

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL STAFF

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

RECTORY OFFICE

640 Morehouse Road

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Email: churchladies@optonline.net

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

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

Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*
Sikna Tito

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

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

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish
Corporation
Charles E. Welch

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 16th through December 24th, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



Sat.	5:00pm Nicola DiCocco	r/b Benny and Lena Viselli
Sun.	8:00pm Louis Pontillo	r/b Joe and Jean Tramontano
	11:00am Maddalena and John Albano	r/b Mary and Michael Larocca
Mon.	7:30am William A. Baker, Jr.	r/b Rick and Lisa Albertelli
Tues.	7:30am Diana Petrella	r/b the Nardo and DiMango Families
Wed.	7:30am Msgr. Thomas Driscoll-5 th Anniversary	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs.	7:30am David Stanczyk	r/b the Family
Fri.	7:30am NO MASS	
Sat.	5:00pm Marie Liuzzo	r/b the Malinowski Family
	8:00am Joe Zahornacky	r/b Barbara Pulie
	11:00am NO MASS	

Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: December 9 & December 10, 2023

Saturday	5:00pm	\$1,355.00
Sunday	8:00am	\$ 905.00
	11:00am	\$1,190.00
Total Mass Collection		\$3,450.00
Other Offertory		\$1,330.00
Online Giving		\$1,485.00
Capital Improvements		\$ 535.00

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

Gary Flynn
brother of Patty Steccato



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, 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

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 2nd grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3rd 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 9th Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7th and 8th 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 a 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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.





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 Dame Church and place it under the **Giving Tree** by **Saturday, December 16th**.



Easton Senior Center's

Gift & Holiday Boutique

November 13th – December 20th

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!



Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry



is in need of **Tuna Fish!**



Christmas Mass Schedule

2023

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent
December 24th

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

Sunday:

Christmas Eve
December 24th

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

Monday:

Christmas Day
December 25th

10:00am Mass – only

Tuesday:

December 26th

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!**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	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	1	2	3	4	5	6

Calendar of Events

*Saturday, December 16th:

Giving Tree gifts are due back to Notre Dame for distribution

*Sunday, December 17th – 11:00am Mass:

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



*Sunday, January 7th and February 4th:

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





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



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Memory



Mary Ann Rosenbaum
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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 1st 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.

Office of Safe Environments:
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring
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