

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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*

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 &
Mary L. 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 December 17th through December 25th, 2022

Sat. 5:00pm Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo
 Sun. 8:00am Peter and Rosemary Prevelige
 11:00am Cecelia Campbell – 10th Anniversary
 Mon. 7:30am Larry Sheehan
 Tues. 7:30am Joseph Peloso, IV
 Wed. 7:30am Kevin Visokay
 Thurs. 7:30am Florence Seltenrich
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS

r/b the Malinowski Family
 r/b the Poudya Family
 r/b Frank and Jeanine Pagliaro
 r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
 r/b the family
 r/b the family
 r/b her daughter, Sherie



Christmas Eve ~ December 24th

Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 6:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Christmas Day ~ December 25th

Sun. 9:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased
 11:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

December 10th & 11th, 2022

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,240.50
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 931.00
11:00am	\$1,001.15
Total Mass Collection	\$3,172.65
Other Offertory	\$1,475.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 85.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 51.00
Retired Religious	\$ 361.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 364.00
Online Giving	\$ 815.00

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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**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    | Stuart Rudnick     | 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.

## Children's Liturgy / Living Creche

This month's **Children's Liturgy** will be celebrated by Fr. Lyons on Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at the **11:00am Mass**.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be the hosts. The **Living Creche** will be presented by the Second Grader at that Mass.



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Please join us after Mass & the Living Creche downstairs in the church hall for a visit from **Santa & Mrs. Clause!**

**Join Us**



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00pm

6:00pm

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00am

11:00am



Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
No Mass

All parish offices are closed.



### New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00pm

### New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00am

11:00am

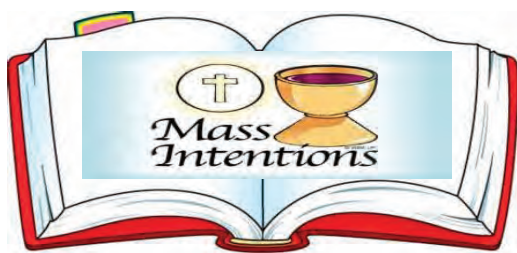


Monday, January 2, 2023

No Mass


All parish offices are closed.





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



| Notre Dame Parish                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 2022 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/09/2022                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ABA Goal:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$54,100                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Total Pledged:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$45,765 (85%)                                                                                                                                                              |
| Donors to Date:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 112 Donors                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Please join as a parish family to meet our Appeal goal. So much depends on it. Without the support of every parishioner, we simply will not achieve our overall goal, and that translates into fewer people served by our schools, houses of hospitality, counseling programs, and formation programs. |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at <a href="http://2022BishopsAppeal.org">2022BishopsAppeal.org</a> , call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone. |



## 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!



## Christmas Blessings Mix



- Bugles:** Bring us the joyful message of the Heavenly Host, announcing peace on earth, good will to men.
- Pretzels:** Symbol of a mother's loving arms; as Mary wrapped her Son in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger.
- Red Hots:** Red berries that decorate the holly plant, a reminder of eternal life and Christ's redemption.
- Nuts or seeds:** Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.
- Dried fruits:** Remind us of the rich gifts brought by the Wise Men.
- M&Ms:** Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.
- Hershey's Kiss:** The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.
- Candy Canes:** Represents the shape of the shepherd's crook, used to bring lost lambs back to the fold.

## Christmas Dinner Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Love brought Jesus to the earth,  
and love brings us to this Christmas table.

Today as we share this holiday feast, may  
our Christmas dinner be filled with kindness.

And may the memories of today warm our hearts  
for years to come. Amen.



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**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory office to arrange for a Baptism – 203-268-5838, Monday thru Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm.

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 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](http://safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-abuse-or-misconduct)).





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