

Second
SUNDAY OF

LENT

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MARCH 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher J. Ford, *Pastor*
Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*
Richard Scinto, *Deacon*

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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 through Thursday: 7:30 am
No Mass on Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Sikna Tito, *Office Manager*

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PARISH INFORMATION

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**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 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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**This is my Son, whom I have
chosen; listen to him.**

LUKE 9:35

Mass Intentions

MARCH 14, THROUGH MARCH 23, 2025

Sat. 5:00pm	Joseph Giorgio Sr.	r/b the Giogrio Family
Sun. 8:00am	Mario & Maria Cortina	r/b the Family
11:00am	Anna & Nicola Mazzonna	r/b the Signore Family
Mon. 7:30am	Vilma Kane	r/b Sheri & the Family
Tues. 7:30am	Jane Hermann	r/b Rev. Ford
Wed. 7:30am	Parishioners Living & Deceased	
Thurs. 7:30am	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life	
Fri. 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat. 5:00pm	Charles & Phyllis Ingrassi	r/b Rose Giorgio
Sun. 8:00am	Alvaro Cortina	r/b Ettore mancini
11:00am	John A. Albano	r/b Teresa DiCocco

PLEASE Pray FOR THE SICK
 The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers:

- Alice Martinich
- Pat Perrotta
- George Adams
- Vincent Esposito
- Ava Link
- Corrine Marsicano
- Douglas Fedorko
- Mary Lou Bassani
- Leeann McHugh
- Susan Williams
- Leah Ambrose
- Christopher Vitale
- Eleanor Baldyga
- Sal DiNardo
- Siobhan Smith
- Caryl Besescheck
- Michael DiJulio
- Mary Majcherek
- Dan Pease
- Shirley Russo

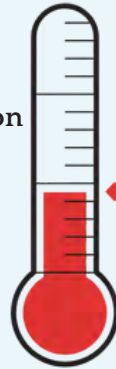
If you would like to place someone on the prayer list please email: office@ndeaston.org.

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection for:
March 8, and 9, 2025

Saturday	5:00pm	951.00
Sunday	8:00am	1,253.00
	11:00am	1,967.00
Other Offertory		1,185.00
Online Giving		1,421.00
Total Weekly Collection \$		6,777.00



\$54,100



Notre Dame of Easton
 2025 Bishop's
 Appeal Goal



Thank you in advance for your generosity!

To contribute to our goal, simply select Notre Dame Parish - Easton under the "Parish" dropdown. Your support makes a difference!



Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinners

Join us every Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent for the Stations of the Cross, with special Lenten Dinners following on **March 21** and **April 11**.
 Come reflect, share a meal, and grow together in faith during this sacred season.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

Our future priests receive exceptional formation, support, and education as they pursue their call to serve God and His Church. Over a process that typically takes between seven and nine years, our men are formed in the spiritual life, pastoral care, and self-knowledge. They are instructed in the rich history of our Catholic theological tradition, ultimately leading to a master's degree in theology before Ordination.

Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18: God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1: Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36: Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

Faith Formation Highlights

Elementary's March 25th class will consist of a **Teaching Mass for the Annunciation-- and we invite families to join us in the Church at 4pm for this experience!**

Next **Confirmation** session will be this **Monday, April 7th**. Sponsor Forms, Saint projects and Works of Mercy are Due on April 7th. Please bring your work or documents to the Parish Office or to class anytime between now and then!

Next **First Communion** sessions will be **Sunday, March 23rd and April 6th** at 9:30-10:30am in the Parish Hall. April 6th will include a rehearsal and a parent is required to attend with each student. Donuts will follow from 10:30-10:50am, and the whole family is welcome to join for this and stay to attend the 11am Mass together! Not required but strongly encouraged.

Registration for Faith Formation for the 2025-2026 school year will open on April 1st! Registration and payments will be moved online this year. We look forward to having your student(s) with us again next year! We hope especially that many of our high schoolers will join us for monthly "ND YOUTH" nights here on our own campus, in addition to the weekly Fairfield Life Teen gatherings.



A Huge Thank You!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made our Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner a success! A special thank you to all our amazing volunteers who gave their time and energy to set up, cook, serve, and clean up—you made this event possible! We are also grateful for everyone who attended and shared in the fellowship. Thank you!

Fairfield Life Teen

Life Teen Events
Sunday evenings from
6:30pm-8:00pm

March 16, 2nd Sunday of Lent:

9 till 5: Corporal Works of Mercy + Service Project (almsgiving)

March 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent:

Choir practice: Angels (and demons) among us

March 30, Laetare Sunday:

ADORATION at *Notre Dame in Easton*

April 6, 4th Sunday of Lent:

How the Church has changed the world: Catholic Hall(owed) of Fame

April 13 Palm Sunday:

Jewish Roots of the Catholic Church

April 20: No Meeting, Easter

Parishes in the Fairfield/Easton Deanery have teamed up to host Life Teen for high school students. For more information and to see a full calendar of activities and events, visit www.fairfieldlt.com or email Bill.Staley@SeatonCollaborative.org.

FOLLOW ME TO THE CROSS

Bishop Caggiano
Invites our high school youth to a Lenten Encounter.

ONE Lenten DAY

- Mass
- Lunch
- Live Stations of the Cross
- Confessions
- Visio Divina ("Divine Seeing")
- An Inspirational Bishop Reflection
- Praise & Worship Eucharistic Adoration

Event fee \$30
Scholarships Available

SCAN ME

Saint Joseph High School
2320 Huntington Turnpike
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

Saturday, April 5th
12:00pm/5:00pm



**Loaves and Fishes Spare Change Collection:
Ash Wednesday Through Easter Sunday, April 20**

Fasting during the Lenten season creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit, deepens our compassion for others, and enriches our Lenten journey as we acknowledge our sins and prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the great joy of Easter. As you fast during Lent, please consider dropping your spare change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church. Together we can give up meals and donate the cost of those meals; all donations go to Catholic Charities. If you prefer, you can drop a check into the jar or mail it to the rectory office; please make checks payable to "Notre Dame of Easton" with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo. Thank you!



Food Collection

A SPIRITUAL SPA
Come to the Living Waters

WINE: Catholic Women's Conference
St. Matthew's, Norwalk CT
April 12, 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hartford HealthCare
St. Vincent's Medical Center

St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport needs your help! Our hospital gift shop is seeking volunteers (over the age of 20 years old) to help assist staff, patients and visitors with finding the right gift for their loved one. Even a few hours weekly makes a meaningful difference. Contact the Volunteer Services Manager, Ellen Muentener for more information - ellen.muentener@hhchealth.org or 9177441237.

Help nourish our neighbors! **Blessed Sacrament** is the ONLY food pantry on the East Side of Bridgeport, and they serve approximately 600 families each week!



There is an ongoing, urgent need for PROTEIN based food items like **canned tuna, salmon, cans of Spam, Vienna Sausages canned beef ravioli, small jars of peanut butter and all varieties of canned beans.**

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-Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection-

For Easter in addition to our usual non-perishable food items, from now until Easter we're collecting Easter items! Please consider donating **bags of individually wrapped Easter candy** (no loose candy, please), **small Easter basket items** (toys, stickers, etc.), **baskets**, and **basket grass**. Please drop off any Easter donations in the church kitchen in the box labeled "Easter Donations for Blessed Sacrament." Blessed Sacrament will take as many Easter baskets as we can assemble! *Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*

Non-perishable needs include ALL travel size toiletry items.



There is a current need for new or gently used gloves, especially adult sizes.



Please bring your donations to the kitchen in the lower church hall. **Please** do not leave your donations outside of church.

All donations are welcomed and appreciate!

Thank you

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HEARTFELT **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 6:00PM

All married couples in our parish are warmly invited to join us on Saturday, April 12 at 6:30pm for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. The evening will begin in the Church with Evening Prayer, followed by a reflection from Fr. Ford on the beauty of marriage within the life of the Church.

We will then have time for fellowship, cocktails, and heavy appetizers in the Church Hall, along with a reflection on marriage from fellow parishioners.

To ensure enough food and refreshments, RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Please email events@ndeaston.org if you and your spouse are able to attend!



From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

During the retreat with Fr. Richard Veras this past week, there were many gems and thought provoking reflections. One, however, stood out to me in particular: "God is not power. God has power. He can reveal himself without power, like a baby in a manger or a man on a cross, or in the appearance of Bread and Wine without it being a humiliation. God has power. But God IS love. He can never reveal Himself without love, whether as a baby in a manger or a man on a cross or in the appearance of Bread and Wine."

When we embark on our Lenten journey, the fasting and penance can make us think, at times, that we are trying to "appease" a judgmental or vengeful God, trying, like the people of Ninevah to somehow stay His hand of punishment, with no certainty of success.

The truth is, that in the gift of Lent, we open ourselves up to the love of God already shown to us on the Cross. The Paschal Mystery is the assurance of what God already thinks of us – and what He thinks of us is that He loves us. Lent is about opening ourselves up to that love in its most concrete form, mercy.

I encourage you during this holy season to consider how you can open yourself up even more to how God loves you – even in the midst of your sins and struggle. Specifically, I invite you to consider this the time that you return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether it has been 10 days or 10 years, we come to the Sacrament not to be shamed by our sins, but so that you can hear how God responds to them – with his love!

God wants to reveal His love to you. Let him – wherever, however, whenever you can.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Tuesday, March 18, 12:30pm
Women of Notre Dame Meeting and Lunch

Tuesday, March 18, 6:45pm - 8pm
Festival Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 20, 7:30pm
COR: Men's Ministry Meeting

Friday, March 21, 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinner

Sunday, March 30, 6:30pm
Life Teen: Laetare Sunday: ADORATION

Sunday, April 6
Coffee & Donut Sunday
after the 8am & 11am Mass

Friday, April 11, 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross & Lenten Dinner

Saturday, April 12, 6:00pm
Marriage Encounter

Monday, April 14, 3pm-9pm
Reconciliation Monday at St. Thomas in
Fairfield

- Prayer List Updates -

Please kindly take a moment email or call the parish office to update the prayer list by letting us know if anyone should be removed, as they are no longer in need of prayer or are no longer sick. If you know of someone who is currently ill or in need of prayers, please feel free to add their name to the list. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

NOTRE DAME FESTIVAL CHOIR!

Calling all adults of the Parish who would like to join the new Festival Choir. Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesdays beginning March 18th** as we prepare to sing at the **11:00 AM Easter Mass on April 20th**. No skilled musical knowledge is necessary to join, just a willingness to sing with others!

First rehearsal reminder:

March 18, from 6:45PM to 8:00 PM

For additional questions please contact
Rob Gilmore at rgilmore@ndeaston.org



Women of Notre Dame FREE Luncheon and Meeting Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m.
All parish women are invited to a **free luncheon** on Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Our special guest, **Margit Buonicore**, will discuss **The Red Boots: A Grandmother's Story**, the book she co-authored and illustrated. Please RSVP by March 16 to ensure enough food. Contact Jeanine Pagliaro at 203-259-5916 or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.
If you'd like a copy of the book in advance, let Jeanine know when you RSVP.

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