

Mass Intentions for December 22nd through December 30th, 2018

Sat. 5:00pm Helen and Adolph Chrzanowski
 Sun. 8:00am Mark Roman, Jr.
 11:00am Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo
 Mon. 7:30am NO Morning Mass

r/b Tom and Brian Chrzanowski
 r/b the family
 r/b the Malinowski family



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Christmas Eve – Vigil Masses

upstairs 4:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 downstairs 4:00pm Joseph Pereira – 12th
 6:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

r/b the family

Christmas Day – the Nativity of the Lord

Tues. 9:00am Caryl G. Morgan
 11:00am Giovanni Luigi Aloï – 27th Anniversary

r/b Robert and Sharon Graze

Wed. 7:30am Joseph Zahornacky

r/b the family

Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass

r/b the family

Fri. 7:30pm Philip Adriani, Sr.

r/b his wife, Veronica

Sat. 5:00pm Rizziero Mastronardi

r/b Teresa DiCocco

Sun. 8:00am Antonio Vartuli

r/b Paul and Gail Altieri

11:00am Joseph Bilotta

r/b Thomas and Prudence McCafferty

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

December 15 & 16 – 7,025.50

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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;
www.notredameofeaston.com
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.

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Ministry to the Homebound

Anyone who is seriously ill, having surgery, or homebound, may call the Rectory office and one of our Lay Caring Ministers will bring Holy Communion or just pay a visit.

They visit parishioners in Nursing Homes as well.

* For anointing of the sick please call the office so Father Lyons can visit.

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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 and include this wish in the obituary notice.

December 24th, 25th, 29th & 30th, 2018

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Monday Christmas Eve- Vigil Masses

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| upstairs | 4:00pm B. Hommel | C. Hommel | G. Blawie |
| Downstairs | 4:00pm J. Pagliaro | J. Pagliaro | ----- |
| | 6:00pm ----- | ----- | ----- |

Tuesday Christmas Day – the Nativity of the Lord

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| | 9:00am C. Welch/ M. Welch | ----- | ----- |
| | 11:00am H. Egan | T. Vitale | ----- |

Saturday

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| | 5:00pm G. O'Brien | D. Baker | N. Bass |
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Sunday

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| | 8:00am B. Constand/ C. Constand | C. Constand | L. Pulie G. T. & S. Zuanelli |
| | 11:00am K. Champagne | B. Marzik | ----- |

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com



From Fr. Lyons,
Deacon Sabol
and Staff



The Rectory office will close at
12 noon
on Monday December 24th
and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th.



The Women of Notre Dame News!

2018 Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday – December 24
(No 7:30am Mass)

Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass
3:40 pm music prelude

4:00pm Mass - upstairs
4:00pm Mass - downstairs

5:40pm music prelude
6:00pm Mass

Tuesday – December 25
The Nativity of the Lord

9:00am
11:00am

New Years Day
Solemnity of Mary - The Holy Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation
(No Vigil Mass)

Tuesday – January 1st
9:00am
11:00am

The Sounds of Christmas

The music program of Notre Dame will present

The Sounds of Christmas Prelude before the Masses on Christmas Eve in the Main Church.

The preludes will begin

at 3:40pm and 5:40pm respectfully.

We hope you will arrive early to enjoy this beautiful reflection of the season.

Women of Notre Dame Christmas Dinner
Thank you to everyone who attended the Women of Notre Dame Christmas Dinner at the Spinning Wheel on December 11. We collected a carload of diapers for the Blessed Sacrament food pantry and made \$655 from the raffle. Thank you for your continued support!



Giving Tree and Family Sponsors
Our parish Giving Tree benefitted Caroline House and five families from St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport. An additional 20 families from St. Charles were sponsored by Notre Dame families. Your generosity has touched the lives of almost 200 people this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity and support.



Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection



In January, the monthly collection resumes; thank you for your continued support!

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Membership – Don't forget to send in your membership dues envelope!

Dues: \$20 Seniors 60+: \$10



Please Pray for the Sick

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

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| Walter Finick | Susan Williams | Judi Christiansen |
| Christopher Vitale | Angela Doescher | Frank Lyons |
| John Buckley | Siobhan Smith | Marian Basso |
| Joan McGrath | Diane DiNapoli | Rick Coons |
| Michael Glowacki | Matthew Cargill | Heather Sellers |
| Lavon Robinson | Georgia Egan | Mary Socci |
| Mildred Negri | Tony & Alice Martinich | |
| Larry Baldyga | Brian McHugh | |

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.



Religious Education

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

After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons
during the school year:
(203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734



PLEASE NOTE:

The Religious Ed Office will be closed Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st.

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Teacher's Holiday Party
Save the date!

Our "After the Holiday" dinner will be Thursday evening January 17th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Please call or email our office to RSVP by January 11th, 2018.

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Second Grade Sacrament Dates:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 at 11:00am. Please check your email for the mandatory Child/Parent classes.

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Third Grade Sacrament Dates:
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 11:00am. Please check your email for the mandatory Child/Parent classes, Rehearsals and the Family Supper.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If Religious Education classes are to be cancelled due to weather conditions, please refer to Channel 8 or 12. We will follow the lead of the Easton Public School District. If schools are closed, there will be NO Religious Ed classes.

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Bus Pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the **March for Life**

Friday, January 18, 2019
Schedule:

5:00am Depart the Cathedral Parish, Bridgeport
5:30am Pick up at St. Thomas Apostle, Norwalk
6:00am Pick up at Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford
11:30am – Arrive at March for Life
4:00pm – Depart for Connecticut

Register at

www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation

by January 11, 2019
\$75.00 per person

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink on the bus.

For more information, email

officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org

Or call 203 -416-1670

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## **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Friday, January 18, 2019

St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Committees will be sponsoring a bus trip

on

January 18 to Washington, DC. Mass is at 3:30 am. The bus will leave St. Theresa's Parking Lot at

approximately 4:00 am on January 18 and return at approximately 10:30 pm that evening.

To register <https://rally.co/march-for-life-bridgeport-diocese>

For more information contact: Dave Janny or Mary Beth DeSantis at (203) 261-3676.

Please join us to witness to God's great gift of life!

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**St. Margaret Shrine**  
**2523 Park Ave.**  
**Bridgeport, CT**



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## One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

*This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia (pp 123-124 titled "Arise Sir Knight!"). If you are interested, you can read [the original version](#).*