

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MARCH 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

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

Pat Fischer & 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

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Mrs. Diane Baker &
Philip Adriani, Jr.

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 March 5th through March 13th, 2022

Sat. 5:00pm Lucille Brunetto
 Sun. 8:00am Louis Zowine
 11:00am Filippo Pugliese
 Mon. 7:30am Maria LoVerme
 Tues. 7:30am William Kearney
 Wed. 7:30am Joann Raguseo
 Thurs. 7:30am C. J O'Connor
 Fri. 7:30am No Mass
 Fri. 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Sat. 5:00pm Kay Smith
 Sun. 8:00am Louisa and Pietro Bassani
 11:00am Anna Pugliese

r/b Sal and Christine DiNardo
 r/b Prudence McCafferty
 r/b the Signore family



r/b Patty Steccato
 r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
 r/b Dylan Rooney

r/b the family
 r/b the family
 r/b the Signore family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

February 26th & 27th, 2022

Saturday 5:00pm \$1,325.55
 Sunday 8:00am \$ 692.00
 11:00am \$1,011.01
 Total Mass Collection \$3,028.56
 Other Offertory \$2,045.00
 Capital Improvement \$ 135.00
 Gift -Sanctuary fund \$ 500.00
 Online Giving \$1,595.00
 Online Giving – Easter \$1,440.00
 Online Giving Easter Flowers\$ 125.00
 Total Online Giving for February -\$5,885.00

Thank You!

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	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	Pat Petrocelli	Gina LaPan

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.
Please wear a Mask.
The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass
MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Parish Registration:

We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by or call the Rectory office (203 268-5838) to **officially** register. Our 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

SECOND GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Important Sacramental Dates for First Penance

Sacrament of First Penance – Saturday, March 19th at 10:00am
“Snow Date” for First Penance – Wednesday evening, March 23, 2022 at 7:30pm

THIRD GRADE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Important Sacramental dates for First Holy Communion

Sacramental Workshop – Saturday, March 26th, 2022 from 9:00am – 11:00am
“Snow Date” for above workshop-Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 from 9:00am-11:00am
Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Thursday evening, April 28th, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00pm
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00am

SUBSTITUTES ARE STILL NEEDED AT SSES AND HKMS!!

If you would like to help out but can't commit to every week, we could really use you as a substitute. Please contact the Religious Ed office if you are interested.

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.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in the 2nd grade.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 3rd grade.

The **requirement** to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education. The **requirements** to receive First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending the program, Protecting God's Children/Virtus and also keeping up with all RE-certifications and the new Safe Environment 2020 Handbook. If you wish to help in any way within the parish or Diocese, please call the Parish office at (203)268-5838 or email churchladies@optonline.net. Thank You



Bible Study
Next class
March 1st
10:00-11:30am
in the lower Church

Upcoming dates
March 15th, & 29th

other dates will be announced at a later time.

All are invited to join us.
** No food is permitted*

The LENTEN PRAYER

LORD JESUS
YOU CALL US TO REPENT AND TO BELIEVE
FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND
YOU TEACH US TO DO GOD'S WILL
YOU INVITE US TO FOLLOW YOU
ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS.

LORD,
RENEW IN US THE GRACE OF OUR BAPTISM
TRANSFORM OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND
DEEDS SO THAT WE MIGHT TURN AWAY
FROM SIN AND LIVE THE GOSPEL.

AMEN

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



As we know, Food insecurity is ongoing. Blessed Sacrament Church is always in need for food, toiletries, diapers, etc. to help the people on the East Side of Bridgeport.

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese, Pasta, Tuna, Toilet Paper - are some suggestions.

It is the only food pantry in that vicinity. You have all been so generous in the past. When you bring your donations, please put them in the Church kitchen. (lower church)

Thank you.

St. Stephen Bereavement Support Group:

Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? Our Bereavement Ministry can offer you hope of coping with your grief. It is opened to anyone you may know who needs help. The 10 week course with a guided workbook provided will begin on Thursday, March 24th, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Registration is required. Please call the rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the two bereavement facilitators.

During Lent Attend Daily Mass

7:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
(no Mass on Friday)

"I Am The Living Bread"

Jesus (JN 6:47-57)



Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:00pm

Lenten Regulations 2022

Fast: limit of one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59 inclusive.

Abstinence: All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence. Catholics from the age of 14 and above are asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays during Lent.



Through Sunday, April 17

Fasting during the Lenten season is one of several penitential practices that is part of our Catholic tradition. Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit and deepens our compassion for others. 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 and near the elevator. Together we can enhance our Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of those meals. If you prefer, you can drop a check into the jar or mail it to the rectory; please make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo.



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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 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.

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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 Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring
the safety of all children in our Diocese.

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(/safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-
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