

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



APRIL 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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. 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 April 1st through April 9th, 2023

Sat. 5:00pm Eloise Magnoni
 Sun. 8:00am Mary Jane Gardella
 11:00am Angelina Signore
 Mon. 7:30am C.J. O'Connor – 4th Anniversary
 Tues. 7:30am Helen Francischiello
 Wed. 7:30am **NO MASS**
 Thurs. 7:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 Fri. 7:30am **NO MASS**
 3:00pm Passion of the Lord
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Sat. 12:00 noon Blessing of the Easter Food
 8:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 Sun. 9:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased
 11:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased

r/b Gene and Fran Radomski
 r/b the Lyons Family
 r/b the family
 r/b Dylan Rooney
 r/b Parish of Notre Dame



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

March 25th and 26th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,235.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,019.72
11:00am	\$2,247.22
Total Mass Collection	\$4,501.94
Other Offertory	\$ 715.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$1,080.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 519.00

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.

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.

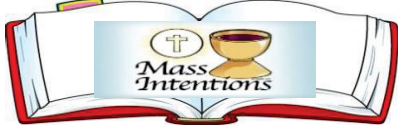
EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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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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.

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



Feeding the Community

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 this 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 company is priceless!

Please Join Us



HOLY WEEK

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.

Meetings will be:

April 4th

April 18th

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:

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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 2, 2023

"And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'the Master has need of them.'...Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Interesting the statement 'the Master has need of them.' There is a reversal of roles, for God does not need us, but we have a never ending need of Him. That is why we begin the solemn week, not for His sake, but for ours.

We embark on a week we call holy, but through our prayer, sacrifice and action, we make these days truly holy. As I reflect upon the words of Paul, a hymn of the early church, I am forced to consider how great was the Father's love in sending Jesus as our needed Savior and as He poured out His blood for us, He gave it all, because we needed it. He became one of us, except for sin, to rescue us and bring us back to the Father, who was and is waiting for us to respond. The reversal of roles also includes the fact the 'Master has need of us' to continue His mission. Are you ready?



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!



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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.

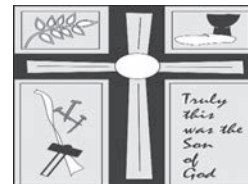
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Sponsor Certificates: We CANNOT give you a Sponsor Eligibility Certificate unless you are a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly.

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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