

Mass Intentions for January 20th through January 28th, 2018

Sat. 5:00pm Nicholas and Elizabeth DeLuca
 Sun. 8:00am Eugene Graze
 11:00am Ann G. Lyons
 Mon. 7:30am Scott Pastor
 Tues. 7:30am Richard O'Brien
 Wed. 7:30am Philip J. Adriani, Sr.
 Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass
 Fri. 7:30am Kevin Visokay
 Sat. 5:00pm Tony Grosso – 1st Anniversary
 Sun. 8:00am Special Intentions of Patricia Fischer
 11:00am John Raymond Morgan, II

r/b the family
 r/b Robert and Sharon Graze
 r/b the Lyons family
 r/b Patty Steccato
 r/b Rita Kruk
 r/b his wife, Veronica

 r/b the family
 r/b the Fortin family
 r/b Veronica Adriani
 r/b Robert and Sharon Graze



Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

January 13 & 14, 2018 - \$4,809.50

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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.*

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There will be a collection next weekend
 January 27th & 28th for the
 Church in Latin America.

January 27th & 28th, 2018

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm G. O'Brien ----- S. O'Brien

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani S. Adriani
 11:00am B. Hommel C. Hommel J. Hommel

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	Mark Cargill
Tony and Alice Martinich		William Metzger

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.

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Michael Conway
Husband of Lorraine
and

James Gromiller
May they rest in peace.



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Mar 2-4, 2018 in MORRISTOWN, NJ. 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 Easton Senior Center will be having a **Winter Tag Sale** from **January 22nd through February 2**. There is quality clothing for all ages/sizes, small electronics, house wares, books, toys, etc. Something for everyone! Questions 268-1145



The Women of Notre Dame News!

(Formerly the Ladies Council)

The Collection for Blessed Sacrament Church Food Pantry will take place on February 3rd and 4th. They are asking for Chef Boyardee meals.



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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- Music for a Winter afternoon -

The Reit Harp Ensemble

Music from the British Isles and Italy

Sunday, January 28th – 5pm

St. Anthony Church – Fairfield

A light reception follows.



Religious Education News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 am-4pm;

Other times by appointment (261-5596)

ndore@optonline.net

Second Grade Sacrament Dates:

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Reconciliation Class:

Saturday, February 10, 2018 from

2:30pm-4:45pm in the Upper Church

followed by the Reconciliation Enrollment Ceremony at the 5:00pm Mass.

All second graders are required to attend and must be accompanied by at least one parent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated on:

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

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 were 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

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

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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Mass for Those Affected by Addiction

WHEN: February 10, 2018 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

WHERE: St. Rose of Lima Church –

46 Church Hill Rd Newtown, CT 6470

CONTACT: Lou P. 203-304-1471

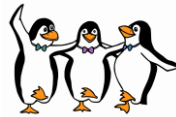
Mass will be celebrated with those who are in Recovery and family/friends who have been impacted by Addiction. The Celebrant will generally be a priest in recovery. Please join us for fellowship after Mass.

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Winter Day of Recollection

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, on Enders Island at St. Edmund's Retreat. This Day of Recollection (9 am - 3:30 pm) will be directed by Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC and will focus on "The Mystery of Lent: Finding God in the Feasts and Fasts of Lent."

More information of the full schedule of programs offered by St. Edmund's Retreat, Enders Island, can be found on our website, endersisland.com.



*Be somebody
who makes
Everybody feel
Like a somebody*

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly*  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

“After John had been arrested Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’ ...Jesus said to them; ‘Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.’”

We meet Jesus as He begins His public ministry as reported by Mark. In summary form the gospel writer tells us what will follow. The message of Jesus is quite clear: Repent and Believe. In a few weeks we will hear those same words, as the blessed ashes are traced upon our foreheads, the external sign, reflects the disposition of our hearts. I ask myself, if I not only hear the words, but listen to them.

As Jesus invited the two sets of brothers to join Him in His ministry, so He calls us today, because this is the time of fulfillment as we are Missionary Disciples. If I truly believe the gospel is the Good News of Jesus, I walk with Him and bring His message to others.

