

Mass Intentions for January 13th through January 21st, 2018

Sat. 5:00pm Denis Fortin
 Sun. 8:00am Special Intentions of Muriel Meier
 11:00am Santina Gizzi
 Mon. 7:30am Marion Nardi
 Tues. 7:30am Mary Ann Guevarez
 Wed. 7:30am Denis Fortin
 Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass
 Fri. 7:30am Debra B. DeCamillis & John DiStefano
 Sat. 5:00pm Nicholas and Elizabeth DeLuca
 Sun. 8:00am Eugene Graze
 11:00am Ann G. Lyons

r/b Toni Grosso
 r/b Veronica Adriani
 r/b Ron and Anna DelCegno
 r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
 r/b the DeVoto family
 r/b Ed and Pat Fitzgerald
 r/b Michelle Falcone
 r/b the family
 r/b Robert and Sharon Graze
 r/b the Lyons family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

January 6 & 7, 2018 - \$6,435.77

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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.*



January 20th & 21st, 2018

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday
 5:00pm I. Paxton I. Paxton N. Bass
Sunday
 8:00am B. Constand/ S. Gilbertie J. & K. Burris
 C. Constand
 11:00am Grade 5 L. Sheehan/ J. Mocco
 J. Pagliaro

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	
Tony and Alice Martinich		

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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Contribution Statements for 2017

Contribution statements will be mailed to all parishioners who have contributed \$250.00 or more to the parish in 2017. Statements will be mailed out within the next couple of weeks. If you do not receive a statement, please call the parish office and a copy will be provided for you.

If you made a contribution to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, you will receive a separate statement from the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Samuel answered, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and February 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>

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From the Diocese

Defending Our Religious Liberty #306

The Catholic Church is asking that lawmakers safeguard the rights afforded to us in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so that we will have the freedom to serve the needy and most vulnerable without violating our moral principles and without being penalized with fines.

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Kennedy Center Caring for the Caregiver

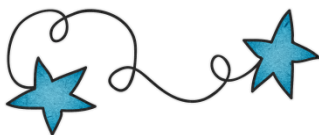
Program is funded through grants from the Agency of South Western Connecticut. The program is designed to assist adult individuals with disabilities to provide care for their aging family members. Areas of assistance include: cooking, cleaning, organizing, money management, time management, computer skills. For more info call Jovonya Spain at 203-365-8522 ext.251.

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"Peace on Earth: Creches of the World"

features nativity scenes from across the globe at the Knights of Columbus Museum, New Haven CT. until February 19, 2018. Open daily 10am to 5pm. Free - admission & parking.

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The biggest lie I tell myself is

"I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it"



The Women of Notre Dame News!

(Formerly the Ladies Council)

The Women of Notre Dame have ongoing projects throughout the year.

A Monthly collection for the food pantry at Blessed Sacrament Parish (usually on the 1st weekend of the month.)

The Book Club – usually meets monthly to discuss the current selection: check the bulletin for the book and the meeting day and time.

The February Book Club will be held on Wednesday, February 7th in the lower Church. (Time to be announced) We would love to have some new faces. Join us. Call Prudence McCafferty 203-374-8202 or email to flatrock44@aol.com.

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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 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

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MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE:

The Charismatic Renewal Services announces a Mass of Healing and Hope on Mon., January 15, at 7:30 pm, at St. Lawrence Parish, Shelton, with Fr. Charles Allen. For more info, call the Charismatic Renewal Office: 203.456.5610.

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Religious Education News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 am-4pm;

Other times by appointment (261-5596)

ndore@optonline.net

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no Religious Education class on Monday evening, January 15th due to the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Teachers' 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.

JANUARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This month's Children's Liturgy will be celebrated by Fr. Allen on Sunday, January 21st at the 11:00am Mass.

Our fifth graders will be the hosts.

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.

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.

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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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 Father 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.

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I have decided
to stick with love.
Hate is too great
A burden to bear



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY
READING**

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2018“

John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi...where are you staying?’ He said to them ‘Come, and you will see.’”

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, ‘what are you looking for?’ The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the what to who. ‘Come and you will see.’

This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book ‘Walking with Jesus’ points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.



Snowflakes
are kisses
from
Heaven

