

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

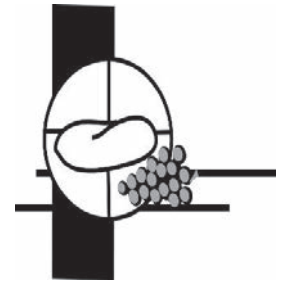
Please call the Rectory office to register.



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Mass Intentions for February 11th through February 19th, 2023

Sat. 5:00pm Debbie Roche r/b the family
 Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor r/b the family
 11:00am Filippo Pugliese r/b the Signore Family
 Mon. 7:30am Parishioners Living an Deceased
 Tues. 7:30am Michael Andras r/b his wife, Florence
 Wed. 7:30am All Souls Day Intentions
 Thurs. 7:30am Michael Andras r/b his wife, Florence
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm Carmine Donofrio r/b the family
 Sun. 8:00am Marie Greco r/b Bill and Cheryl Constand
 11:00am Gerald A. McGuire r/b the Lyons Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: February 4th and 5th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,122.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,087.00
11:00am	\$ 784.00
Total Mass Collection	\$2,993.00
Other Offertory	\$ 760.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 295.00
Votive	\$ 75.00
Donut Donation	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$1,340.00

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    | 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.

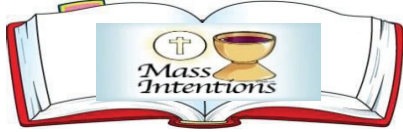
## EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

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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**!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!**

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## The Second Annual **CONNECTICUT** **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

12:00pm – Rally at Capitol  
1:00pm – *March for Life* around  
Bushnell Park

Visit [CTMarchforLife.org](http://CTMarchforLife.org) for up-to-date information and to register.



# 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!

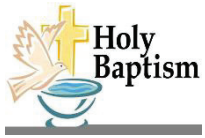


Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is **Presidents' Day.**

Notre Dame of Easton's offices will be closed.



We welcome into the Church thru Baptism:  
*Hale Marie Garren*  
daughter of Eric and Luci







## 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.**

We will begin our first meeting of the new year on **January 24<sup>th</sup>** with *John Chapter 5*.

Subsequent meetings will be:

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**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.



Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting many individuals and families in our community struggling to make ends meet due to the rising costs of food, gas and housing due to inflation. Thanks to YOUR generosity, Catholic Charities has been a leader in providing food to the most vulnerable members of our community. This Lenten Season, give to the Loaves and Fishes Campaign and help feed the hungry in our midst. Donations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/3DFPqrL> or via the agency website at [www.ccfairfield.org](http://www.ccfairfield.org). Checks made out to Catholic Charities may be mailed to: Catholic Charities ATT: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606



## 2023 Bishop's Appeal

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The Bishop's Appeal directly supports the charitable ministries of the church, including those of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided social services to the Fairfield County community. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives by providing supportive services that enable families to rise up out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. With the increasing costs of food, housing, and gas, low-income, the demand for the agency's services continues to skyrocket as clients need help now more than ever.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will assist Catholic Charities and continue to do the incredible work it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County.

*Thank you for your gift.*

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

### **February 22, 2023**

Ashes will be distributed during the 7:30am morning Mass **and** during the Liturgy of the Word Service at 12:00 noon.



*Ash Wednesday*

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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 safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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