

Mass Intentions for December 23rd through December 31st, 2017

Sat. 5:00pm Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo r/b the Malinowski family
 Sun. 8:00am Joseph Zahornacky r/b the family
 11:00am Mark Roman, Jr. r/b the family



Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Sun. 4:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased of Notre Dame
 6:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased of Notre Dame

Christmas Day Masses

Mon. 9:00am Caryl G. Morgan r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert Graze
 11:00am Ann G. Lyons r/b the Notre Dame Ladies Council
 Tues. 7:30am NO Mass
 Wed. 7:30am Philip J. Adriani – 20th Anniversary r/b his wife, Veronica
 Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass
 Fri. 7:30am Joseph Peloso, IV r/b the Notre Dame Ladies Council
 Sat. 5:00pm Tony Grosso r/b the Salon friends
 Sun. 8:00am Rita Broderick r/b Elsie and Richard Naylor
 11:00am Margaret Minotti r/b Nina and Anthony Bonacci

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

Offertory Collection – December 9/17- \$8,198.12

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider Online Giving.

It is a simple, safe way to contribute to weekly offerings, as well as to pay for Religious Education tuition and other events within the parish.

In order to register:

- log on to our parish website;
www.notredameofeaston.com
- click the Online Giving logo on the homepage
- fill out the registration form.

If you have any questions please call
(800) 348-2886.

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.

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 30th and 31st, 2017

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday –

5:00pm K. Champagne ----- P. Martinich

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani S. Adriani
 11:00am I. Paxton I. Paxton G. Blawie

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com

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Please Pray for the Sick

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

Walter Finick	Susan Williams	Judith Christiansen
Christopher Vitale	Angela Doescher	Diane DiNapoli
Frank Lyons	John Buckley	Mary Biggins
Siobhan Smith	John Ilardo	Marian Basso
Joan McGrath	Michael Glowacki	

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Burke

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.



From Fr. Lyons
and the Staff of Notre Dame

2017 Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve -Vigil
Sunday - December 24
4:00pm – upstairs
6:00pm



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Christmas Day
The Nativity of Lord
Monday – December 25
9:00am and 11:00am

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The Rectory Office
will be closed on Tuesday
December 26th. We will
open on Wednesday – December 27th.

“Speaking to Sparrows” Film Screening
Wednesday, January 10 or Thursday, January
18, 7:00-9:00 PM, St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall,
Trumbull. An evening of discussion following this
documentary about women finding courage to
confront the uncomfortable. The film brings to light
issues facing women and creates space for difficult
conversations that are a light in the darkness and
can bring healing. Regardless of age, women
struggle with the same issues and will benefit
from this free event whether they are 16 or 60.
For more information about the film,
visit: www.speakingtosparrows.com

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Mass for Those Affected by Addiction

January 13, 2018 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Church Hill Rd.
Newtown, CT. CONTACT: Lou P. 203-304-1471
Mass will be celebrated with those who are in
Recovery and family/friends who have been
impacted by Addiction. The Celebrant will
generally be a priest in recovery.

Please join us for fellowship after Mass.

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Please pray for the repose of soul of:

Nancy Adriani

Sister in law of Veronica and Aunt of Philip
May she rest in peace.



Ladies Council News!

“Thank you”

to everyone who donated diapers at the
Ladies Council Christmas dinner. As usual we
donated them to Blessed Sacrament Church in
Bridgeport. Ann, the Food Pantry Director, said
that some of the families had been asking for
diapers for a couple of weeks, and they had
none to give out, so they were overjoyed with
the amount that we donated.

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Food Pantry Collection

Blessed Sacrament Church

For the January monthly collection which
will take place on January 6th & 7th, the
director, Ann LaStrange, has asked for
Tuna and Canned Hash.

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Mercy Learning Center Seeks Volunteers!

“Educate a Woman...Educate a Family”

Since 1987, Mercy Learning Center has provided
basic literacy and life skills training to low income
women in the Greater Bridgeport area. MLC is open
Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm. The Center
is seeking volunteers to teach English Language
Learners as well as basic adult reading and math in
its one-on-one or small group tutoring program.
The commitment is twice per week for two hours.
No experience necessary. Training and materials
provided.

New Tutor Training Dates

Friday, January 5th

Friday, January 26th

9am – 3pm – lunch provided

Please contact Lynn Gabriel or Erica Hoffman to
register for a training session. 203-334-6699

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org

erica.hoffman@mercylearningcenter.org

Mercy Learning Center - 637 Park Avenue - Bpt, CT



May the
Christmas Season
fill your home with

Joy

your heart with

Love

and your life with

Laughter.

Religious Education News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 am-4pm;

Other times by appointment (261-5596)

ndore@optonline.net



PLEASE NOTE:

The Religious Ed Office will be closed Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st.

Teacher's Holiday Party Save the date!

Our "After the Holiday" dinner will be Thursday evening January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

Please call or email our office to RSVP by January 12th, 2018.

Second Grade Sacrament Dates:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at 11:00am.

The schedule for the Enrollment Ceremonies and mandatory child/parent classes will be given out at class on Tuesday, December 5th

Third Grade Sacrament Dates:

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00am.

The schedule for the Enrollment ceremonies, mandatory child/parent classes, rehearsals and the family supper will be given out at class on Tuesday, December 5th.

NEW CELL PHONE INFORMATON:

We ask that you call our office (203) 261-5596 if your child will not be attending Religious Ed on a particular Tuesday before 2:00pm.

After 2:00pm, the following cell phone numbers listed below can be used to contact us with an important message regarding your child.

These cell numbers allow us to receive your

call after we have left the office for Religious Ed classes starting at 2:00pm on Tuesday afternoons.

(203) 751-7253 and (203) 837-0734

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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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.

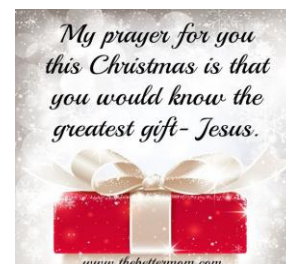
He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials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

Nineteen 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](#)



Baptism – The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12 noon. A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior in the Baptism of their 1st child.

Register by calling the Parish Office: 203-268-5838

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Marriage – Weddings are generally celebrated on Friday evening or Saturday afternoon. They must be scheduled at least 8 months in advance.

Please do not make final arrangements for your reception prior to contacting the Parish Office.

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Parish Registration: 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. If the priest does not know you personally or by sight, the only other way of knowing you are a practicing Catholic is by tracking your contributions by check or envelope.

