Mass Intentions for May 12th through May 20th, 2018

Sat.	5:00pm	Marie Liuzzo and Rose Mastri
Sun.	8:00am	Helene Packer and Anna Andras
	11:00am	All Mothers Living and Deceased
Mon.	7:30am	Liam Baker
Tues.	7:30am	Nancy Adriani
Wed.	7:30am	Michael Andras
Thurs.	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri.	7:30pm	Tami Lynn Fischer
Sat.	5:00pm	Sophie Radomski
Sun.	8:00am	Michael Murphy
	11:00am	Caryl G. Morgan

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection: Weekend collection 5/5 & 6 -\$4,946.50

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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 uition 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 homepage **3.** fill out the registration form.

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

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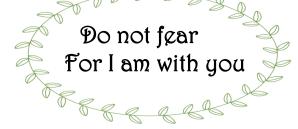
Ministry to the Homebound

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.



r/b the Malinowski family r/b Florence Andras

r/b the family r/b Veronica, Phil, Ann, Kate and Sara Adriani r/b his wife. Florence

r/b Veronica Adriani r/b Toni Grosso r/b the Cremin family r/b Robert and Sharon Graze

May 19 & 20, 2018 Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers Saturday 5:00pm K. Champagne D. Baker P. Martinich Sundav 8:00am D. Valovcin D. Valovcin J. & K Burris 11:00am B. Hommel C. Hommel J. Hommel

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

Lectors – Eucharistic Ministers and Alter Servers; It is time to get your summer schedules set even though it doesn't feel like summer - it is on the way! Our schedule will begin with June 9th and end on September 2nd. You can call 268-5838, Monday - Friday 9am-3:30pm or fax 203-459-4940 or email us: churchladies@optonline.net

Please Pray for the Sick

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

Walter Finick Christopher Vitale Angela Doescher Frank Lyons John Bucklev John Ilardo Marian Basso Michael Glowacki Matthew Cargill Richard Schwartz, Sr. Tony and Alice Martinich

Susan Williams Judith Christiansen Diane DiNapoli Siobhan Smith Joan McGrath

Lavon Robinson 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.





From the Lyons Den



Although Spring arrived, technically,

the weather recently has caused many to question the validity of that fact. And with the arrival of Spring, many of the rituals of that season have taken place or are going to take place. Here at Notre Dame, we were happy to celebrate the reception of Holy Communion by our third grade class. It was certainly a memorable day for all of them.

Our Religious Education classes concluded on the first of the month. We are grateful for another successful year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those volunteers who make the program possible, especially for their time and enthusiasm. My thanks as well, to Mrs. Patricia Steccato and Mrs. Michelle Rowe who both run the Office of Religious Education. They are already well underway planning for next year.

In the past few weeks I have been working to get our summer projects prioritized and lined up. As home owners the world over will attest to, the work is never done! This summer we need to have the chimney of the church mended because of some cracks that are allowing water into the building. There are also some plumbing issues in one of the bathrooms in the rectory that need to be addressed as well. The front steps of the rectory need to be replaced, but I'm holding off on that until the estimates come in and I can figure out if we have the money to get that done. So we continue to be a work in progress!

Finally, my prayers and best wishes to all who are celebrating Mother's Day, for all mother's, both living and deceased. On Thursday, May 3rd, my family observed the first anniversary of my mother's death. On that same day, four new trees were planted on the grounds of the rectory to replace four that had to be taken down. The four new trees are a gift to the parish from my family, in thanksgiving and gratitude for your prayers and support at the time of my mother's passing, as well as the many thereafter. We cannot adequately express our thanks and appreciation. Sincerely,

Fr. Lyons

The Women of Notre Dame News!

(Formerly the Ladies Council)

Save the Date

The Women of Notre Dame (formerly Ladies Council) Spring Dinner is Wednesday, June 6. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information.

~ + ~ ~ Easton ACTS — The Family Is Here!

The family sponsored by Easton ACTS (Easton Area Churches Together in Service) was scheduled to arrive last Wednesday! The family is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo but had been living in a refugee camp in Uganda. Volunteers from all of Easton's churches worked for two weeks to clean and set up an apartment in Bridgeport for the family. One of our ND parishioners donated the master bedroom furniture for the parents. And because of your generosity, our parish was able purchase carbon monoxide detectors, a new mattress set and all new bedding for the parent's bed, a crib mattress and crib bedding, curtains and curtain rods for the entire house, and baby proofing items (baby gates, outlet covers, oven door lock. etc.). Easton ACTS has committed to supporting this family for an entire year; it's not too late to help. Please make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Easton ACTS" in the memo. Checks can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory office. Thank you for your continued support!

+ + Come join other men and women for a

"Walk through the Bible"



The final class for this session will be held on Tuesday, June 5th at noon

in our lower level Church hall.

New or long-time "Bible Readers" welcome Each session includes "Reflective Reading" and discussion. Beverage and snacks provided + +

Baptism – 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

Religious Education

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

TEACHERS END-OF-YEAR PARTY

Our end-of-year party will be on Thursday evening, May 24th at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by May 18th. We hope you can join us!

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Completed home school materials were due May 1st, 2018.

2018-2019 REGISTRATION:

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 Religious Education classes were mailed on April 25th to all families currently registered in the Religious Ed Program for 2017-2018. If you have not received forms for your children, or if your child will be new to the program, blank registration forms are available in the Church vestibule.

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 to receive 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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May is the month dedicated to Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace The Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women And blessed is the fruit of thy women Jesus Holy Mary, mother of God Pray for us sinners now and at the hour Of our death, Amen

Northeast Catholic College – Warner NH

Grow in your Catholic faith while receiving a premier college education. Northeast Catholic College, located in beautiful New England, is committed to making it possible for all eligible students to finance their education. The college goes to great lengths to make our education affordable to families who feel it is out of reach. They have a rolling admissions policy and still have scholarship money available. Contact them through their website <u>www.northeastcatholic.edu</u> or by phone 603-456-2656.

<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.

TAG SALE

The Easton Senior Center, 650 Morehouse Road, Easton, will have a tag sale beginning May 14-May 23 from 8:00am-3:00pm and Friday, May 24th from 8:00am-12:00pm. Awesome treasures including: housewares, small electronics, clothing all ages/sizes, baby items, toys. Something for everyone! Questions please call the Easton Senior Center at 268-1145

<u>Sponsor Certificates</u>: We <u>cannot</u> give you a sponsor certificate unless you are a <u>registered</u> <u>member of the parish for at least 6 months</u> 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.

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Notre Dame High School - Fairfield will hold its second Annual Bacon and Brew Fest on Saturday, June 9th from noon - 4pm. Join them for an afternoon of beer sampling, food trucks, live music and fun! To purchase tickets please visit our website

https://notredamebaconandbrew2018.eventbrite.co m. For more information, please email Theresa Marzik at <u>tmarzik@notredame.org</u> or call <u>203-372-</u> <u>6521 ext. 242</u>. ~ ~ + ~ ~

Retail Vendors Wanted!

Notre Dame High School - Fairfield (home of the original Garlic Fest) is looking for retail vendors (arts, crafts, handmade items, direct sales, etc.) to exhibit and sell their products at the 2ndAnnual Bacon and Brew Fest on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The event will be held at Notre Dame High School from 12pm to 4 pm. For more information about vendor space, tickets, sponsorships, etc. please contact Theresa Marzik

at <u>tmarzik@notredame.org</u> or log on to the Bacon and Brew Fest website

at <u>www.ndbaconandbrew.com</u>.

THE ORIGINAL ST. ANTHONY FEAST AT ST.

MARGARET SHRINE, 2523 Park Ave., Bridgeport, on Friday, June 8 from 6 pm to 11 pm, Saturday, June 9 from 2 pm to 11 pm and Sunday, June 10 from 12 noon to 10 pm. The Feast is to support our beautiful Diocesan Shrine. On Sunday, June 10, we will have our Special Outdoor Mass at 11 am. It will be followed by a procession in honor of St. Anthony. Please come and support the only Shrine in the Diocese of Bridgeport. For more information, call the Shrine: 203.333.9627