

Mass Intentions for December 29th, 2018 through January 6th, 2019



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
Mon.	7:30am	Bridget Warner	r/b Alana Green
<i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i> – a Holy Day of Obligation			
Tues.	9:00am	Parishioners Living and Deceased	
	11:00am	Kathleen Devine	r/b the family
Wed.	7:30am	Honorata Szyzkiewicz	r/b Andrew Gryszkiewicz
Thurs.	7:30am	NO Mass	
Fri.	7:30pm	Ann and Frank Somma	r/b Veronica Adriani
Sat.	5:00pm	Vincent Baluch	r/b Joe and Dorinda Pizone
Sun.	8:00am	Margaret Fidaleo	r/b the Falcone family
	11:00am	Charles Kozlowski	r/b the family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

Due to an early bulletin deadline the offertory collections will be announced in 2 weeks.

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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.

January 1st, 5th & 6th, 2019

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Tuesday The Solemnity of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am B. Constand C. Constand -----
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11:00am J. Pagliaro J. Pagliaro -----

Saturday

5:00pm A. Fiyalka A. Fiyalka P. Martincih

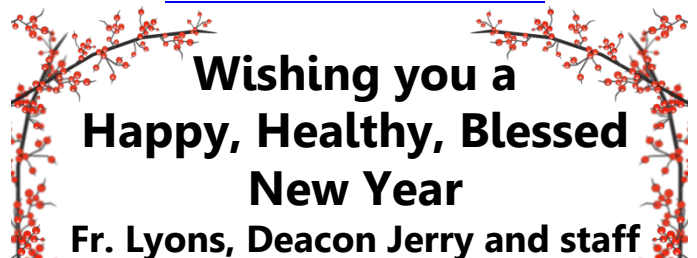
Sunday

8:00am C. & M. Welch P. Altieri L. Pulie
G.T & S. Zuanelli

11:00am J. Pagliaro J. Pagliaro J. Mocco

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com



The rectory office will close at
12 noon
on Monday December 31st
and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd

***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***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Msgr. Thomas J. Driscoll, PA
 former pastor of Notre Dame
 from 1999 to 2015



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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	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.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 27th, 2019

Explore Your Options for PK3-8th Grade Fairfield, CT 12/17/18—St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 from 10am to noon. Take a guided tour of Pk3-4, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle schools; visit with classroom teachers and administrators; meet current families. Learn more about our academic goals, school culture, enrichment programs, sports and after-school offerings.

All families of Pk3-8th grade students in the 2019-2020 school year in Fairfield, Easton and the surrounding area are invited to attend. Please note: we now offer a two-year Pre-k program, eligible children must turn 3 on or by August 31st.

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is fully accredited by the *New England Association of Schools and Colleges* and recognized as an award-winning *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*. For nearly 100 years in the heart of downtown Fairfield, we have served a critical role in Fairfield County by providing a strong foundation for students in faith and knowledge at an affordable cost. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is conveniently located at 1719 Post Road, Fairfield.

For additional information please contact Barbara Turner, Director of Admissions, at 203.255.0556 x.225 or Barbara.turner@stasonline.net



The Women of Notre Dame News!

Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported the weekly Advent collections for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry. Over 400 people rely on the food pantry, and your generosity has touched many lives. The monthly collection returns in January — check the bulletin for the dates and for the items needed.

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The Women of Notre Dame will hold their 1st meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 8th. All members are invited to attend.

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If you are interesting in helping to plan our first **Shamrock Bingo family event** scheduled for **March 2** (snow date March 9), **please attend the Women of Notre Dame meetings** on January 8 and February 5 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

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New Years Resolutions

LESS	MORE
Talking	Listening
Planning	Doing
Soda	Tea
Junk Food	Salads
Complaining	Encouraging
Worrying	Hoping
Doubting	Believing
Lazing Around	Working Out
Frowning	Smiling
Insecurity	Trust
Weakness	Confidence
Ignorance	Understanding
Hate	Love
Ungratefulness	Gratitude

2019

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

*Happy
New Year*

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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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2018**

**“Because 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 grievances
you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord
has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love,
which binds the rest together and makes them
perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee.
There he settled in a town called Nazareth.”**

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can’t you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home. As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely must have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.