

Mass Intentions for January 5th, 2018 through January 13th, 2019



Sat. 5:00pm Vincent Baluch
 Sun. 8:00am Margaret Fidaleo
 11:00am Charles Kozlowski
 Mon. 7:30am Special intention for Jean & Girls
 Tues. 7:30am Ruth Cristiano
 Wed. 7:30am Deceased members of the Women of Notre Dame
 Thurs. 7:30am NO Mass
 Fri. 7:30pm Joseph Packer
 Sat. 5:00pm Marie Liuzzo
 Sun. 8:00am Christopher Brunner
 11:00am Rizziero Mastronardi

r/b Joe and Dorinda Pizone
 r/b the Falcone family
 r/b the family
 r/b the family
 r/b Veronica Adriani

r/b Florence Andras
 r/b the Malinowski family
 r/b Sal and Marie Gilbertie
 r/b Ronald and Anna DelCegno

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

Collection for 12/15 & 16 - \$ 7,025.00
 Collection for 12/22 & 24 - \$ 7,604.65
 Collection for Christmas - \$27,379.03
 Collection for Christmas Flowers - \$1,060.00
 Collection - Immaculate Conception -\$1,0064.

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.

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.

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 12 & 13, 2019

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm G. O'Brien

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani D. W. & E. Grob
 11:00am H. Egan B. Marzik J. & K. Burris

The Liturgy Schedule is on our website:

www.notredameofeaston.com

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	Muriel Meier

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.

Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure Screening

This weekend after all Masses in the Religious Education Office.

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



Mercy Learning Center Seeks Volunteers!

"Educate a Woman...Educate a Family"

The Center is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as basic adult reading and math in its small group tutoring program.

The commitment is twice per week for two hours.

No experience necessary.

Training and materials are provided.

New Tutor Training Dates

Friday, January 18th

Friday, January 25th

9:00am to 3:00pm (lunch provided)

Please contact Lynn Gabriel or Luisa Rodriguez

To register for a training session. 203-334-6699

lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org

luisa.rodriguez@mercylearningcenter.org

Mercy Learning Center, 637 Park Ave. Bpt, CT 06604

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

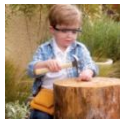
Explore Your Options for PK3-8th Grade

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.

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

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Easton Park and Recreation
WOOD WORKING CLASSES
Grades 2-5



Imagine, Measure, Cut and Hammer!

Let your children learn the art of woodworking in a fun, very safe and creative space. Your budding woodworker will be building birdhouses, boats, helicopters and catapults, among other things. In this class product design, engineering and artistry overlap to allow your little craftsman to build, construct and create their vision with wood.

Classes begin on Wednesday, January 9th at

3:50pm and will be held at:

Samuel Staples Elementary School.

Questions?

Contact: Kids Corner 860-899-7733

Email: Michelle@KidsCornerCT.com

Register at: www.eastonrec.com

The Women of Notre Dame News!

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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Shamrock Bingo



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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**Blessed Sacrament
Food Pantry Collection**

The next collection for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry will be held on January 12th & 13th after each Mass.

They would like Chef Boyardee canned Pasta dinners.

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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

PLEASE NOTE:
RE classes resume,
Monday January 7th
for the 8th grade

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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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Parish Registration: We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by or call the Rectory office (203 268-5838) to officially register. Our hours are 9am to 3:30pm – Monday thru Friday.

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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**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 will*

**WALK BY FAITH**

*Even when*

*I can not see*



**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019**



**Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh."**

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."