Mass Intentions for March 9th through March 17th, 2019

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Sat.	5:00pm	Anthony and Carmella Grosso
Sun.	8:00am	William Woods
	11:00am	Mary Dupnik – 1 st Anniversary
Mon.	7:30am	Kay Smith
Tues.	7:30am	Peter Costulas
Wed.	7:30am	Michael Andras
Thurs.	7:30am	NO Mass
Fri.	7:30am	Monica DiNardo
Sat.	5:00pm	Katherine and Antoinette Ferranti
Sun.	8:00am	Mary Tramontano
	11:00am	Daniel McPadden

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection: Collection for 3/2 & 3 - \$5,476.50 February Online Giving - \$2,355.00

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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.

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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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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 and include this wish in the obituary notice.

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r/b the family r/b the family r/b Marie and John Geary r/b the family r/b Jim and Lisa DeVoto r/b his wife, Florence

r/b Veronica Adriani r/b the Malinowski family r/b Joe and Jean Tramontano r/b his wife, Grace

March 16 & 17, 2019 **Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers** Saturday 5:00pm I. Paxton I. Paxton Sunday 8:00am D. Valovcin D. Valovcin Zuanellis 11:00am H. Egan M. Marzik -----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 Christopher Vitale Angela Doescher John Buckley Joan McGrath Michael Glowacki Larry Baldyga Mildred Negri **Muriel Meier** 

Siobhan Smith Diane DiNapoli Georgia Egan

Susan Williams Judi Christiansen Frank Lyons **Marian Basso Rick Coons** Alice Mar Mary Socci

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If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email <u>churchladies@optonline.net</u>, or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours. \*\*\*If you have placed a name on our sick list to be prayed for, we would appreciate it if you would call or email us to let us know if you still want them to be on the list.

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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.





St. Stephen 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 21st, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. <u>Registration is required preferably by March 15th</u>. Please call the rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the two bereavement facilitators.

See the flyer in this week's bulletin!

"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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, ^{we 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 a & 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 <u>www.thecarolinehouse.org</u> contact Christine Paine at <u>cpaine@thecarolinehouse.org</u>

Caroline House is a sponsored ministry of

The School Sisters of Notre Dame $\sim \sim \sim + \sim \sim \sim$

<u>Parish Registration</u>: We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. 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.

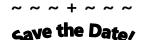
The Women of Notre Dame News!



Thank you to everyone who made the Shamrock Bingo parish social such a huge success! Check out the photos on the Notre Dame parish Web site:

https://www.notredameofeaston.com.

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Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection
The next collection for the Blessed
Sacrament Food Pantry will is being held
this weekend March 9 & 10 after each Mass.
Items requested are soap, pasta sauce and
canned fruit.



The Women of Notre Dame will hold their **Annual Lenten Luncheon Wednesday – March 20th** more details in next week's bulletin

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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!



Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596 <u>ndore@optonline.net</u> <u>After 2:00pm</u> Tuesday afternoons during the school year: (203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734



RECONCILIATION

Our second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 9th. Congratulations!

| Abigail Becker | |
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| Margot Beckerlegge | |
| Brooke Cameron | |
| Leo Chiaramonte | |
| Tyler Collins | |
| Liliana Coppola | |
| Amelia Drabczynski | |
| Luke Faustini | |
| Joseph Foley | |
| Katherine Johnson | |
| Camden Kaldawy | |

Brady Lynch Bella Maisano Amanda Masone Manuela Mejia Mia Muscarelle Miles Papageorge Lorelei Robertson Claudia Santangeli Tyler Sogofsky Alexander Valko Clare Zuanelli

<u>Third Grade Sacrament Dates:</u> <u>First Holy Communion Class:</u> <u>Saturday, March 30th, 2019 from 2:30pm</u> <u>until 4:45pm. Both child and parent are</u> <u>required to attend.</u>

Family Supper:

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

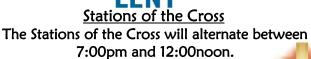
<u>*Rehearsal:</u></u> Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, 6:30 pm until 8:00pm in the Upper Church. At least one parent must accompany their child.*</u>

<u>First Holy Communion</u> will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 11:00am. Please check your email for the mandatory Child/Parent classes, Rehearsals and the Family Supper.

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.





+ 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,

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

Our Lenten Sacrifices

<u>*Days of Abstinence</u>: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

<u>*Days of Fast:</u> Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

<u>*Weekdays of Lent:</u> No Obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. <u>*Easter Duty Obligation:</u> Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent through Trinity Sunday

<u>*Self Denial:</u> 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.

<u>*Eucharistic Fast:</u> 1 hour from foods and liquids. Water and medicine never break the fast.

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Suggested things to give up

| Give thanks | Give up complaining |
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| Give compliments | Give harsh judgements |
| Give forgivness | Give up revenge |
| Give encouragment | Give up negativism |
| Give hope | Give up despair |
| Give attention to vir | tue Give up sin |
| Give time to prayer | Give up wasting time |
| Give respect | Give up prejudice |
| God help | Give up selfishness |
| Give help | Give up selfishness |
| Give time to God | Give up what keeps you from God |

Story time with famous author at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Award-winning author-illustrator, Grace Lin, will visit St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019. All local preschoolers and their care takers are invited to a special story time and book signing from 8:45 to 9:30 am in the Parish Center. Ms. Lin will present her 2019 Caldecott Honor book, A Big Mooncake for Little Star. The event is for children up to 6 years old. A story-related craft activity will follow the reading.

<u>The event is free, but space is limited</u>. Please contact Julie Wallace, <u>JuWallace@stasonline.net</u> by 3/22 to register. Advance copies of her books for signing may be ordered through the Fairfield University Bookstore, 1499 Post Road, Fairfield

2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert

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On Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3:00pm at St, Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2019 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries. As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Choir 4 Youth. To register, please contact the parish office or go to:

https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation to register directly. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited, please RSVP by April 25, 2019.