

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MARCH 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL STAFF

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

RECTORY OFFICE

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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 March 25th through April 2nd, 2023

Sat. 5:00pm Carmine Donofrio – 2nd Anniversary r/b the family
 Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor r/b the family
 11:00am Gerard Flynn r/b the family
 Mon. 7:30am Elvira Gilbertie r/b Marie and Sal Gilbertie
 Tues. 7:30am Rita Quatrella r/b Parish of Notre Dame
 Wed. 7:30am Judith Christiansen r/b Parish of Notre Dame
 Thurs. 7:30am Ernie and Irene Cook r/b Parish of Notre Dame
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm Eloise Magnoni r/b Gene and Fran Radomski
 Sun. 8:00am Mary Jane Gardella r/b the Lyons Family
 11:00am Angelina Signore r/b the famiy



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: March 18th and 19th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$2,164.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 801.00
11:00am	\$1,079.00
Total Mass Collection	\$4,044.00
Other Offertory	\$ 525.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$1,505.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 275.00

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.

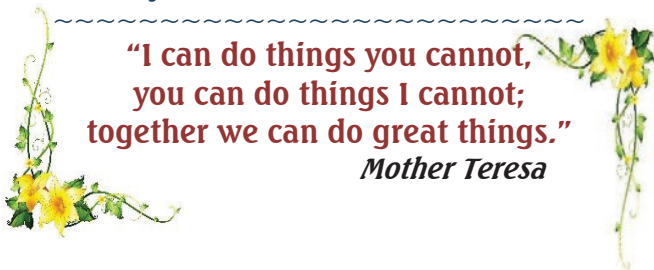
If you have any questions please call:
 (800) 348-2886, option #2.

Thank You!

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



**"I can do things you cannot,  
 you can do things I cannot;  
 together we can do great things."**

*Mother Teresa*

### 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](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)

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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

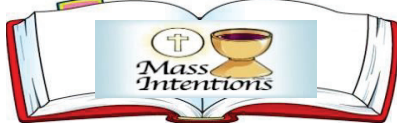
## EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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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## Adore 365

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X**  
St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

With our **Adore 365** effort we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week. If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please email

[saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com](mailto:saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com).

Include your full name and phone #.  
Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

St Pius X

834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT



# 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.

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!



## Donut & Coffee Sunday

Please join us next Sunday,  
April 2, 2023

after the 8:00am Mass,  
lower Church hall

for coffee, donuts, tea, juice,  
and visiting with old friends and  
making new ones.

The donuts are delicious and the

The Rectory office will be closed on  
Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The office will reopen on  
Wednesday at 9:00am.

**PLEASE NOTE**



## 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.

### Meetings will be:

April 4<sup>th</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

No experience is necessary.

Just bring an open heart.

Come read, share, ask questions, and pray.

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

12noon: March 31

7:00pm: April 7 - Good Friday



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*



## 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.

**Thank you!**



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

### Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.



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**Lazarus, come out!**

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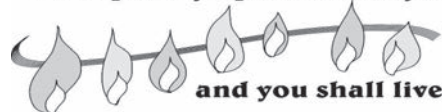
**Sponsor Certificates:** We **CANNOT** give  
you a *Sponsor Eligibility Certificate* unless  
you are a **registered member of the parish**  
**for at least 6 months** and attend Mass  
regularly.

**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).

**I will put my Spirit within you**



**and you shall live**

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