

Mass Intentions for January 4th through January 12th, 2020



Sat. 5:00pm Thomas McCafferty
 8:00am Diane Rose
 11:00am Francisco Duque
 Mon. 7:30am Michael Andras
 Tues. 7:30am Ruth Cristiano
 Wed. 7:30am Dr. Philip Falcone
 Thurs. 7:30am No Mass
 Fri. 7:30am Joseph Packer
 Sat. 5:00pm Marie Liuzzo
 Sun. 8:00am Dr. Philip Falcone
 11:00am Charles Kozlowski – 13th Anniversary

r/b Tom and Pat Fischer
 r/b the Zuanelli family
 r/b the family
 r/b his wife, Florence
 r/b Veronica Adriani
 r/b the Allen family

 r/b Florence Andras
 r/b the Malinowski family
 r/b Rick and Lisa Albertelli
 r/b the family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

December 21 & 22, 2019 – breakdown of collection

Mass Saturday – 5:00pm - \$1915.50
 Mass Sunday – 8:00am - \$1,948.00
 Mass Sunday – 11:00am – \$1,768.00
 Other offertory loose checks - \$ 605.00

Total Mass Collection: \$6,236.50

Christmas Collection - December 24 & 25, 2019

Christmas Eve – 4:00pm (upstairs) - \$ 6,564.00
 Christmas Eve – 4:00pm (downstairs) - \$ 1,420.00
 Christmas Eve – 6:00pm \$11,667.00
 Christmas Day –9:00am \$ 2,536.00
 Christmas Day-11:00am \$ 3,419.50
 Loose checks and cash - \$ 2,195.00

Total 2019 Christmas Collection \$27,801.50

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, 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.

Requests 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 11th & 12th, 2020

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday
 5:00pm I. Paxton I. Paxton P. Martinich
Sunday
 8:00am C. & M. Welch ----- Grobs
 11:00am B. Hommel C. Hommel -----

The schedule is on our website:

notredame@optonline.net

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	
Eleanor Baldyga	Rosita Petrocelli	Leah Ambrose
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.

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.

From the Lyons' Den -



I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped make, for yet another, blessed Christmas here at Notre Dame. My thanks to Deacon Sabol and Msgr. Shea for their assistance and fraternal support. The staff always go above and beyond what their job description lists which makes so many things happen that would not without their generosity.

My thanks to Mr. Robert Gilmore, our Director of Music and all the cantors that so enhanced our liturgical celebrations during Advent and at Christmas. We are all most grateful for your time and effort.

A lot of work gets done behind the scenes by the "ND Crew". Those are all of those who volunteer their time and talent to help put up the various crèches, including the one on the green by the firehouse; decorating the interior and exterior of the church and rectory and probably most importantly, help with the clean-up when it's all said and done. I am most grateful for all that you do, not only at this time, but all throughout the year.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity to the Blessed Sacrament food pantry during Advent. Fr. Skip is most grateful, as are the recipients of your kindness.

As we begin a New Year, let us give thanks to God for all the blessing, we as a parish received in the 2019 year and ask, through the intercession of our Patroness, the Blessed Mother, for a happy, healthy and holy 2020!

Fr. Lyons

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**Mass for those Affected by Addiction
January 11th – 12:00pm – 1:00pm
St. Rose of Lima Church**

**46 Church Hill Rd - Newtown
Lou P. – 203-304-1471. Mass will be celebrated with those who are in Recovery and family/friends who have been impacted by Addiction. The Celebrant will generally be a priest in recovery. Please join us for fellowship after Mass.**

Women of Notre Dame News-

Women of Notre Dame Meeting January 7th

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!

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Women's Literacy Program Seeks Volunteer Tutors!

Mercy Learning Center located at 637 Park Ave. Bridgeport is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners, as well as adult basic math and reading in its small group tutoring program. Tutors meet with their students at the center twice weekly for 2 hours each session.

The center is open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

A one day training session is required for all new tutors; Teacher experience is not necessary.

Upcoming training sessions will take place on ; Friday, January 10th & Friday, January 24th 9am-3am

Lunch will be provided.

For more information, or to register for a training session, please contact:

Lynn Gabriel or Nicole Marino –

Tutor Coordinators 203-334-6699 –

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org

Nicole.marino@mercylearningcenter.org

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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

Religious Education

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

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 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.

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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.

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Cardinal Kung Academy

Cardinal Kung Academy, a division of Trinity Catholic High School, is a diocesan high school offering a rigorous all-honors program with a classical pedagogy.

Come meet the teachers and experience the difference of a classical high school education at our OPEN HOUSE on January 27th, 6:30pm – 8:30 pm at 948 Newfield Avenue, Stamford (in St. Gabriel school building.)

Now accepting applications for all grades for the 2020-2021 academic year. To schedule a visit or shadow day, contact 203-329-

8296, CardinalKungAcademy@gmail.com or visit www.cardinalkungacademy.org

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Open House at St. Thomas School

1719 Post Rd. Fairfield

Prospective families are invited to tour our school at our January *Open House* on Sunday, January 26th from 10 am to noon. Guests will visit classrooms; meet teachers and current families; learn about academic goals, school culture, enrichment programs, and sports and after school offerings.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and recognized as an award-winning Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

For additional information please contact Barbara Turner, Director of Admissions, at 203.255.0556 x.225 or Barbara.turner@stasonline.net

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This year 2020

"Be so busy loving your life that you have not time for hate, regret or fear."



The Epiphany of the Lord

“God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”

This great day in the life of the church, tells us more than the jealousy of a threatened king, the ardent search of the wise men from the east, and their discovery of the Savior and Mary His Mother. The event has allowed so many rich traditions to develop to enhance our faith. The number of visitors with three gifts for royalty, priesthood and eventual anointing in death, the star directing them like a GPS, and the humility of these rich visitors coming before the infant.

The message to use Paul’s words is ‘no less than this’. I am included as a coheir, I have life in the Lord because He is my Savior. I am sent, like them on a different route to bring my experience of Jesus Christ to others. It is no less than this. May I offer the gift of self, the richness of my faith, and travel the journey with others in this New Year.