

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Twenty-second 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 September 2nd through September 10th, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. 5:00pm Carmen Corica	r/b the Pizone Family
Sun. 8:00pm Special Intentions of Ann Adriani	r/b the Family
11:00am Maria Civita Signore	r/b the Signore Family
Mon. 7:30am Parishioners Living and Deceased of Notre Dame	
Tues. 7:30am Frank and Kay Smith	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Wed. 7:30am Bea Hunt	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Thurs. 7:30am All Souls Day Intentions	
Fri. 7:30am NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm Michael DeFelice	r/b the Laurino Family
Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
11:00am Gaetano and Loreta Liburdi	r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

August 26th and 27th, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,410.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 803.00
11:00am	\$1,020.00
Total Mass Collection	\$3,233.00
Other Offertory	\$ 295.00
Online Giving	\$1,235.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 685.00
Hawaii Fire Relief	\$1,383.00

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.

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Coffee & Donuts Return!!!!

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



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.



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.

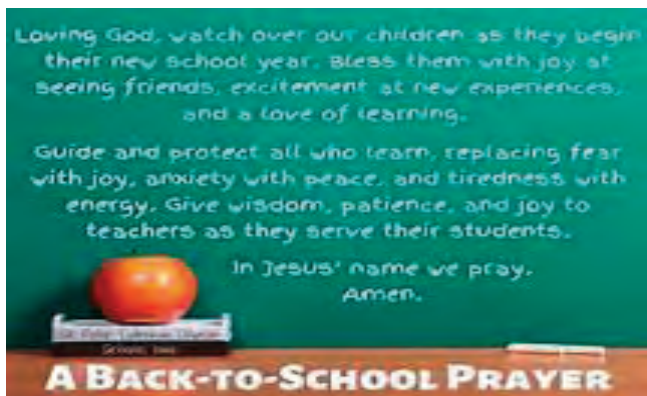
The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is
celebrated in 2nd grade. The Sacrament
of First Holy Education Communion is
celebrated in 3rd grade. The requirement
for receiving First Reconciliation is completion
of first and second grade Religious.

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.

All Church offices will be closed
on Monday September 4th in
observance of Labor Day.



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.)



THE CROSS ROOM

- Draw your own Cross Room pictures -



The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

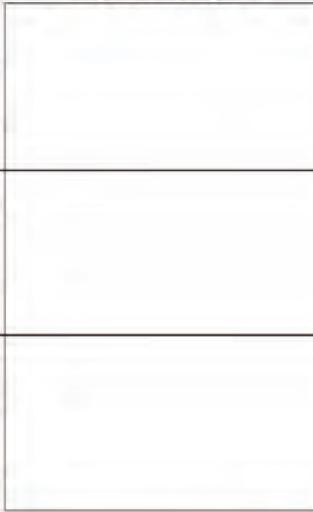
"Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear it's weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told.

As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you brought in." --Unknown



Taking up a cross doesn't mean we carry a real cross like Jesus did, it means "follow Jesus". We are told doing so is sometimes hard work or great labor, but it is a labor of love for Jesus, with great rewards.

In the Cross Room story the man thought his labor was too great. What did he learn?

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

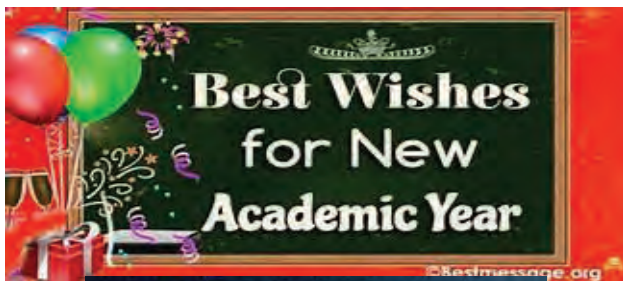
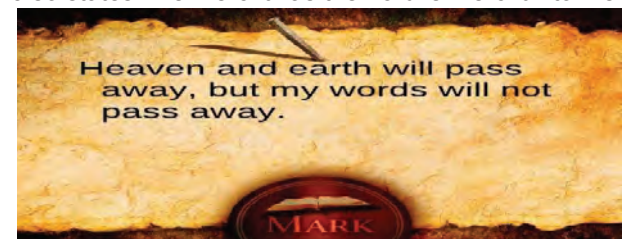
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"I urge you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect."

One of the greatest gifts we all have is the gift of encouraging others. Teachers do this for students, parents for their children, coaches for their athletes. We may consider them as cheerleaders. This is what Paul is doing for the Christians at Rome.

It is so easy to be trapped by the 'accepted' way of our world. No, don't conform, but be transformed. Ask, what is the Lord's will for me at this moment, in these circumstances so that my next decision may be good, for my wellbeing and that of others, pleasing to God and enjoyable for me, and perfect, bringing me closer to God.

Perfection is my goal. The path to heaven. The gospel also states: 'Be merciful as the Lord is merciful' to me.





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by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds you plant.



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Baptism: Please call the Rectory office.
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.

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the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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