

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MAY 7, 2023  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

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## 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

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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 May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat. 5:00pm Marie Liuzzo and Rose Mastri r/b the Malinowski Family  
 Sun. 8:00pm James P. Toner r/b the Toner Family  
 11:00am Domenico, Rosa, & Carmine Savone r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family  
 Mon. 7:30am Michael Andras r/b his wife Florence  
 Tues. 7:30am Deceased Members of the Carducci Family r/b Dolores Nardo  
 Wed. 7:30am Mary Kate McGoldrick r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie  
 Thurs. 7:30am Liam Baker r/b the Family  
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS  
 Sat. 5:00pm All Mothers Living and Deceased  
 Sun. 8:00am All Mothers Living and Deceased  
 11:00am All Mothers Living and Deceased



### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,142.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 755.00
11:00am	\$1,460.00
<b>Total Mass Collection</b>	<b>\$3,357.00</b>
Other Offertory	\$ 335.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 310.00
Online Giving	\$1,390.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 316.00

**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!**

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.

### 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	Eleanor Baldyga
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	Anne Fiyalka
A Friend	Carmen Cavanagh	
Jennifer Durgin	Gina LaPan	Patricia Murray
Sal DiNardo	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.

Share Your Faith!



# 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.

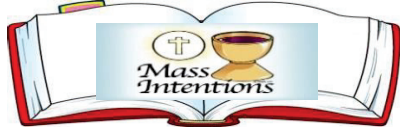
## EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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** has openings. Please call the Rectory office to schedule your Masses for the year, and as needed.

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## 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** ever other Tuesday from **11am until 12:30pm**.

### **Meetings will be:**

May 16

May 30

June 13 — our last meeting for the season.

No experience needed.  
Just bring an open heart.



# 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!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Ed Kovac**

husband of Gloria

and

**Raymond Martin, Sr.**

father of Ray

May they rest in peace.

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## Donut & Coffee Sunday

*Please join us this Sunday,*

*May 7, 2023*

*after the 8:00am Mass,*

*lower Church hall*

*for coffee, donuts, and juice.*



**COME AND JOIN US!**

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

### The Thomas Merton Center

The soup kitchen provides breakfast and lunch to guests every weekday and 5 days of nutritious meals are provided through the Eat Smart food pantry every week. Other services include a shower program, a mail program, case management, support groups and referrals.

Contact Bill Colson, Director, at 203-367-9036 or bcolson@ccfc-ct.org.

### Immigration Services

Provides affordable counseling and legal assistance on immigration related cases and accredited representation at USCIS immigration appointments.

Contact Alex Arevalo, Program Manager, for appointments call 203-416-1322 or email CCFC-immigrationOffice@ccfc-ct.org.

### Community Advocacy Program (CAP)

Staff is available to help identify resources and provide support to help meet basic needs.

Contact Kristine Paz, Community Resource Advocate, at 203-339-2191 or kpaz@ccfc-ct.org.

### SNAP Outreach

Staff will assist clients with submitting applications and documentation for SNAP (food stamps) benefits.

Contact Patty Blanco, Case Manager, at 203-585-7288 or pblanco@ccfc-ct.org.

### Housing Services

Provides strengths-based case management services for formerly homeless families placed in subsidized housing.

Referrals are made through 2-1-1.

### Family Directions: Adoption and Pregnancy Counseling Services

Provides pregnancy counseling and services to families interested in growing their family by adoption.

Contact Amy Zajac, Director, at 203-416-1336 or azajac@ccfc-ct.org.

### Furniture Ministry

Provides basic needs furniture to an individual/family for their apartment or house to help create a home.

Contact Ford Smith, Program Manager, at 475-319-1469 or FSmith@ccfc-ct.org.

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## Community Advocacy Program (CAP)



Catholic Charities Community Advocacy Program is one of the newest services we offer. This program was created to provide residents of Fairfield County with a hand-up when facing difficult situations and to connect them with resources in their local area. People can call our Community Resource Advocate and participate in a brief telephone interview to determine how we can best help.

### Services:

- Short term Case Management Services
- Assistance with applying for benefits
- Food Resources
- Assistance with research and referrals to potential financial assistance programs
- Utility Resources and Assistance
- Furniture and Clothing Referrals
- Advocacy, Information, and Referrals to other Catholic Charities Programs



**Who to Contact:**  
Kristine Paz  
203-339-2191  
kpaz@ccfc-ct.org

**Location:**  
120 East Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Norwalk, CT 06851

**Program Hours:**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm

[www.ccfairfield.org](http://www.ccfairfield.org)



(203) 416-1503

238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606

Catholic Charities is one of the largest private social service providers in Connecticut, offering assistance throughout the 23 towns in the Bridgeport Diocese. We put faith into action to comfort, care for, and advocate for all people in crisis by strengthening the vulnerable and promoting self-sufficiency.

## Mission

To help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives. We provide supportive services that enable families to rise up out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

## Vision

Catholic Charities envisions a Fairfield County where all individuals have the basic necessities – food, shelter, and support – in order to reach their full potential as healthy, educated, and self-sufficient individuals.

## Services

Our programs feed the hungry and homeless, shelter the homeless, strengthen families, assist the physically and emotionally challenged, and deliver consultation and assistance to immigrants. We serve all people without regard to age, race, religion, or ability to pay.

## Community Support Program



The Catholic Charities Community Support Program is funded by the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) and is contracted to provide skill building and life skill services to adults with psychiatric disabilities in the Greater Danbury area. Our services are trauma sensitive and culturally competent. The program teaches, coaches & educates clients in the community. We provide support & advocacy on behalf of the client when needs change or are not being met. Some of the services and resources obtained include: skill building, social integration into the community, entitlements disability benefits, housing, clinical connections, medical treatment, substance abuse treatment, employment support, education & rehabilitation services.

### Services:

- The program works with clients face to face in the community, natural settings and their homes.
- We develop individualized recovery plans formulated by the clients themselves on goal setting, personal empowerment, socialization, independent living skills with a focus on quality of life.
- The program teaches, coaches, educates and provides support & advocacy on behalf of the client.
- In addition to one on one support, we also offer support through groups, classes and community based activities.
- Clients self-determine their care with the program and are active participants.
- Clients build relationships with natural supports, family, and friends and in the community.
- Clients reach personal goals and benchmarks of learning through practice and support.
- Clients are empowered to "graduate" from the program with sustained life skills.



**Who to Contact**  
Charlie Coretto  
(203) 748-0848 ext. 226 or ccoretto@ccfc-ct.org  
Fax: (203) 796-0046

Request our services through the Western Connecticut Mental Health Network: (203) 448-3200.

**Location:**  
24 Grassy Plain Street Bethel, CT 06801

**Program Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

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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:**

**DIocese of Bridgeport**

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring  
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