

UPDATE: As time goes on, we are finding that some parishioners have retired their "land lines" (home telephones) for cell phones only. We would appreciate it if you can let us know so we can correct our files. Email to: churchladies@optonline.net – call 203-268-5838 or fax to 203-459-4940.

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St. Stephen Bereavement Support Group: Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? Their **Bereavement Ministry** can offer you hope of **cop**ing 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 21st, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.** Registration is required preferably, by March 15th. Please call their rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the two bereavement facilitators.

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**Shop 'til you Drop
"Easton Exchange"**

January 14 through April, 8:00am-3:00pm
Monday thru Friday at the *Easton Senior Center.*
Browse and shop at your leisure for some new or slightly used items at great bargain prices. Hopefully, during these long winter months, this will be a worthwhile fundraising venture for us and a convenience, for you, as well.
Our regular tag sale will return in May.

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Save the Date

Starry Night

A Roaring '20s Soiree

Friday, April 5, 2019 ~ 6:30-11:00pm

Please join the friends of Caroline House for an evening of cocktail, dinner, live & silent auctions, music & dancing honoring

The Hon. Dan Caruso (posthumously) and
The Staples Service League of Boys, S.L.O.B.S.

To Register, donate, sponsor or for more information, please visit our website www.thecarolinehouse.org contact Christine Paine at cpaine@thecarolinehouse.org

Caroline House is a sponsored ministry of
The School Sisters of Notre Dame



The Women of Notre Dame News!



Lenten Luncheon Wednesday, March 20, 11:30 am

All the women in the parish are invited to the annual **FREE Lenten Luncheon** hosted by the Women of Notre Dame on **Wednesday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m.** in the church hall. The luncheon is **FREE** but please **RSVP** to Mary Pajonas at 203-664-4041 or email@thepfamily.com. Two volunteers will speak from **Blessed Sacrament Church:**

Peggy Fry and Diane Ganser.

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Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection

The next collection for the **Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry** is being held on the weekend of **April 6th & 7th** after each Mass.

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Attention High School Seniors!

The **2019 application** for the **Liam A. Baker Memorial Scholarship** will be available soon; check the bulletin in the coming weeks for details.

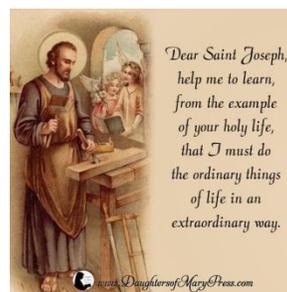
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Good Works for Lent

Loaves and 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 consider dropping your spare change into the Loaves and 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 and Fishes" in the memo. Thank you!**

Happy St. Joseph's Day March 19th



Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17th

Religious Education

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

After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons
during the school year:
(203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734

Third Grade Sacrament Dates:

First Holy Communion Class:
Saturday, March 30th, 2019 from 2:30pm
until 4:45pm. Both child and parent are
required to attend.

Family Supper:

Friday evening, April 26th, 2019, 6:30pm
until 8:30pm. We will meet in the Upper
Church.

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion:

Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, 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, May 4th, 2019 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.

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The Girl Scouts will be selling "Cookies" next weekend on March 23rd and 24th after all Masses!



Stations of the Cross

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

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Stations will be held on Fridays at 7pm on:
3/8, 22 & 4/5, 4/19

Stations will be held on Fridays at 12noon on:
3/15, 29, & 4/12,

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45pm

Our Lenten Sacrifices

*Days of Abstinence: All Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

*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 may be taken at any time.

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Medicare Savings Plan

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Protecting Yourself From Medicare Scams

Tuesday March 26th 11-12

Easton Senior Center

Lisa Alhabal from SWCAA will present on the *Medicare Savings Plan*. The *MSP* is an *income based program* that can help seniors save on their out of pocket Medicare costs. The *MSP does not look at your assets*.

Lisa will also tell us how we can *protect* ourselves from *Medicare scams*.

Reserve your spot by 3/21 with Eileen 203-268-1137 or Senior Center 203-268-1145

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St. Anthony of Padua Parish – invites you to An Evening of Reflection and Music with Gregory Norbet.

Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the Church. Gregory is a renowned musician and the composer of such contemporary religious favorites as Hosea, All I ask of You, In Manus Tuas and his latest, Into the Arms of God. He is married to the artist Kathryn Carrington, whose icons will add to the peaceful atmosphere in the church. Gregory will be joined by the St. Anthony Adult Choir and instruments. The evening is free of charge, thanks to a generous donation. St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 149 South Pine Creek Rd. Fairfield 203-259-0358
www.stanthonyffld.org

Sacred Heart Academy would like to welcome our Parish community to their Spring Open House on Sunday March 31st.

Young women in grades 5+ and their families are welcome to attend and talk to teachers, students, athletic coaches and staff about what makes **Sacred Heart Academy** such an **exceptional experience for young women academically, emotionally and spiritually**. As a **strong Catholic community**, we have the support needed to help all our young women discover their *God given gifts*, to be successful in the classroom, go on to college and eventually make the world a better place.

Feel free to contact **Mrs. Kara M. Redente '99** with questions.

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Give of your hands – to Serve - 
and your hearts to Love.



Mother Teresa