

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 10, 2023  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*  
Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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## RECTORY OFFICE

640 Morehouse Road

Phone: 203-268-5838 Fax: 203-459-4940

Email: churchladies@optonline.net

Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
The Rectory Office is closed on Friday.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am

*No Mass on Friday*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm

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Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*  
Sikna Tito

Robert Gilmore, *Director of Music*  
203-268-5838

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (in the church)

Mrs. Patricia Steccato, *Director of Religious Ed.*  
203-261-5596 / ndore@optonline.net

Mrs. Rosemary Bilash, *Safe Environment Coord.*  
rbilash@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson  
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish  
Corporation  
Charles E. Welch

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Eucharistic Adoration  
Temporarily Suspended

Parish Nurse Program /  
Blood Pressure Screening  
Temporarily Suspended

First Friday Communion Calls  
or Anointing of the Sick  
Please call the Rectory office.

### Pre-Baptismal Classes

Please call the Rectory office to  
schedule a class.

### Baptisms

Please call the Rectory office to  
arrange Baptisms.

### Weddings

Please call the Rectory office at  
least one year in advance to  
arrange a wedding.

### Hospital Visits

Please notify the Rectory office  
concerning family members  
who are hospitalized.

### Parish Registration

Please call the Rectory office to  
register.



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# Mass Intentions for December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Second Sunday of Advent



Sat. 5:00pm	Maryanne Feenan	r/b John and Nancy Gavigan
Sun. 8:00pm	Harold Candee	r/b Bill and Dianne Hudson
11:00am	Vittore Signore	r/b the Family
Mon. 7:30am	William A. Baker, Jr.	r/b Pat and Ellen
Tues. 7:30am	Marie Killilea Irish	r/b her husband, Mike
Wed. 7:30am	Fannie Donofrio – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary	r/b the Family
Thurs. 7:30am	The Deceased of the Adriani Family	r/b the Family
Fri. 7:30am	NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm	Nicola DiCocco	r/b Benny and Lena Viselli
8:00am	Louis Pontillo	r/b Joe and Jean Tramontano
11:00am	Maddalena and John Albano	r/b Mary and Michael Larocca

### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

December 2 & December 3, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$ 567.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,045.00
11:00am	\$ 974.00
<b>Total Mass Collection</b>	<b>\$2,586.00</b>
<b>Other Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$1,340.00</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

**Thank You!**

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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;
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.

**Thank You!**

### 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 donation to the "Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the deceased & include this wish in the obituary notice.

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Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

**Alvaro Cortina**

brother of Nancy Bassani & Elsie Naylor



WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

### Please Pray for the Sick



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

Susan Williams	Alison Raver	Leah Ambrose
Christopher Vitale	Eleanor Baldyga	Sal DiNardo
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Hobie Summers
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	John Cahill
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	Marie Labarbera
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	Jerry Millbauer

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email [churchladies@optonline.net](mailto:churchladies@optonline.net), or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.

### Rectory Office Hours

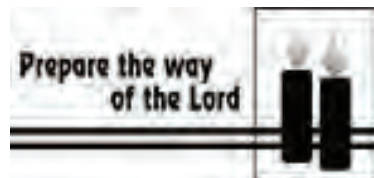
The Rectory Office hours are:  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00am to 3:30pm.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass  
**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

### Parish Registration

We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by, or call the Rectory office, (203 268-5838), to officially register. Our office hours are 9am to 3:30pm Monday thru Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



## Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 10am-4pm

Other times by appointment: (203) 261-5596

[ndore@optonline.net](mailto:ndore@optonline.net)

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements for receiving First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.



### Christmas Gift Bags for Women of Caroline House Collecting Travel-Size Items



*Because of the generosity of our parishioners, for the last two years we were able to give Christmas Gift Bags to each of the women students at Caroline House. We are planning to give the Christmas bags again this year, but we need your help! We are collecting travel-size and sample-size items to include in the Christmas gift bags: **body wash, hand lotion, cosmetics, and perfume.** Items should be **new, unopened, and not expired.** There are **75 women students at Caroline House.** The contents of the bags do not have to be the same; each bag can be unique. Please drop off any donated items in the Notre Dame Parish kitchen in the lower Church hall and them in the box labeled **“Caroline House”.***



## Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



**Thank you for all you do!**

We are always in need for toilet paper and paper towels (any kind) and toiletries i.e.: 2/1 Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, etc.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

**They have asked for travel size toiletries so that the volunteers can make up bags for the clients!**

Food suggestions: Chef Boyardee canned pasta or the store brand is fine. Spaghetti sauce in preferably plastic jars or cans. Cereal is always needed, but **NOT the Giant Boxes** please. Rice is always needed, but please. **NOT the 20lb. bags.** (It is hard for them to separate Giant or huge size items.)

### The Pantry can always use:

Beans (no green beans please)  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,  
Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

\*Please bring your donations to Notre Dame's kitchen in the lower church hall. \*

**Blessed Sacrament Church is the only food pantry on the East side of Bridgeport.**

As you know the cost of food has risen so much. Anything you can do is **GREATLY** appreciated!

### Parish Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm

### Brooklawn Country Club

This special evening includes reception with passed appetizers, beer and wine throughout the evening, dinner (salad, entree, dessert), and a raffle table. **The dinner is \$110. per person, all inclusive.** Questions: [mklwelch@optonline.net](mailto:mklwelch@optonline.net) **RSVP no later than Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> to Mary Welch, 82 Tranquility Drive, Easton.** Please make checks payable to “Notre Dame of Easton” with “Christmas Dinner” in the Memo. Appropriate holiday attire ~ adults only.





## Notre Dame Parish Giving Tree

The tags on the Notre Dame Parish Giving Tree

benefit Caroline House parishioners from St. Charles and St. George Parish in Bridgeport.

Please take a tag off the tree, purchase the item on the tag (NEW items only), and wrap the gift, attaching the original tag.

Please bring the gift to Notre Dae Church and place it under the Giving Tree by **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### 2023

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass - only  
*(counts for Sunday)*

#### Sunday:

Christmas Eve  
December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm Vigil Mass  
6:00pm Vigil Mass  
*(counts for Christmas)*

#### Monday:

Christmas Day  
December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Mass - only

#### Tuesday:

December 26<sup>th</sup>

No morning Mass  
All offices closed



### 2024

### New Year's Mass Schedule

#### Monday:

January 1, 2024

7:30am Mass

*(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)*



*Wishing you a Happy, Healthy,  
Blessed New Year!*



### Easton Senior Center's

### Gift & Holiday Boutique

November 13<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>

Weekdays only: 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Boutique features quality items for kids, pets, hostess gifts, housewares, lamps, spa products, jewelry, designer bags, puzzles, gadgets, holiday wreaths and décor.

Stop in and do your holiday shopping locally and support the **Easton Senior Center!**

Cash or Checks accepted.



## Let the shopping Begin!



### Thank You for the Winter Coat Donations!

Thank you to everyone who donated new and used winter coats during the winter coat drive! We took **dozens** of coats to **St. Charles** and were greeted by people waiting to receive them.

The coats were urgently needed and are very much appreciated. If you still have coats to donate, **please do not** leave them in the parish hall; you can contact **St. Charles Borromeo Parish Outreach** directly or email Jeanine Pagliaro: [jjpagliaro01@optonline.net](mailto:jjpagliaro01@optonline.net).



MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Calendar of Events

#### \* Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:

Christmas Dinner at Brooklawn Country Club

#### \* Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:

Giving Tree gifts are due back to Notre Dame for distribution

#### \* Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am Mass:

Living Creche and Children's Liturgy,  
Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and  
Coffee & Donuts

#### \* Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>:

Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 11:00 Masses



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

In Loving Memory

**Mary Ann Rosenbaum**  
July 24, 1945 - September 22, 2021

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O Lord, and let perpetual  
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**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory office, to arrange for a Baptism – 203-268-5838, Monday thru Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm. A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior to the Baptism of their 1<sup>st</sup> child. **Please take note:** It is a requirement for at least 1 Godparent to be able to get a sponsor certificate from the Church that they are registered in. A Sponsor Certificate is a letter/form from their church stating that they are a parishioner in good standing.

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**Sponsor Certificates:** We **CANNOT** give you a **Sponsor Eligibility Certificate** unless you are a **registered member of the parish for at least 6 months** and attend Mass regularly.

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**Office of Safe Environments:**  
**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**  
The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an incident of abuse or misconduct go to: /safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-abuse-or-misconduct).

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