

Mass Intentions for December 2nd through December 10th, 2017

Sat.	5:00pm	Nicolina Cerino	r/b Gary, Debra and Erica Meno
Sun.	8:00am	Anna Andras	r/b Florence Andras
	11:00am	Carlo Minasi	r/b the family
Mon.	7:30am	Joseph A. Peloso, IV	r/b the Meno family
Tues.	7:30am	Denis Fortin	r/b the Notre Dame Ladies Council
Wed.	7:30am	Michael Andras	r/b his wife, Florence
Thurs.	7:30am	No Mass	



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – NO Vigil Mass

5:00 pm No Mass

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a Holy Day of Obligation

Fri.	7:30am	Special Intention of Sara Marie Adriani	r/b Veronica Adriani
	12:00noon	Patricia Metzger	r/b the Pizone family
Sat.	5:00pm	Mario R. Pasqua	r/b Teresa DiCocco
Sun.	8:00am	Pietro and Louise Bassani	r/b the family
	11:00am	Jeremiah McCarthy	r/b the Lyons family

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

Offertory Collection – November 19th - \$4,369.55

Offertory Collection – November 26th - \$5,751.65

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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:

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 9th & 10th, 2017

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm G. O'Brien D. Baker S. O'Brien

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani S. Adriani

11:00am H. Egan B. Marzik J. & K. Burris

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.

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Wedding Banns

There has been a promise of marriage between:
Jolene Santangeli and Christopher Kelly

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Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure Screening

December 2nd & 3rd after all Masses



The Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 8th



Mass Schedule – 7:30am & 12noon

There is no vigil Mass.

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Christmas Giving Tree...

Our Parish Giving Tree benefits families in Bridgeport through the Caroline House and the St. Charles Outreach Center. Please take an ornament off the tree, purchase and wrap the gift listed and place the gift under the tree. It is very important to attach the original ornament gift tag to the gift. Its color and description tells us where to deliver the gift. Because these centers close for Christmas, please return all gifts by the weekend of December 9th and 10th.



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VNS of Connecticut



Tree of Light - Memorial Ceremony

Thursday, December 7th – 6:30pm

Firehouse Green – Center Road

A celebration of life to remember family and friends. For more information Call 203.366.3821, ext.1111. Email: TreeofLight@vnsct.org
Website: www.VNSCT.org

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If you are in NYC during the Holiday Season
The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth (Minsk, Belarus)

Would like to Welcome you to their

HOLIDAY MARKET BOOTH

At Columbus Circle- November 28 to December 24
Intersection of Columbus Circle, Central Park West
& Central Park, South, Manhattan, NYC.

They are offering handmade crafts, icons, Christmas gifts and ornaments, CDs and religious articles.



Ladies Council News!

Please join the Notre Dame of Easton Ladies Council
for a delicious



Christmas Dinner



Wednesday, December 6th, 2017

at The Spinning Wheel Restaurant,

109 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, CT 06896.

Reception shall take place at 6:00,

followed by a 6:30 Buffet Dinner.

Guests welcome. \$35.00 per person. Cash bar.

Transportation can be provided.

Please RSVP by December 1st and make checks
payable to the Notre Dame of Easton Ladies
Council. Please mail your payment and the
attachment below to: Cheryl Constand,

1 Winona Place, Easton, CT 06612.

Any questions, please call 203-374-5696.

We will be collecting diapers in sizes 4, 5 & 6 for
Blessed Sacrament.

Name:

Email/Contact information:

I would like to be seated with:

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The Notre Dame of Easton Ladies Council  
invites you to a  
Holy Holiday Excursion  
Thursday, December 14, 2017  
St. Mary's Church in New Haven  
(tour and Mass)  
Knights of Columbus Museum  
(World War I and Crèches of the World Exhibit)

Departing from Sport Hill Road at 10:30 AM  
Returning approximately 4:30 PM  
(This trip includes a light breakfast and lunch)  
Reservations and Advanced Payment Required

Please send checks payable to  
Notre Dame of Easton Ladies Council  
and put "Holiday Excursion" in the memo  
(Please include your email or phone number with  
your payment to receive confirmation)  
\$70 per person. For questions or more  
information contact Michelle Falcone 203-650-  
3959 or [celebrateconnecticut@gmail.com](mailto:celebrateconnecticut@gmail.com)

# Religious Education News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 am-4pm;

Other times by appointment (261-5596)

ndore@optonline.net

## Living Crèche

On Sunday, December 17, 2017, the Living Crèche will be presented by our third graders during the 11:00am Mass. We are seeking 12 third graders enrolled in our Religious Ed program who wish to participate.

Please contact Mrs. Rosemary Collins at (203)913-6098 or e-mail her at [roco76@aol.com](mailto:roco76@aol.com) if your child is interested.

Rehearsals are held in the Church after school on the following dates and times:

Monday, Dec. 11th: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Thursday, Dec 14th: 4:00pm-6:00pm

## 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 INFORMATION:

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

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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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## Easton Senior Center Holiday Boutique

The Easton Senior Center, 650 Morehouse Road, Easton, will be having their annual **Holiday Boutique November 6-December 21, 8am-3:00pm weekdays.** Brand new gifts, holiday décor, hand knitted gloves, hats, and scarves, kids' corner. Outstanding selection at a fraction of the retail cost. Please call 203-268-1145 for information.



and

The Easton Senior Center will be holding their annual "12 Days of Christmas" raffle. Tickets are

available now through the 17<sup>TH</sup> of December for \$2.00. Each of 12 baskets containing a value of \$50 in certificates (such as services, restaurants, etc.) will be drawn on Dec. 18 at noon. The funds will be used to purchase a new large screen Samsung 88inch 9-series SUHD television

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The seminarians of St. John Fisher Seminary



Cordially invite you to their service of **Advent Lessons & Carols**



Bring your family & friends to prepare in your hearts a home for Our Lord this Christmas! This simple & beautiful service, in which readings from sacred scripture alternate with sung meditations, illuminates a season of joyful expectations. Come hear the prophecies and chants of Advent, and join in singing favorite hymns and carols of the season.

The hour long service is without charge and open to the public. A festive reception will follow.

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3:00pm**

St. Mary Church – Norwalk, Connecticut



## Advent

The beginning of the Church year.

Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27 and December 3 each year. The candle lit on this **first Sunday** is called the Prophecy Candle and reminds worshippers that prophets foretold Jesus' coming for hundreds of years before he was born. **Worshippers recite the "Prayer of Hope" at this time.**

The candle lit on the **second Sunday** reminds worshippers that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Some churches use the second candle to represent the Bible. **They recite the "Prayer of Peace" on this Sunday.**

Worshippers use the **third candle** to represent the shepherd or Mary, the mother of Jesus. A rose colored candle on the third Sunday represents God's love. **Worshippers recite the "Prayer of Love."**

The fourth candle is the Candle of Joy and represents John the Baptist, who advised the Israelites to prepare themselves for Jesus' teachings. Some churches call this the Angel Candle, representing the angels who proclaimed Jesus' birth. **Worshippers recite the "Prayer of Joy" on this Sunday**