00 ~ ~ + ~ ~

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

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3. fill out the registration form.

If you have any questions please call: (800) 348-2886, option #2.

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.

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.

> The Spirit of God is upon ME.

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December 21st & 22nd, 2019

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers Saturday Zuanellis

5:00pm K. Champagne D. Baker 8:00am D. Valovcin D. Valovcin -----T. Vitale 11:00am H. Egan

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers: The schedule's have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, let us know. It is also on our website: notredame@optonline.net

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### Please Pray for the Sick

r/b the parish

r/b the family

Readers

r/b the Malinowski family

The names entrusted to this list will always

be included in our prayers

Susan Williams **Muriel Meier Alison Raver** Christopher Vitale Angela Doescher Frank Lyons John Buckley **Siobhan Smith Marian Basso** Joan McGrath Dennis Gallagher Cece H. Michael Glowacki Alice Martinich Kaia Lauro Mildred Negri Georgia Egan Mary Socci Deanne Cingari Herlihy Deacon Vincent Heidenriech Rosita Petrocelli Leah Ambrose Eleanor Baldyga Michael Baldyga Gabrella Reitmeyer Andrew Burke

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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A Prayer for The Third Sunday of

ADVENT

Jesus, you will come among us once again to give us your very life. May your life's gift inspire us to make our lives a gift to you, over and over again. Amen.

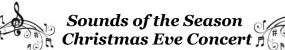


Christmas Eve Vigil Mass of Christmas

Tuesday – December 24 4:00pm – upstairs 4:00pm – downstairs 6:00pm

Christmas DayThe Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday – December 25 9:00am & 11:00am



The Notre Dame Music program will present a Christmas Eve concert entitled "Sounds of the Season" on December 24th at 5:30pm in the church. Please join us to reflect and celebrate the joy that the season of Christmas offers us through familiar carols and contemporary songs.

Diocese of Bridgeport Choir 4 Youth Arise & Shine Christmas Con cert



All are invited to join Bishop Frank Caggiano for the 5th annual C4Y Arise & Shine Christmas Concert on Friday, December 20 at 7:30pm at the Fairfield University Quick Center. Celebrate the season of Advent and prepare your hearts for Christmas by listening and joining in song with over 100 young people from throughout the Diocese who share their gifts and talents so beautifully in both classic and new Christmas pieces. Purchase your tickets online today at

http://quickcenter.fairfield.edu/ or call the Box office at 203-254-4010. General admission \$22. For questions, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at (203)416-1670 or officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org

The Women of Notre Dame News!

December Advent Kindness Calendar <u>Each weekend of Advent</u> we will collect different items for the

Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry All donated items should be new, unopened, in original sealed packaging, and not expired.

Third Weekend of Advent:

December 14 and 15

boxes of cereal.

Fourth Weekend of Advent

December 21 and 22

disposable diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes.

**** In January, the monthly collection will resume. Thank you for your continued support!

The Women of Notre Dame's Annual Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus will take place after the 11:00am Children's Liturgy Mass on Sunday – December 15th.

Easton Senior Center
Christmas Holiday Boutique
1/2 price sale until December 18th
8:00am – 3:30pm Monday thru Friday
Questions? Call: 203-268-1145

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.

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u>: We <u>cannot</u> give you a sponsor certificate unless you are a <u>registered member of the parish for at least 6 months</u> 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

<u>Teacher's Holiday Party</u> Save the date!

Our "After the Holiday" dinner will be Thursday evening January 16th, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.
Please call or email our office to RSVP by January 10th, 2020.

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Second Grade Sacrament Dates: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at 11:00am. A schedule of all important dates was sent home November 27th, 2019.

Third Grade Sacramental Dates:
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 11:00am. A schedule of all important dates will be sent home regarding the Family Supper and Rehearsals.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If Religious Education classes are to be cancelled due to weather conditions, please refer to Channel 8 or 12.

We will follow the lead of the Easton Public School District.

If schools are closed, there will be no Religious Ed classes.

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 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 for receiving

First Holy Communion are receiving 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.

15th Annual Christmas Exhibition at the

Knights of Columbus Museum 1 State St. – New Haven



From November 16th, 2019 to February 2nd, 2020, the museum will exhibit more than 80 Nativity scenes or crèches, icons and religious artworks representing 30 countries across Europe, including the museum's 120-square-foot Neapolitan (Italian) crèche.

The museum will host its annual Christmastime Family Day celebration Sunday, December 29th from 12 to 3pm. The event is free and open to the public, offering children's activities, live Christmas music and refreshments.

The museum is located at 1 State St. in New Haven, is open from 10am to 5pm daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas) with free admission and parking. For more information call: 203.865.0400 or visit: kofcmuseum.org

<u>Baptism</u> – 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

Look at the Candy Cane What do you see? Stripes that are red Like the bloodshed for me

White is for my savior
Who is sinless and pure
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!

Turn it around And a staff you will see Jesus my shepherd Was born for me!

March for Life 2020

Join fellow parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport on a bus pilgrimage to the March for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020. This year's theme is: Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman. Buses depart from three locations – Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford. Cost is \$75 pp/RT. Register on line before January 17th at: https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

• If you are unable to travel to Washington D,C., please join us in prayer the night before on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm for the March for Life 2020 Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano at St. Augustine's in Bridgeport

December

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Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love,

Never forget, you're not alone,

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.