

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

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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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Pat Fischer & Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

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. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
churchladies@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

### Finance Council Chairman

Philip Adriani

### Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Mrs. Diane Baker &  
Salvatore Gilbertie

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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 December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021



Sat.	5:00pm	Joseph Zahonnacky	r/b the family
Sun.	8:00am	Philip Adriani, Sr.	r/b his wife, Veronica Adriani
	11:00am	John and Ann Lyons	r/b the family
Mon.	7:30am	Jackie Musante	r/b Michelle Falcone
Tues.	7:30am	Richard, Joan and Kevin Visokay	r/b the family
Wed.	7:30am	Paul Hargraves, Jr.	r/b Joe and Dorinda Pizone
Thurs.	7:30am	NO MASS	

## *New Years Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Fri.	9:00am	Ronald and Lanie Morf	r/b Michelle Falcone
Sat.	5:00pm	Maureen Chuga	r/b Joe and Dorinda Pizone
Sun.	8:00am	Nicola Vaccaro	r/b the family
	11:00am	William Heino	r/b Women of Notre Dame

## Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 breakdown of collection

Many of our parishioners have been mailing in their offertory envelopes – it is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

5:00pm Mass	\$	Due to an early
8:00am Mass	\$	bulletin transmission
11:00am Mass	\$	the offertory amounts
Total Mass Collection:	\$	will be reported in
Other Offertory:		next week's bulletin.
Capital Improvement:	\$	
Christmas Envelopes	\$	
Online Giving:	\$	

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## ONLINE GIVING

We realize these are uncertain times, if you could keep up your offertory to the church, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our Online Giving company, OSV, has installed a dedicated phone line for parishioners for set-up and other issues.

It is Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) 260-2243, [jthinnes@osv.com](mailto:jthinnes@osv.com)

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.

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What is  
"A New Year's Resolution"?  
It's a "TO DO" list  
for the first week of January!

## 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	Angela Doescher	Ed Kovac
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	
A Friend	Alice Martinich	Pat Perrotta
Mildred Negri	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
Deacon Vincent Heidenriech	Gabrella Reitmeyer	
Fannie Donofrio	Anthony Racca	

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 for this week are:

**Monday through Thursday**

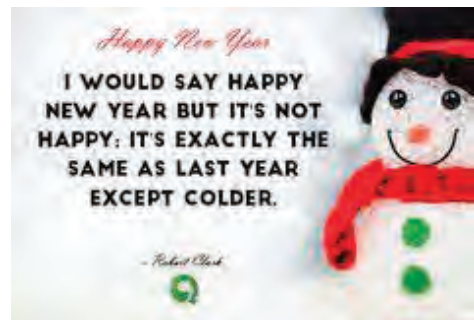
**9:00am to 3:30pm.**

The office is closed on Friday.

If you come to the office, we ask that you please wear a mask.

## 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 a donation to the "Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the deceased & include this wish in the obituary notice.



# Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm

Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596

[ndore@optonline.net](mailto:ndore@optonline.net)



## PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of preparation, beginning in first grade.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in the 2nd grade.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 3rd grade.

The requirement to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements to receive 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.

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Baptism – Please call the Rectory office to set up 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 1<sup>st</sup> child

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Parish Registration: We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by or call the Rectory office (203 268-5838) to officially register.

Our hours are 9am to 3:30pm – Monday thru Friday.

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Sponsor Certificates: We cannot give you a sponsor certificate unless you are a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly.

# Women of Notre Dame News:

## 2020-2021 Membership

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## Notre Dame of Easton Bible Study

We are happy to report the Bible Study will resume on

January 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00-11:30am.

- \* No food is permitted.
- \* We must each sign in and provide contact information at every gathering.
- \* Masks are required, along with social distancing.
- \* Chairs must be sanitized after each event.
- \* Rest room must be cleaned after each use.

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FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 27, 2020

“Since you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievance you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together and makes them perfect. Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts... Let the word of God, rich as it is, dwell in you.”

The time of gift giving is not yet over. Often we remember someone or something we have forgotten. How many gifts we have received for which we are grateful. But did I remember mercy, forgiveness, meekness, all packaged in the beatitudes of Jesus? And over there, in the corner, an unopened, beautifully wrapped box, sealed with a ribbon, with a tag for an unnamed person. The ribbon is the gift of love.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our family, may we make sure all the gifts Paul spoke about are distributed, and the greatest one be shared with all.

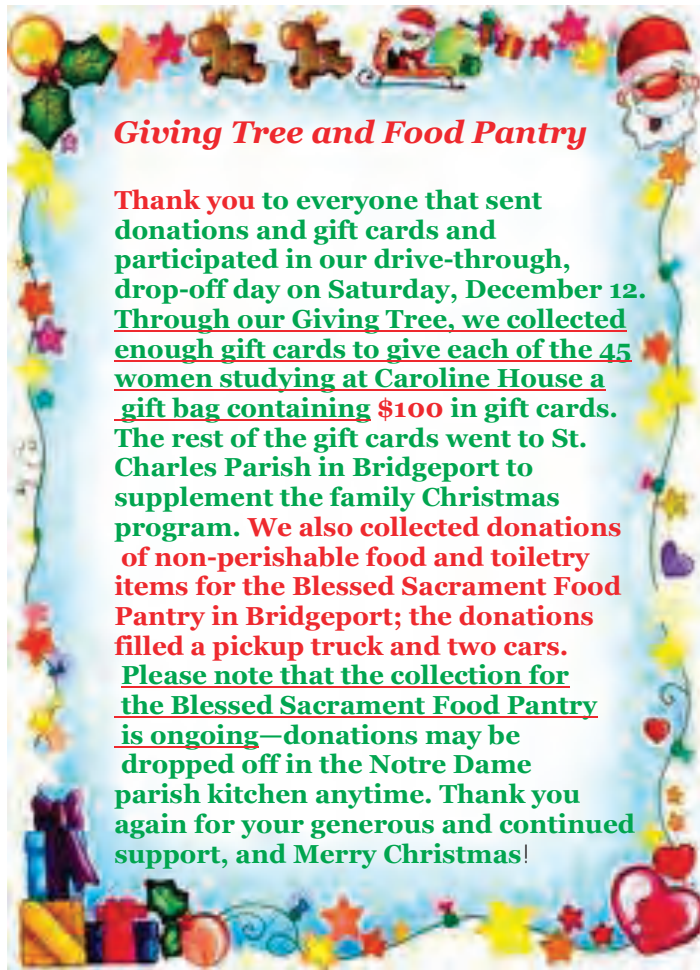
**Happy Holy Family Day.**



2021  
Happy New Year!

Through NEW YEAR,  
and fill your life with  
COMFORT, LOVE and CHEER.  
May this day and the days ahead,  
Hold many BLESSINGS  
For you and yours.

Fr. Lyons – Deacon Sabol  
and Staff



### Giving Tree and Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone that sent donations and gift cards and participated in our drive-through, drop-off day on Saturday, December 12. Through our Giving Tree, we collected enough gift cards to give each of the 45 women studying at Caroline House a gift bag containing \$100 in gift cards. The rest of the gift cards went to St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport to supplement the family Christmas program. We also collected donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry in Bridgeport; the donations filled a pickup truck and two cars. Please note that the collection for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry is ongoing—donations may be dropped off in the Notre Dame parish kitchen anytime. Thank you again for your generous and continued support, and Merry Christmas!



### Prayer for Families

Loving God,  
During this holy season of Christmas,  
we ask for your blessing on all  
families.

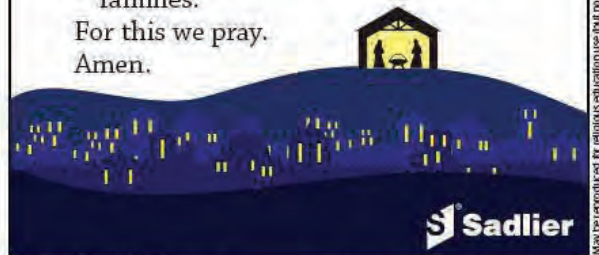
Let Mary's openness to your  
wondrous ways be an inspiration  
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope  
during times of anxiety and  
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with  
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the  
Holy Family widen to embrace all  
families.

For this we pray.  
Amen.



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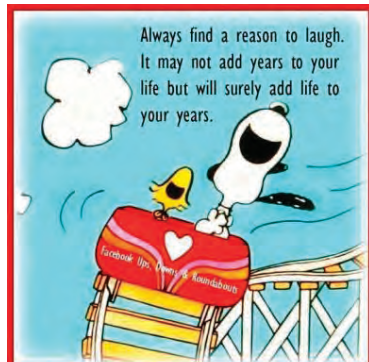
CELEBRATING THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON  
OCTAVE DAY - 1 JANUARY  
SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Your light has come, the glory of the Lord  
shines upon you..... Isaiah 60

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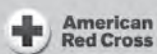
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## Resumption of Masses

Masses are held in the lower Church Hall.

☐ Masses will be offered with the following schedule:

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 AM  
(No Mass on Friday).

**(NOTE – change in schedule)**

**\*\*All upcoming Friday intentions will be honored at the Thursday morning Mass.**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

The limit for Mass attendance is 50 people.

Bishop Caggiano has continued to dispense the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through the summer.

Please read "Guidelines" on our website:

[www.notredameofeaston.org](http://www.notredameofeaston.org), for all of the rules and regulations.

## Attend Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
7:30am

See want a difference a few minutes a day can make

**"I Am The Living Bread"**

Jesus (JN 6:47-57)





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