

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*
Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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.

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. Rosemary Bilash, *Safe Environment Coord.*
rbilash@optonline.net

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish
Corporation
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 December 2nd through December 10th, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Sat. 5:00pm Anna Ripley	r/b Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Toner
Sun. 8:00pm Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
11:00am Anna Andras	r/b Florence Andras
Mon. 7:30am Charles Kozlowski	r/b the Family
Tues. 7:30am Special Intentions of Mark Bassani	r/b the Family
Wed. 7:30am NO MASS	
Thurs. 7:30am Special Intentions of Sara Adriani	r/b the Family
Fri. 7:30am Living & Deceased <i>Members of the Women of Notre Dame</i>	
Sat. 5:00pm Maryanne Feenan	r/b John and Nancy Gavigan
Sun. 8:00am Harold Candee	r/b Bill and Diane Hudson
11:00am Vittore Signore	r/b the Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

November 25 & November 26, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,652.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,217.00
11:00am	\$1,277.00
Total Mass Collection	\$4,146.00
Other Offertory	\$ 425.00
Online Giving	\$1,689.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 30.00

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.

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Friday, December 8, 2023

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am Mass - only



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	Eleanor Baldyga	Sal DiNardo
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Hobie Summers
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	John Cahill
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	Marie Labarbera
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	

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

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of in-class preparation, beginning in first grade.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in 2nd grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3rd grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements for receiving First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9th Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7th and 8th grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.



Christmas Gift Bags for Women of Caroline House Collecting Travel-Size Items



*Because of the generosity of our parishioners, for the last two years we were able to give Christmas Gift Bags to each of the women students at Caroline House. We are planning to give the Christmas bags again this year, but we need your help! We are collecting travel-size and sample-size items to include in the Christmas gift bags: **body wash, hand lotion, cosmetics, and perfume.** Items should be **new, unopened, and not expired.** There are **75 women students at Caroline House.** The contents of the bags do not have to be the same; each bag can be unique. Please drop off any donated items in the Notre Dame Parish kitchen in the lower Church hall and them in the box labeled **"Caroline House"**.*



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.

*Please bring your donations to Notre Dame's 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!

Parish Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 14th

6:30pm

Brooklawn Country Club

This special evening includes reception with passed appetizers, beer and wine throughout the evening, dinner (salad, entree, dessert), and a raffle table. **The dinner is \$110. per person, all inclusive.** Questions: mklwelch@optonline.net
RSVP no later than Thursday December 7th to Mary Welch, 82 Tranquility Drive, Easton. Please make checks payable to "Notre Dame of Easton" with "Christmas Dinner" in the Memo. Appropriate holiday attire ~ adults only.





Notre Dame Parish Giving Tree

The tags on the **Notre Dame Parish Giving Tree** benefit Caroline House parishioners from St. Charles and St. George Parish in Bridgeport.

Please take a tag off the tree, purchase the item on the tag (NEW items only), and wrap the gift, attaching the original tag.

Please bring the gift to Notre Dae Church and place it under the **Giving Tree** by **Saturday, December 16th**.



Christmas Mass Schedule

2023

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday:

4th Sunday of Advent
December 24th

8:00am Mass - only
(counts for Sunday)

Sunday:

Christmas Eve
December 24th

4:00pm Vigil Mass
6:00pm Vigil Mass
(counts for Christmas)

Monday:

Christmas Day
December 25th

10:00am Mass - only

Tuesday:

December 26th

No morning Mass
All offices closed



2024

New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday:

January 1, 2024
(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

7:30am Mass



*Wishing you a Happy, Healthy,
Blessed New Year!*



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Holiday Boutique



Easton Senior Center's Gift & Holiday Boutique

November 13th – December 20th

Weekdays only: 9:00am – 3:00pm

The Boutique features quality items for kids, pets, hostess gifts, housewares, lamps, spa products, jewelry, designer bags, puzzles, gadgets, holiday wreaths and décor.

Stop in and do your holiday shopping locally and support the **Easton Senior Center!**

Cash or Checks accepted.



Let the Shopping Begin!



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!
Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

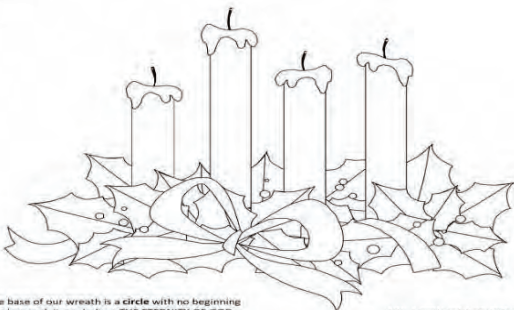
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer
Prayer said by Father or head of household

BLESS THIS WREATH
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.



The base of our wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes THE ETERNITY OF GOD. We decorate the base with EVERGREENS which represent CONTINUOUS LIFE.

Color 3 purple and 1 rosepink candle. Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and color the holly leaves green.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Calendar of Events

* Sunday, December 3rd:

Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 11:00 Masses

* Thursday, December 14th:

Christmas Dinner at Brooklawn Country Club

* Saturday, December 16th:

Giving Tree gifts are due back to Notre Dame for distribution

* Sunday, December 17th – 11:00am Mass:

Living Creche and Children's Liturgy,
Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and
Coffee & Donuts





Don't judge each day
by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds you plant.



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Donut & Coffee Sunday
*Please join us this Sunday,
December 3, 2023
after the 8:00 & 11:00am Masses
lower Church hall
for coffee, donuts, tea, juice,
and visiting with old friends and
making new ones.*

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 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.

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
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