

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

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.

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 September 9th through September 17th, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm	Michael DeFelice	r/b the Laurino family
Sun. 8:00pm	Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
11:00am	Gaetano and Loreta Liburdi	r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family
Mon. 7:30am	911 Remembrance	
Tues. 7:30am	Mario and Maria Cortina	r/b the Family
Wed. 7:30am	Angela Doescher	r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
Thurs. 7:30am	For the Deceased Members of the Somma Family	r/b the Family
Fri. 7:30am	NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm	Angela Doescher	r/b Women of Notre Dame
Sun. 8:00am	Linda Josephine Nelson	r/b Mary and Michael Larocca
11:00am	Lindy Nelson	r/b Women of Notre Dame



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

September 2 & 3, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$ 730.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 849.00
11:00am	\$ 644.00
Total Mass Collection	\$2,223.00
Other Offertory	\$ 740.00
Online Giving	\$1,180.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 215.00
Hawaii Fire Relief	\$ 25.00

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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Coffee & Donuts Return!!!!

this Sunday, September 10th
after the 8:00am Mass.



Welcome back!

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
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	John Cahill
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.

Love 
one another

Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203) 261-5596
ndore@optonline.net

Religious Ed Classes Begin:
Monday evening, October 2nd
for the 8th Grade.

Classes are held in the Lower Church
from 6:45pm-8:00pm.

Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd for
Grades 1 through 7 at

SSES: 3:50pm-5:00pm
and

HKMS: 2:50pm-4:00pm

Guidelines and calendars will be mailed
home the first week in September.

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 Communion is celebrated
in 3rd 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 9th Grade. The Diocesan
requirement is completion of 7th and 8th grade
Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.

2020 COMMEMORATION OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE VATICAN

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, at

Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT

Purchase tickets at www.ctcatholicmen.org & at the door.

Doors will open at 7:30am. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$20 for teens.

We request that you purchase tickets in advance. Lunch is included, so advance sales are important.

Our Catholic Men's Conference has a *unique format* that includes:

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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!



Our **2024 Mass Book** is open.
Please call the Rectory office to schedule
your Masses for the year, and as needed.
(Please call the Parish Office & speak with
Barbara, on Mondays or Wednesdays, to arrange
your yearly scheduled Masses.)



Cycle A

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus says if two people disagree, try to work it out. If not, call in a third party. If that doesn't work, call in the community. He reminds us to pray in all matters and He will be there for us.

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Devotions Write the names of the places we gather in groups in prayer.

Mass Sacraments Religious Education

1

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
 Matthew 18:20

Some letters of the alphabet are missing from the group.

Write them in the blank space below...

u g b j s l
 k z q o c m w
 d t v i f e
 x n h

Jesus is in the midst of all who _____

Arrange the letters into a word found in today's gospel.

Bedtime **Family Meals** **Memorial Services**

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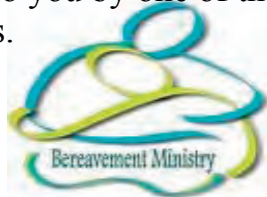
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Gatherings DINER Remembrances

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St. Stephen Bereavement Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? **St. Stephen's Bereavement Ministry** can offer you hope of coping with your grief. It is open to anyone you may know who needs help. The 10-week course with a guided workbook provided will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 19th from 3:00-4:30pm. Registration is required. Please call their Rectory at 203-268-6217. A call will be returned to you by one of the bereavement facilitators.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

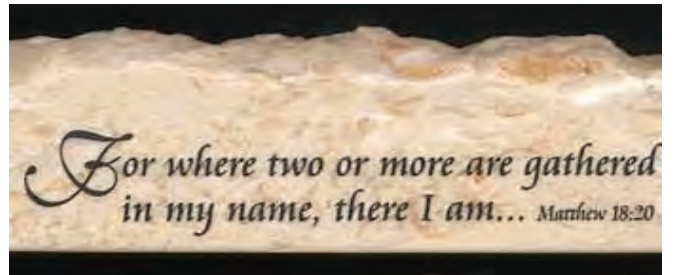
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

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FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything to you, you shall warn them for me... But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself... Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another... love is the fulfillment of the law."

What a difference from talking about someone else, criticizing them, or correcting what it is that can do them spiritual harm. The watchmen for Ezechieel, is like a security guard, a police officer, smoke alarm, or dashboard warning light, calling attention to something dangerous or harmful. We avoid danger. As responsible people we cannot just turn the other way, but assist others to turn to do what is right.

Unfortunately, many follow the song or maxim 'doing it my way', rather than discovering what is the best way, His way, He who told us He is 'the way, the truth and the life.'

As we strive to be holy, we bring others with us, the debt we owe to love others and live the way He wants. Don't close your eyes to what is wrong or harmful. Who are the two or 3 in your life?





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



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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:

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring
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