

Mass Intentions for July 25th through August 2nd, 2020



Sat. 5:00pm Ernie Karkut r/b Peggy and Joe
 Sun. 8:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased r/b the family
 11:00am Monica DiNardo
 Mon. 7:30am All Souls Day Intentions
 Tues. 7:30am Kaye Curran r/b the family
 Wed. 7:30am Catherine Beuttenmuller r/b the family
 Thurs. 7:30am Special Intention of Brenda Adriani r/b Veronica Adriani
Fri. 7:30am NO MASS
 Sat. 5:00pm William R. Meno r/b Gary, Debbie and Erica
 Sun. 8:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased
 11:00am Ernie DeFilippis r/b Jeff and Diane Parker

All Mass intentions scheduled for Fridays will be honored on Thursdays.

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

July 18th & 19th, 2020 – breakdown of collection

Many of our parishioners have been mailing in their offertory envelopes – it is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

5:00pm Mass	\$ 434.00
8:00am Mass	\$ 645.00
11:00am Mass	\$ 190.00
Total Mass Collection:	\$1,269.00
Other Offertory:	\$2,420.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 665.00
Co-op Mission	\$ 229.00
Online Collection:	\$ 970.00

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ONLINE GIVING

We realize these are uncertain times, if you could keep up your offertory to the church, we would greatly appreciate it.

Our Online Giving company, OSV, has installed a dedicated phone line for parishioners for set-up and other issues.

It is Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) 260-2243, jthinnes@osv.com

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.



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	Angela Doescher	
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Mary Socci
A Friend	Alice Martinich	Pat Perrotta
Mildred Negri	Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan
Deacon Vincent Heidenriech	Gabrella Reitmeyer	

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.

* If you have placed someone's name on the *Prayer List*, please let us know if they need to remain on it.

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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 & include this wish in the obituary notice.

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Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory office hours are Monday through Thursdays 9:00am to 3:30pm.

The office is closed on Fridays.

If you come to the office, we ask that you please wear a mask.

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We have Masses available for 2020.

Please call the Rectory office:

203- 268-5838,

if you would like to reserve one.

Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596
ndore@optonline.net

CONFIRMATION 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Tuesday, September 1st for Group A, 5:00pm and for Group B, 7:15pm.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW

We will have a Review on Sunday, August 23rd from 12:00pm-1:00pm for Group A and 1:15pm-2:15pm for Group B in the Lower Church Hall. Confirmation robes will be given out at this time. **Only students are required to attend.**

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

The Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on Monday evening, August 31st for Group A, 6:00pm, for Group B, 7:15pm. We will meet in the Lower Church. Attendance will be required for both student and sponsor.

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE: 2020-2021 REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program were mailed Friday, May 15th, 2020 to all families currently registered in our Religious Education Program for 2019-2020.

If you did not receive forms for your children, or if your child will be new to the program, blank registration forms are available in the Religious Ed Office and in the Rectory. Completed Registration Forms were due July 1st, 2020. A grace period will extend the original due date until JULY 15th, 2020 LATE FEES WILL NOW APPLY!

Women of Notre Dame News:

Blessed Sacrament Collection

Thank you to everyone for bringing weekly donations for the Blessed Sacrament food pantry.

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If You Can Help -

Please bring your donations to the Kitchen in the lower Church.

They can always use Mac and Cheese – canned Tuna - all kinds of Chef Boyardee, especially Beef-A-Roni, and peanut butter. Diapers (can be open boxes – left over from your children), baby wipes, toilet paper.

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Blessed Sacrament has an *Online Giving* page that has a way to direct a donation to the Food Pantry - good for those limiting trips to the grocery store - or going out of the house.

<https://osvhub.com/blessedsacramentbpt/funds>

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament

275 Union Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
203. 333.1202

“Just now’, the widow said to Elijah, ‘I have been collecting a few sticks to make a fire and prepare something for myself and my son. When we have eaten the little food that is left, surely we shall die.’”

(1Kings 17:7-12)

For the last few weeks, we have felt like the widow in the First Book of Kings. We begin our week, gathering together the few sticks of food that we can, in the hope that we will be able to provide something for the needy who will come to our pantry on Thursday. But usually there is so little left from the week before. And then the Lord sends us Elijah! And your generous donations assure us that the jar of flour will not go empty, nor will the jug of oil go dry!

Without your help, we could never continue to distribute between 240 and 260 bags of groceries every week.

We just need to thank you and thank God for you.

Fr. Skip, Parish Administrator
Anne LeStrange, Food Pantry Director

Resumption of Masses

Masses will be held in the lower Church Hall.

☐ Masses will be offered with the following schedule: Monday-Thursday at 7:30 AM (No Mass on Friday). **(NOTE – change in schedule)**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

****All upcoming Friday intentions will be honored at the Thursday morning Mass.**

☐ Per State and Diocesan guidelines we will be limiting Mass attendance to 50 people.

Bishop Caggiano has continued to dispense the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through the summer.

Please read "Guidelines" on our website: www.notredameofeaston.org for all of the rules and regulations.

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.

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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.

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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.**

*** At this time we are not visiting homebound parishioners - we will resume when conditions permit.**

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020



“Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”
At this time of the year it is not rare late in the day to find a person on the beach, moving from left to right, with a metal detector, listening for a sound to reveal a coin, or other valuable, beneath the sand. I often wonder if something of value surfaces. Jesus tells us what the treasure is, what the pearl of great price is, but how do I react? Does it move me, to put other things aside, to move below the surface and discover how blessed I am? We might hear the detector signal us, but we must bend, sift and reach out to discover what is really important for our spiritual lives. The treasure and the pearl are the life of grace, the gift of God’s very life, accepted by me, and shared with others.

What are the treasure and pearl for me today?

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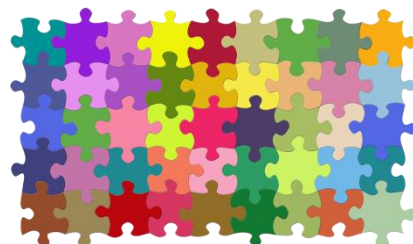
When I am Puzzled

I pray to You, my Saving God,
For I can't make sense of things;
I am puzzled and I need Your help,
And the light Your presence brings.

Give me faith, my dearest Lord,
To trust that You are near;
You know where all life's "pieces", go
And You take away all fear.

May I hold fast to this belief
That You have a master plan;
So when I stray or fail behind,
please take me by the hand.

Amen



Attend Daily Mass

7:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

**See want a difference a few minutes
a day can make**

"I Am The Living Bread"

Jesus (JN 6:47-57)

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

