

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



MARCH 28, 2021

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

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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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Pat Fischer & Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*

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. Ellen Pease, *Safe Environment Coordinator*  
churchladies@optonline.net

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Council Chairperson

Mrs. Diane Baker

### Finance Council Chairman

Philip Adriani

### Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Mrs. Diane Baker &  
Salvatore Gilbertie

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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 March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Sat. 5:00pm Tony Grosso  
 Sun. 8:00am Wladyslaw Szczepanski r/b his daughter, Beata Orsen  
 11:00am Monica DiNardo r/b the family  
 Mon. 7:30am Sadie Traskiewics r/b Dori Wollen  
 Tues. 7:30am Helen Francischiello  
 Wed. 7:30am No Mass

Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thurs. 7:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Good Friday

Fri. 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Sat. 8:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of the Lord

Sun. 8:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased

Anthony Testani

r/b the family

11:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased



Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 - breakdown of collection

Saturday 5:00pm	\$ 336.50
Sunday 8:00am	\$ 450.00
11:00am	\$ 372.00
<b>Total Mass Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,158.50</b>
Other Offertory:	\$ 845.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 180.00
Online giving:	\$1,630.00

**Thank You!**



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.



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.



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	Ed Kovac
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Anthony Racca
A Friend	Alice Martinich	Pat Perrotta
Elizabeth Morgan	Georgia Egan	Alfred Fressola
Gabrella Reitmeyer	Carmine Donofrio	
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	

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 Friday.

If you are coming to the office, you must wear a mask.

**Easter Sunday  
 11:00am Mass  
 is full**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

*Deacon Vincent Heidenreich*  
our former Director of Religious Education



May he rest in peace.

## Women of Notre Dame 2020–2021 Membership



### Notre Dame of Easton Bible Study

We are happy to report the  
Bible Study will resume on

**Tuesday – March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00-11:30am

- \* No food is permitted.
- \* We must each sign in and provide contact information at every gathering.
- \* Masks are required, along with social distancing.
- \* Chairs must be sanitized after each event.
- \* Rest room must be cleaned after each use.

## Blessed Sacrament Collection

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

### If You Can Help -

Please bring your donations to the Kitchen in the lower Church. We ask that you continue with the "usual items" please, ex: cereal, canned beans, Chef Boyardee pasta's, toiletries, such as toilet paper, etc. **They have specifically asked for peanut butter and canned tuna.**

**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC – BLESSED SACRAMENT CAN NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING AT THIS TIME.**

**Please DO NOT bring clothing to Church**  
Your generosity has been wonderful through the pandemic – We thank you all very much.

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>



## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will alternate between 7:00pm and 12:00noon in the church.



**MASKS REQUIRED – SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED**

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Stations will be held on Fridays at 7pm on:  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45pm

## Our Lenten Sacrifices

Days of Abstinence: all Fridays in Lent, for all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, no meat can be taken.

Days of Fast: for all who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and have not as yet reached their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

Weekdays of Lent: No Obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Easter Duty Obligation: Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent through Trinity Sunday.

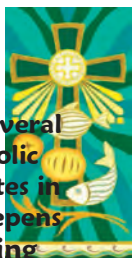
Self Denial: is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

Eucharistic Fast: 1 hour from foods and liquids.  
Water and medicine never break the fast.

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## Loaves and Fishes Collection Through Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Fasting during the Lenten season is one of several penitential practices that is part of our Catholic tradition. Voluntary fasting from food creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit and deepens our compassion for others. As you fast during Lent, please consider dropping your spare change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church if you are coming to the stations or coming into the Church to pray, and near the elevator if you are coming to Mass. Together we can enhance our Lenten fasting practice by giving up meals and donating the cost of



those meals. If you prefer, you can drop a check into the jar or mail it to the Rectory; please make **checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Loaves and Fishes"** in the memo.

## 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 preparation, beginning in first grade.

**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation** is celebrated in the 2nd grade.

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will be celebrated in the 3rd grade.

The **requirement** to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The **requirements** to receive First Holy Communion are reception of First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** is celebrated in 9th grade. The Diocesan **requirement** is completion of 7th and 8th grade Religious Education.

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## Baptism

– Please call the Rectory office to set up 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

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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.

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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.



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 28, 2021

“Even though I should have to die with you I will not deny you. And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, ‘My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.’ He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed.”

Following the last supper, we join the three disciples and Jesus in the garden. We hear His prayer as the apostles fall asleep. The hurt of the betrayal, soon to be followed by the denial filled the heart of Jesus. We are present to support and console Him.

Yet all which takes place is to comfort, console and save us. We move from sorrow to gratitude for what the Lord did and does for us today. The Christ who suffered for us, suffers in His people today. May we find comfort, but also act to ease the hurts of others near and far.

Jesus, save us.



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"I Am The Living Bread"  
Jesus (JN 6:47-57)



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- Order food for takeout or delivery
- Donate to charities with items from local stores
- Say thank you and spread the word!



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### Resumption of Masses

Masses are held in the lower Church Hall.  
Masses will be offered with the following schedule:

Monday-Thursday at 7:30 AM  
(No Mass on Friday).

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

The limit for Mass attendance is 50 people.

Bishop Caggiano has continued to dispense the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until it is safe to attend. Please read "Guidelines" on our website: [www.notredameofeaston.org](http://www.notredameofeaston.org), for all of the rules and regulations.

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