

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



DECEMBER 31, 2023

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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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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Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*  
Sikna Tito

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. Rosemary Bilash, *Safe Environment Coord.*  
rbilash@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson  
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish  
Corporation  
Charles E. Welch

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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 30<sup>th</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sat. 5:00pm Harold Candee r/b Sal and Chris DiNardo  
 Sun. 8:00pm Alvaro Cortina r/b the Family  
 11:00am Angela Doescher r/b Margot Abrams



### Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – NOT a Holy Day of obligation this year.

Mon. 7:30 am Kathleen Devine – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary r/b the Family  
 Tues. 7:30am Anna Fini r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family  
 Wed. 7:30am Thomas J. Farrell r/b the Farrell Family  
 Thurs. 7:30am Parishioners Living and Deceased of Notre Dame  
 Fri. 7:30am NO MASS  
 Sat. 5:00pm Marie Liuzzo r/b the Malinowski Family  
 Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor r/b the Family  
 11:00am Charles Kozlowski – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary r/b the Family

### Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for: December 23 & December 24, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm \$  
 Sunday 8:00am \$ (Totals not  
 11:00am \$ available due to  
 Total Mass Collection \$ early bulletin  
 Other Offertory \$ submission.)  
 Online Giving \$  
 Capital Improvements \$

Thank You!

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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;
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.

Thank You!

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

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### 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	Eleanor Baldyga	Sal DiNardo
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Hobie Summers
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	John Cahill
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	Marie Labarbera
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	Jerry Millbauer

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 hours are:  
Monday through Thursday  
9:00am to 3:30pm.

The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass  
**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

### Parish Registration

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

Our office hours are 9am to 3:30pm  
Monday thru Thursday.

The office is closed on Fridays.



## 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 in-class preparation, beginning in first grade.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements for receiving First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education in class.

Home schooling is not available.



### Christmas Gift Bags for

**Women of Caroline House**

**Collecting Travel-Size Items**



*Because of the generosity of our parishioners, for the last two years we were able to give Christmas Gift Bags to each of the women students at Caroline House. We are planning to give the Christmas bags again this year, but we need your help! We are collecting **travel-size** and **sample-size** items to include in the Christmas gift bags: **body wash, hand lotion, cosmetics, and perfume**. Items should be **new, unopened, and not expired**. There are **75 women students at Caroline House**. The contents of the bags do not have to be the same; each bag can be unique. Please drop off any donated items in the Notre Dame Parish kitchen in the lower Church hall and them in the box labeled **"Caroline House"**.*



## Blessed Sacrament Church

### Food Collection



Thank you for all you do!

We are always in need for toilet paper and paper towels (any kind) and toiletries i.e.: 2/1 Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, etc.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

**They have asked for travel size toiletries so that the volunteers can make up bags for the clients!**

**Food suggestions:** Chef Boyardee canned pasta or the store brand is fine. Spaghetti sauce in preferably plastic jars or cans. Cereal is always needed, but **NOT the Giant Boxes** please. Rice is always needed, but please. **NOT the 20lb. bags.** (It is hard for them to separate Giant or huge size items.)

**The Pantry can always use:**

**Beans (no green beans please)**  
**Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,**  
**Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.**

\*Please bring your donations to Notre Dame's kitchen in the lower church hall. \*

**Blessed Sacrament Church is the only food pantry on the East side of Bridgeport.**

As you know the cost of food has risen so much. Anything you can do is **GREATLY** appreciated!



**Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry**



is in need of Tuna Fish!

Take Note

### A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one,  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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Paintings of the Crucifix

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**First Reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3**

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.



**2023**  
**Christmas Mass Schedule**

- Sunday:  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** **8:00am Mass - only**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>** **(counts for Sunday)**
- Sunday:  
**Christmas Eve** **4:00pm Vigil Mass**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>** **6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
**(counts for Christmas)**
- Monday:  
**Christmas Day** **10:00am Mass - only**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>**
- Tuesday:  
**December 26<sup>th</sup>** **No morning Mass**  
**All offices closed**



**2024**  
**New Year's Mass Schedule**

- Monday:  
**January 1, 2024** **7:30am Mass**  
**(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)**



**Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!**

**KID'S KORNER**  
Gospel Today  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40  
Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Fill in their names, found in bold above. Draw in faces and color the picture.



**Calendar of Events**

**\*Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 11:00 Masses**



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**Baptism:** Please call the Rectory office to arrange for 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. **Please take note:** It is a requirement for at least 1 Godparent to be able to get a sponsor certificate from the Church that they are registered in. A Sponsor Certificate is a letter/form from their church stating that they are a parishioner in good standing.

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**Sponsor Certificates:** We **CANNOT** give you a *Sponsor Eligibility Certificate* unless you are a **registered member of the parish for at least 6 months** and attend Mass regularly.

**Office of Safe Environments:**  
**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**  
The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an incident of abuse or misconduct go to: /safe-environments/incident-report-of-an-allegation-of-abuse-or-misconduct).



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