Mass Intentions for March 10th through March 18th, 2018

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	11:00am	Katherine and Antoinette Ferranti	r/b the Malinowski family
Sun.	8:00am	Richard O'Brien	r/b Diana Remmell
Sat.	5:00pm	Daniel McPadden	r/b his wife, Grace
Fri.	7:30am	Arlene Cousins	r/b Veronica Adriani
Thurs.	7:30am	NO Mass	
Wed.	7:30am	Carol Michaels	r/b the Baker family
Tues.	7:30am	Parishioners Living and Deceased	
Mon.	7:30am	Helena Darragh	r/b Alana Green
	11:00am	Kay Smith	r/b the family
Sun.	8:00am	Richard O'Brien	r/b Philip, Ann, Kate and Sara Adriani
Sat.	5:00pm	Anthony and Carmella Grosso	r/b the family
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Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

March 3 & 4, 2018 - \$6,312.75

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider Online Giving. It is a simple, safe way to contribute to weekly offerings, as well as to pay for Religious Education tuition and other events within the parish. In order to register:

- 1. log on to our parish website; www.notredameofeaston.com
- 2. click the Online Giving logo on the homepage3. fill out the registration form.

If you have any questions please call (800) 348-2886.

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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.

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<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

Bequests to Notre Dame of Easton are Strongly Encouraged and Gratefully Accepted

<u>Suggestion:</u> 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 and include this wish in the obituary notice.

March 17th & 18th, 2018

Readers <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> <u>Altar Servers</u>

Saturday

5:00pm A. Fiyalka A. Fiyalka N. Bass

Sunday

8:00am B. Constand P. Altieri D. W. & E. Grob Children's Liturgy

11:00am Grade 4 L. Sheehan/J. Pagliaro J. Mocco

READERS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - ALTAR SERVERS

The schedules have been mailed. However, I mailed the wrong ones! The newest one is on our website. There were only a couple of changes to the newest ones. The most important is there will be a 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday that we will need volunteers for . Please call the Rectory office or email us churchladies@optonline.net if you can help at that Mass.

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website: www.notredameofeaston.com

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Please Pray for the Sick

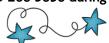
The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers.

Walter Finick Susan Williams Judith Christiansen
Christopher Vitale Angela Doescher Diane DiNapoli
Frank Lyons John Buckley Mary Biggins
Siobhan Smith John Ilardo Marian Basso
Joan McGrath Michael Glowacki Matthew Cargill
Tony and Alice Martinich William Metzger

Richard Schwartz, Sr.

If you would like to place someone

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.



Spring Soiree for Easton ACTS

(Area Congregations Together in Service)

March 24th

See the flyer in this week's bulletin for all the details.





Stations of the Cross

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

Stations of the Cross for Friday March 16th will be held at 7pm.

<u>Confessions</u> are held on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45pm

Msgr. Shea will be here on Saturday March 24th to hear Confessions

Lenten Regulations 2018

Fast & Abstinence during Lent:

Abstinence: All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence. Catholics from the age of 14 and above are asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays during Lent.

Loaves & Fishes Spare Change Collection

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 drop your spare change into the Loaves & Fishes collection jars in the vestibule of the church. 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 in a check payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Loaves & Fishes" in the memo.



Come join other men and women for a mini Lenten "Walk through the Bible"

New "Bible Readers" or long-time students, we look forward to sharing with you.

Friday, March 16 -12:00noon to 1:30pm in <u>our lower level Church hall</u>. Session includes "Reflective Reading" and Discussion. Beverage and snacks provided.

The Women of Notre Dame News!

(Formerly the Ladies Council)

Lenten Luncheon

The Women of Notre Dame will hold their
Annual Free Lenten Luncheon
on Wednesday, March 14
11:30am – 1:30pm in the Church hall.
Rev. Charles H. Allen, S.J., Guest Speaker
The luncheon is free, but please RSVP by March 11
to Diane Baker dianetck@aol.com or
(203)209-0935

Book Club

The Women of Notre Dame Book Club will meet in the Church hall at 2:00pm, immediately after the luncheon. This month's book is *Everybody's Son* by Thrity Umirgar.

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The Women of Notre Dame (formerly the Notre Dame of Easton Ladies Council) announces the Liam A. Baker Memorial Scholarship for 2018

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the son or daughter (or grandson or granddaughter) of a *Notre Dame Parishioner and Women of Notre Dame Member*. This merit-based scholarship is for a graduating high school senior who will be a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning (college, university, vocational school, or community college) in September 2018. If there are no applicants from Notre Dame of Easton parish, the scholarship will be open to a student from the Blessed Sacrament parish in Bridgeport.

Applications may be obtained at The Notre Dame Rectory office or by emailing Jeanine Pagliaro at jpagliaro01@optonline.net beginning on February 19, 2018.

Completed applications must be submitted by April 8, 2018 to the address listed on the application.

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. 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 News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday - 10 am-4pm; Other times by appointment (261-5596) ndore@optonline.net After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons: (203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734

REMINDER FOR EIGHTH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS:

On Monday evening, March 19th, Mary Ronan, RN, will conduct a workshop for our eighth grade students (Boys Only) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. There is no Religious Ed class for 8th grade girls that night. Attendance is required at this workshop and each student must be accompanied by at least one parent.

Third Grade Sacrament Dates:

First Holy Communion Class:

Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 2:30pm until 4:45pm followed by the First Holy Communion Enrollment Ceremony at the 5:00pm Mass.

Both child and parent are required to attend.

Family Supper:

Friday evening, April 20th, 2018, 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

We will meet in the Upper Church. Rehearsal: Thursday, April 26th, 2018, 6:30 pm until 8:00pm in the Upper Church. At least one parent must accompany their child.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday,
April 28, 2018 at 11:00am.

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.

What are you good at?
What are really good at?
How is God calling you to make the world better and the Church better through those talents?

Lenten Music and Scripture Reflection Friday – March 23rd 6:30pm

St.Emery's Church – 838 Kings Hwy East - Ffld. Featuring Scripture Video with Dr. Thomas Hicks,

Narrator – showing of the Movie: "The Greatest Gift"

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about the Passion & Resurrection of Christ. Featured music & Scripture Reflection by the Cantiamo Choir

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WHITE MASS

For Health Care Professionals and All Who
Serve the Sick
Sunday, March 18, 2018 • 8:30 a.m.
St. Aloysius Church
21 Cherry St, New Canaan, CT 06840
followed by
Brunch at Woodway Country Club
540 Hoyt St, Darien, CT 06820
Celebrant & Homlist – Bishop Caggiano
Speaker -Joseph Dutkowsky, MD, KM
Associate Clinical Professor at Columbia University
College of Physicians - Past President of American
Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental
Medicine and, author of the book Perfectly Human.

2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert
On Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00pm at
St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will
be celebrating the 2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This
Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45
and 50+ year wedding anniversaries.

Photos with Bishop Caggiano will take place at 2:30pm before Mass begins. Every couple that participates will receive a complimentary photo and certificate, sent via US Mail to each parish for distribution.

As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. To register, please contact our parish office at 202-268-5838 or go to: https://www.formationreimagined.org/. Space is limited, please RSVP by April 18th, for questions, please contact Deirdra Kearney at (203)416-1670 or dkearney@diobpt.org

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Mercy & Mary Retreat St Jude Parish Church -- Monroe, CT

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* is coming to Monroe!! Fr. Gaitley will be leading Mercy & Mary Retreat unpacking the secrets of this Time of Mercy. Fr. Gaitley is a renowned, dynamic, speaker. It's an all day event Saturday, March 17th, 2018, with the first retreat conference on Friday evening, March 16th.

Spread the Word!

Share the link for more info. and to register: http://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/ /mercy-mary-retreat-monroe-ct/

St. Stephen Church in Trumbull Bereavement Support Group:

Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? Our Bereavement Ministry can offer you hope of coping with your grief. It is opened to anyone you may know who needs help. The 10 week course with a guided workbook provided will begin on Thursday, March 15th, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Registration is required preferably by March 8th. Please call the St. Stephen rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the two bereavement facilitators

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Please stop by or call the Rectory office (203 268-5838) to <u>officially register</u>. Our hours are 9am to 3:30pm – Monday thru Friday.