

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



JULY 23, 2023

*Sixteenth 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.*  
churchladies@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

### Finance Council Chairman

### 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.

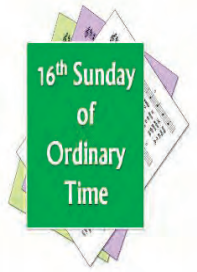


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# Mass Intentions for July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm Gabriella Lee Rietmeyer	r/b Richard and Jane Mary Link
Sun. 8:00pm Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
11:00am Phil Falcone, Sr.	r/b Bill and Cheryl Constand
Mon. 7:30am Ernest Meerbach	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Tues. 7:30am Kevin Visokay	r//b the Family
Wed. 7:30am Rita Quatrella	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs. 7:30am Tony and Toni Grosso	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Fri. 7:30am NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm Special Intention	r/b the Family
Sun. 8:00am Berta T. Rodriguez	r/b the Toner Family
11:00am Anna Spahitz	r/b Elizabeth McCauley



### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,177.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,331.00
11:00am	\$1,390.00
<b>Total Mass Collection</b>	<b>\$3,898.00</b>
Other Offertory	\$4,755.00
Online Giving	\$1,025.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 75.00
Missionary Co-Op	\$ 240.00

**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.



### 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.

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## Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



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### 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!



**Dear God,**  
I want to thank you  
for all of those things  
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sure MY FAMILY is  
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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27**

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the “reign of God” in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the “reign of God” had been established, it grew and spread.



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2023**

**“But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; And you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.”**

Aware that all of us are going to die, also aware that we will be judged for the good we do and the evil which sometimes overwhelms us. The book of wisdom invites us to reflect upon God’s great gift and remedy for our shortcomings. We are called to be perfect, a noble task for imperfect people. We are also called to be merciful, as is our God for us. If we see God as a merciful judge, we approach Him with great confidence. It is even better if we reflect the same virtues of mercy and clemency.

Take a minute to consider you meeting our judge. Bring to Him the gift of kindness. How easy it is for us to be kind, as will be our judge who is ‘abounding in kindness and mercy.’ Give Him your package of virtues, wrapped in a simple reflection of kindness.



**ADORATION CHAPEL AT ST. PIUS X**

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**< KID'S KORNER >** Gospel Today | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:24-43  
 Jesus tells us the Good Word grows within us, as the yeast grows within the dough — quietly and unseen, with great results!

**JESUS' PARABLES SHOW**

**Small beginnings become marvelous expansions**

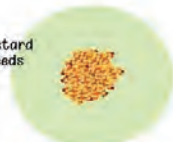
Draw a line from Column A to Column B to match the “Seeds of Faith” to the “Expanded Kingdom.”

Column A

The Good Word



Mustard Seeds



Yeast Cells



Column B

Risen Breads



Mustard Tree



Many Believers



**Parent / Child Activity**

Watch a seed sprout - Take a clear cup and line it with a wet paper towel. Put a dried, uncooked seed between the paper and cup. Keep wet and in the sun. Watch what happens! (try watermelon seeds dried for one week)



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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  
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**for at least 6 months** and attend Mass  
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