Mass Intentions for December 28th, 2019 through January 5th, 2020

Sat.	5:00pm Thomas McCafferty	r/b Sal and Chris Dinardo The Holy Family
	8:00am Veronica Adriani	r/b the Renzi family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
	11:00am Dr. Philip Falcone	r/b Women of Notre Dame
Mon.	7:30am Thomas McCafferty	r/b Frank and Jeanine Pagliaro
Tues.	7:30am Dr. Philip Falcone	r/b Prudence McCafferty
New Year's Day – <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> – A Holy Day of Obligation		
Wed.	9:00am Veronica Adriani	r/b Nancy and Vinny Bassani
	11:00am Dr. Philip Falcone	r/b Bill and Cheryl Constand
Thurs.	7:30am No Mass	
Fri.	7:30am Ann and Frank Somma	r/b Veronica Adriani
Sat.	5:00pm Thomas McCafferty	r/b Tom and Pat Fischer
Sun.	8:00am Diane Rose	r/b the Zuanelli family
	11:00am Francisco Duque	r/b the family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

Due to an early bulletin submission,
the collection totals will be reported
at a later date.

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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.

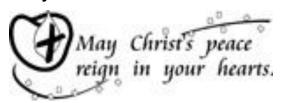
If you have any questions please call: (800) 348-2886, option #2.

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.



January 4th and 5th, 2020

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

<u>Saturday</u>

5:00pm K. Champagne ----- Zuanelli's

Sunday

8:00am D. Valovcin D. Valovcin L. Pulie

Chidren's Liturgy

11:00am Grade 5 L. Sheehan

The schedule is on our website: notredame@optonline.net

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Please Pray for the Sick

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 <a href="mailto:churchladies@optonline.net">churchladies@optonline.net</a>, or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.

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Solemnity of Mary – Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 1st 9:00am and 11:00am



#### Parishioners – please take note: Final Date for 2019 Donation Credit

Monday, January 13, 2020 will be the final date for all donations, to Notre Dame, to be recorded in order to receive credit for 2019.

Any donation envelope or check dated for 2019, received after January 13, 2020, will be entered into the 2020 records.

Letters stating donations will be mailed to those who have given \$250.00 or more for the year.



First Friday **Eucharistic Adoration** Friday – January 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am to 9:00am

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**Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening After all Masses** January 4th & 5th in the Religious Education Office



**Coffee and Donuts** Sunday - January 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00am Mass

#### March for Life 2020

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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



## The Women of Notre Dame News!



Santa and Mrs Claus December 15th

Women of Notre Dame Meeting January 7

The Women of Notre Dame is a group of women that coordinates many of the parish social events and community support/outreach. All women of the parish are invited to the next meeting: Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 pm in the church hall. We only meet once a month from September to May, and we welcome your feedback and ideas. Please join us!

#### **Thank You for Supporting** the Parish Giving Tree

Thank you to all the parishioners that supported the Giving Tree. The tags for Caroline House were for the student mothers who have children in the pre-school program. Because of your generosity, each mother was given a gift card to Stop & Shop, Target, and CVS and we were able to re-stock much-needed items for the pre-school itself. St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport had requests for gifts from 600 families this year. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a family or took tags off the tree. Thanks also to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Religious Education program who also sponsored families. Because of your generosity, our parish was able to provide 28 St. Charles families with Christmas gifts this year. ~ ~ + ~ ~

Mercy Learning Center Seeks Volunteers, located at 637 Park Ave. Bridgeport. They provide basic literacy and life skills training to low income women in the Greater Bridgeport area. MLC is open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. The center is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as basic math reading. The commitment is twice per week for two hours. No experience necessary. Training dates; Friday, January 10th & Friday, January 24th 9am-3am Lynn Gabriel, 203-334-6699 -

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org

#### **Religious Education**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596
<a href="mailto:ndore@optonline.net">ndore@optonline.net</a>



January Children's Liturgy
This month's Children's Liturgy
will be celebrated on Sunday,
January 5th, at the 11:00am Mass in the Upper
Church. Fr. Charles Allen will be the celebrant
and our fifth graders will be the hosts.

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Teacher's Holiday Party
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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00am. A schedule of all important dates was sent home November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Third Grade Sacramental Dates: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7th and 8th grade Religious Education in class. Home schooling is not available.

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Exhibition at the Knights of Columbus Museum 1 State St. – New Haven

From November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 with free admission and parking. For more information call: 203.865.0400 or visit: kofcmuseum.org



From Fr. Lyons, Deacon Jerry and Staff



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29

"Because we are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another: forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect."

May we 'dedicate ourselves to thankfulness'; for all the blessings given our family this year and seek His blessings as we turn the page to 2020.

#### ~ ~ ~ + ~ ~ ~ The *Ultimate* List

- 1. Get more sleep
- 2. Drink more water
- 3. Get more exercise
  - 4. Read more
- 5. Get more organized
  - 6. Clean more often
    - 7. Explore more
    - 8. Relax more
- 9. Have more patience
- 10. Forget doing' more'

Just try your best