

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



AUGUST 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

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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.*
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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

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 August 12th through August 20th, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm Eugene and Marion Graze r/b Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graze
 Sun. 8:00pm Linda Josephine Nelson r/b Mary and Michael Larocca
 11:00am Kathryn Kozlowski - 11th Anniversary r/b the Family
 Mon. 7:30am Stephen Figlar r/b Lauren Zelisko



Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

Tues. 7:30am Andrew Page r/b the Family
 Wed. 7:30am Angela Doescher r/b Michelle Falcone
 Thurs. 7:30am Helene Packer r/b Florence Andras
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm Karen Dugas r/b John and Joan Kovach
 Sun. 8:00am Pietro Zullo r/b the Signore Family
 11:00am Grace Pascarella r/b the Toner Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: August 5th and 6th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$1,345.00
 Sunday 8:00am \$ 690.00
 11:00am \$ 604.00
 Total Mass Collection \$2,639.00
 Other Offertory \$ 800.00
 Online Giving \$ 490.00
 Capital Improvements \$ 320.00

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:

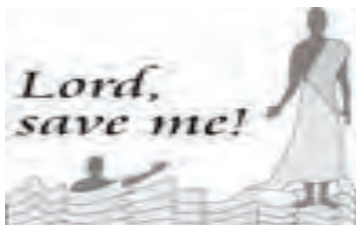
1. log on to our parish website;
2. click the Online Giving logo on the homepage
3. fill out the registration form.

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.

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Please Pray for the Sick

The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers:

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| 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 |
| 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

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 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

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.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we turn to you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, do not despise our petitions, but in your mercy hear us and answer us. *Amen.*



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!




Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday
August 15th
7:30am Mass



< KID'S KORNER > Gospel Today Cycle A
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 14:22-33
 The boat carrying the disciples was a few miles out to sea when Jesus, walking on the water, came toward them. Seeing they were frightened Jesus said, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." *Matthew 14:27* When Peter showed faith and walked toward Jesus on the water, his faith faltered and he began to sink, crying out to Jesus to save him.

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Jesus saw how hard it was for His disciples to keep their faith even though they witnessed first hand His miracles. Jesus knows it is also hard for us to not lose faith. If you begin to doubt, repeat the words of Jesus... "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" *Matthew 14:31*
 Have you ever heard anyone say this before?

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z)
 Hint: This sentence has a double of one letter

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

As Peter was beginning to sink, he cried out,

Matthew 14:30

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
 After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a "tiny whispering sound."
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
 Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
 Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, "Lord save me!" Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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August 13, 2023
"At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave, where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.' A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountain...but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake - but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire - but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and stood at the entrance of the cave."

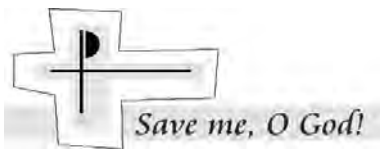
Wind, fire and earthquake are similar signs at Pentecost. In our time when so many walk with ear buds or headphones, they are either listening to something, or perhaps blocking unnecessary noise. Am I able to hear the tiny whispering sound of the Lord telling me He loves me, or directs me to assist someone else?

What can I listen to today, to learn that the Lord wants not only to pass by, but to stay with us?

In recent times we have been touched by two hurricanes, resulting in mud slides and death. We have witnessed devastating fires in the west, burning entire communities.

We have watched as rescuers seek to recover victims of earthquakes, especially in Syria and Turkey.

As we witness such disasters, we pray for the victims and support rescue efforts. We ask that all the calming hand of God may offer hope and assistance. I want to both hear and listen. From the sea of Galilee Jesus speaks and says, 'O you of little faith why did (do) you doubt?'




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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

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).

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