

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



JULY 16, 2023

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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## 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.

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## 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

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Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*  
Sikna Tito

Robert Gilmore, *Director of Music*  
203-268-5838

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## 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.*  
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## 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

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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 July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

## Ffifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm	Debbie Roche	r/b the Family
Sun. 8:00pm	Marc Jarvis	r/b Patty Steccato
11:00am	Filomena, Vincenzo and Domenica Savone	r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family
Mon. 7:30am	Angela Doescher	r/b Phil and Ann Adriani and Family
Tues. 7:30am	Jean Bassani	r/b the Family
Wed. 7:30am	John and Fran Morris	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs. 7:30am	Perry Page	r/b the Family
Fri. 7:30am	NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm	Gabriella Lee Reitmeyer	r/b Richard and Jane Mary Link
Sun. 8:00am	Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
11:00am	Phil Falcone, Sr.	r/b Bill and Cheryl Constand



### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$ 909.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,284.00
11:00am	\$ 734.00
<b>Total Mass Collection</b>	<b>\$2,927.00</b>
Other Offertory	\$1,105.00
Online Giving	\$ 970.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 270.00

**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!**

### 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.

*faith*  
does not  
make things easy  
it makes them  
**possible**  
luke 1:37

### 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	Georgia Egan
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	Anne Fiyalka
A Friend	Carmen Cavanagh	Richard Hudson
Jennifer Durgin	Gina LaPan	Laura Banke
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	

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)

### 2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Registration Forms for 2023-2024 Religious Ed classes were mailed on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to all families currently registered in the Religious Ed Program for 2022-2023.

If your child will be new to the program, blank registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, at the Church Rectory, and online at: [notredameofeaston.com](http://notredameofeaston.com)

### EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS PLEASE

NOTE: Eighth Grade Religious Ed classes are held in the Lower Church Hall on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00pm.

Home schooling is not available.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.

## 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!

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Thursday, 7/20—6-10 pm    Saturday, 7/22—4-10 pm  
Friday, 7/21—6-10 pm    Sunday, 7/23—3-8 pm

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate the traditional Saint Ann's Mass on Saturday, July 22 at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk.

There will be a procession that leaves the Saint Ann's Club, 16 Hendricks Avenue, Norwalk at 9:30 am.  
**All are welcome to attend.**

For more information, please call the Saint Ann's Club at 203.853.3603 or Annamaria Malagisi at 203.857.4800.

The meaning of life

**Lord, I put everything in your hands today:**  
my family, my health, my home, my security, my fears. You're the only one I trust with all I have and all I am. Amen

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are “as nothing,” Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- “the man who hears the message and takes it in” ... “bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 16, 2023**

**“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”**

Parents joyfully remember the first words spoken by their baby. How many words we hear each day on radio and television. How many words do we speak to others. Jesus used parables to teach and compares His word to a seed that is sown, but with a purpose, to produce fruit, not to return empty.

We recall famous speeches – ‘Ask not what your country can do for you’, ‘Four score and seven years ago’, ‘We have a pope’. They echo throughout the ages.

What about the word of God? We hear it proclaimed at Mass, do we listen loosely? We hear the pleas of the poor, the homeless, the victims of abuse. Do we respond with kindness and compassion?

We are told ‘think before you speak’, yet the Lord has spoken, we now must think.



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**< KID'S KORNER >** Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23  
Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.

Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.

When the Word of God is **planted** in our hearts, we are **nourished** and **strengthened** by His love, similar to **seeds** planted in rich soil.

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

Color these flowers and add your own...



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

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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 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).

trust in the LORD  
with all your heart  
PROVERBS 3:5



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