

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



JULY 30, 2023

Seventeenth 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*
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.*
churchladies@optonline.net

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

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 July 29th through August 6th, 2023

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Sat. 5:00pm Special Intention	r/b a Family
Sun. 8:00pm Berta T. Rodriguez	r/b the Toner Family
11:00am Anna Spahitz	r/b Elizabeth McCauley
Mon. 7:30am John and Alice Baksay	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Tues. 7:30am Frank and Terry Nobile	r//b Parish of Notre Dame
Wed. 7:30am Pasquale and Anna Liscio	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs. 7:30am Angela Doescher	r/b Patty Steccato
Fri. 7:30am NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm Doug Canady	r/b the Laurino Family
Sun. 8:00am Salvatore Liuzzo	r/b the Malinowski Family
11:00am Vittore Signore	r/b the Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

July 22nd and 23rd, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$	
Sunday 8:00am	\$	(Totals will be
11:00am	\$	in next week's
Total Mass Collection	\$	Bulletin.)
Other Offertory	\$	
Online Giving	\$1,160.00	
Peter's Pence	\$	
Capital Improvements	\$	
Missionary Co-Op	\$	

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	

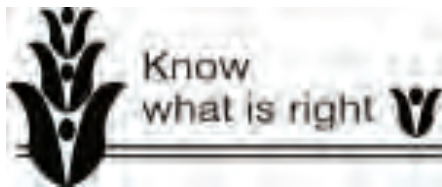
If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email churchladies@optonline.net, or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.



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 will be closed from
Thursday, July 27th thru Friday, Aug. 4th
ndore@optonline.net

2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Registration Forms for 2023-2024 Religious Ed classes were mailed on June 5th, 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

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



Notre Dame's Parish Office
will be closed
Tuesday ~ August 1st
and
Thursday ~ August 3rd



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Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



Thank you for all you do!

We are always a 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!

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/21/2023	
ABA Goal:	\$54,100.00
Total Pledged:	\$37,500.00 (69%)
Donors to Date:	100 Donors

The Bishop's Appeal supports the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout Fairfield County. If you have not yet given your support, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your support is critical to the continued success of the ministries.



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Gospel Today
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13:44-52
The parables tell us God's Kingdom is the greatest treasure and the greatest
treasure is Love! In finding Jesus we find that treasure.

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There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope and Love, and
the greatest of these is Love. *St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13*

We help build the Kingdom of God by being disciples of Jesus.
In this way, we find the greatest treasure - LOVE! Write the
words from the Word Bank on the heart as a reminder:
when we treat others this way, we help build the Kingdom.

Fill in the blank below...

- WORD BANK**
- Be generous
 - Forgive others
 - Be kind
 - Help others
 - Be loving
 - Be honest
 - Share
 - Be trustworthy



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.



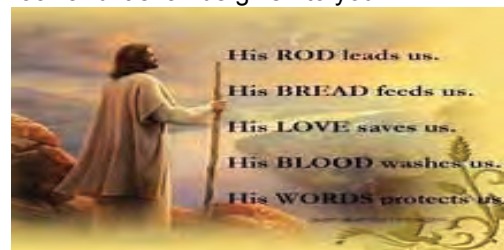
A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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"God said, 'Ask something of me and I will give it to you.' Solomon answered: 'Oh Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. Give me therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. Because you have asked for this... for understanding so that you may know what is right - I do as you requested.'"

There is the adage 'be careful what you ask for, you may just get it.' Although Solomon was endowed with many gifts, he asked for the gift of understanding. It is one of the gifts of the Spirit for us. From it flow kindness, forgiveness, joy and hope. We have just witnessed the coronation of a king. What is he asking for?

When I approach my God in prayer, what do I ask for? Do I go before Him with great confidence? What do I really need, what is my basic want in prayer? Did Jesus not say, 'ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and it shall be given to you?'



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

In Loving Memory

Mary Ann Rosenbaum
July 24, 1945 - September 22, 2021

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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:
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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