

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



FEBRUARY 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

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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*

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. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*
churchladies@optonline.net

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Philip Adriani, Jr.

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Philip Adriani, Jr.,
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 February 25th through March 5th, 2023

Sat. 5:00pm Kevin Visokay r/b the family
 Sun. 8:00am Phillip James Liuzzo r/b the Malinowski Family
 11:00am Tom Chrzanowski r/b Elaine Lavallee
 Mon. 7:30am Women of Notre Dame, r/b the Pastor
 Living and Deceased
 Tues. 7:30am Living & Deceased Sisters of Mercy,
 Brooklyn Regional Community
 Wed. 7:30am Parishhioners Living and Deceased
 Thurs. 7:30am All Souls Day Intentions
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm Robert Baird r/b Gene and Fran Radomski
 Sun. 8:00am Veronica Adriani r/b the family
 11:00am Lorenzo, Lucia, and r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family
 Gaetano Liburdi Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

February 18th and 19th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$ 727.00
 Sunday 8:00am \$1,015.00
 11:00am \$ 892.00
 Total Mass Collection \$2,634.00
 Other Offertory \$ 450.00
 Capital Improvements \$ 200.00
 Online Giving \$1,625.00
 Earthquake Collection \$ 671.00

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.

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	Angela Doescher	Ed Kovac
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
Alfred Fressola	Gabrella Reitmeyer	George Adams
Corrine Marsicano	Anne Fiyalka	A Friend
Jennifer Durgin	Gina LaPan	Patricia Murray
Sal DiNardo	Shirley Russo	Carmen Cavanagh
Eleanor Baldyga	Laura Banke	
Richard Hudson		

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.

LENT
 Pray + Fast + Give

Religious Education

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

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Religious Ed classes began Monday evening, October 3rd for our 8th grade students and Tuesday, October 4th for our students at SSES and HKMS.

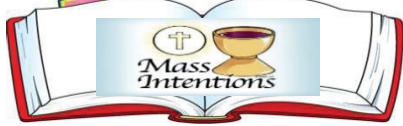
EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Eighth Grade Religious Ed classes are held in the Church on Monday evenings from 6:45pm-8:00pm.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of preparation, beginning in first grade.

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Our **2023 Mass Book** is open. Please call the Rectory office to schedule your Masses for the year, and as needed.

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!!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!!

The Second Annual
CONNECTICUT
MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
12:00pm-Speaker Rally at Capitol
1:00pm – *March for Life* around
Bushnell Park
Visit CTMarchforlife.org for
up-to-date information and to
register.



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.
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!

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Ash Wednesday ~ February 22, 2023

Ashes will be distributed during the 7:30am morning Mass and during the Liturgy of the Word Service at 12 noon.



Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent with the following schedule:

<u>7:00pm:</u>	February 24
	March 10
	March 24
	April 7 - Good Friday
 <u>12noon:</u>	
	March 3
	March 17
	March 31



Wednesday April 5 No Morning Mass

*Holy Thursday April 6 7:00pm Mass
(No morning Mass)*

Good Friday April 7 3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday April 8 12:00 noon Blessing of the Easter Food

Easter Vigil Mass April 8 8:00pm

*Easter Sunday April 9 9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass*

Easter Monday April 10 No Morning Mass



Study the Bible with us



Notre Dame of Easton's Bible Study

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join our group as we read and discuss the *Gospel according to John*. We meet in the lower Church Hall every other Tuesday from

11am until 12:30pm.

We will begin our first meeting of the new year on **January 24th** with *John Chapter 5*.

Subsequent meetings will be:

March 7th

March 21st

April 4th

April 18th

No experience is necessary.

Just bring an open heart.

Come read, share, ask questions, and pray.



Loaves & Fishes Collection:

Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday

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 change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church and near the elevator. Together we can enhance our

Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and Donating the cost of those meals. If you prefer, you may drop a check into the jar or mail it to the Rectory. Please make checks payable to "Notre Dame of Easton" with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo.

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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:

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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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