

Mass Intentions for March 24th through April 1st, 2018



Sat. 5:00pm Camille Whalley r/b Toni Grosso
 Sun. 8:00am Madeline Tramontano r/b Dave and Kathy Dudas
 11:00am Denis Fortin r/b Edward and Gloria Kovacs
 Mon. 7:30am Kevin Visokay r/b the family
 Tues. 7:30am Melvin and Irene Somma r/b Veronica Adriani
 Wed. 7:30am NO Mass

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper

Thurs. 7:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Good Friday

Fri. 3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - Vigil Mass

Sat. 8:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of the Lord

Sun. 8:00am Anthony Testani r/b the family

9:30am Parishioners Living and Deceased

11:00am David Stanczyk r/b a Friend

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection:

March 17 & 18, 2018 - \$6,178.85

Easter flowers - \$1,038.00

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.*

March 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, & April 1, 2018

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Holy Thursday

7:00pm P. Adriani A. Adriani

Good Friday

3:00pm H. Egan

Holy Saturday

7:00pm J. Pagliaro J. Pagliaro

Easter Sunday

8:00am	B. Constand	C. Constand	C. Zuanelli
	C. Constand		G. T. Zuanelli
9:30am	G. O'Brien	T. Vitale	S. O'Brien
11:00am	I. Paxton	I. Paxton	J. Mocco
			N. Bass

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	Matthew Cargill
Tony and Alice Martinich		William Metzger
Richard Schwartz, Sr.		

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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The Rectory Office
will be open until 12noon
on Good Friday- March 30th.



**No Morning Mass
Wednesday, Thursday or Friday**

**Holy Thursday - March 29th
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm**

**Good Friday - March 30th
The Passion of the Lord
3:00pm**

Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm

**Holy Saturday – March 31st
| Blessing of the Easter Food - 12 noon
Vigil Mass of Easter
8:00pm**

**Easter Sunday - April 1st
Resurrection of the Lord
Mass Schedule
8:00am ~ 9:30am ~ 11:00
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Lenten Regulations 2018

Fast & Abstinence during Lent:

Abstinence: All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence. Catholics from the age of 14 and above are asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays during Lent.

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Loaves & Fishes Spare Change Collection

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 drop your spare change into the Loaves & Fishes collection jars in the vestibule of the church. 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 in a check payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Loaves & Fishes" in the memo.

Reconciliation Monday

Bishop Caggiano has designated Monday, March 26 as "Reconciliation Monday" throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. Three parishes within each of the nine Deaneries will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, so that the lay faithful may experience God's mercy as Holy Week begins.

"The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation provides a profound opportunity to be freed from our personal sins and to experience the healing love of Christ for you and me," said Bishop Caggiano. In terms of spiritual healing, we must never forget that this precious gift of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is always available, simply for the asking.

The Bishop, who will also hear confession on that day, said he is grateful for the pastors and parishes participating in Reconciliation Monday and he hoped that Catholics throughout the diocese would take advantage of the opportunity.

"Many people have misconceptions about what Confession really is. It is not solely a spiritual exercise during which you tell the priest your sins. Rather, it is a profound encounter with the Lord Jesus, who through the words and actions of the priest, meets us in our sinfulness and forgives, liberates and empowers us with the Holy Spirit so that we can go forth and sin no more," he said.

Priests will be hearing Confessions at the following locations on Reconciliation Monday from 3 pm to 9 pm:

DEANERY C (QUEEN OF MARTYRS)

1. Christ the King Parish: 4700 Madison Avenue, Trumbull
2. St. Jude Parish: 707 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe
3. St. Rose of Lima Parish: 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown

DEANERY E (SEAT OF WISDOM)

1. St. Francis of Assisi Parish: 35 Norfield Road, Weston
2. St. Mary Parish: 55 Catoonah Street, Ridgefield
3. St. Patrick Parish: 169 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding

DEANERY F (QUEEN ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN)

1. Church of the Assumption: 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport
2. Our Lady of the Assumption Parish: 545 Stratfield Road, Fairfield
3. St. Pius X Parish: 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield

Religious Education News

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday - 10 am-4pm;

Other times by appointment (261-5596)

ndore@optonline.net

After 2:00pm Tuesday afternoons:

(203)751-7253 or (203)837-0734

Third Grade Sacrament Dates:

Family Supper:

Friday evening, April 20th, 2018,
6:30pm until 8:00pm. We will meet in
the Upper Church.

Rehearsal: Thursday, April 26th, 2018,
6:30 pm until 8:00pm in the Upper
Church. At least one parent must
accompany their child.

First Holy Communion will be
celebrated on Saturday,
April 28, 2018 at 11:00am.

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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Random Acts of Kindness

Part of Penance is service, and we are called to
serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family,
write out several random acts of kindness that can
be carried out over the week. Include things like
smiling at someone; picking up trash, inviting
someone to play a game, making a phone call to a
grandparent, and helping someone carry a package.
Throughout the week, have each family member
draw a slip and complete the action. When
everyone has completed their random act, talk
about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to
pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

The Women of Notre Dame News!

(Formerly the Ladies Council)

April Meeting~

The next monthly meeting of the
Women of Notre Dame will be held on
Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm in the lower
church. Any member is welcome to attend.

Food Collection ~

The Blessed Sacrament Food Collection for
April will be held on April 7th & 8th. The needs
for April are Canned meats such as:
Hash – Chili or Spam. Toiletries are always
needed and accepted.

Scholarship~

The Women of Notre Dame (formerly the Notre
Dame of Easton Ladies Council) announces the
Liam A. Baker Memorial Scholarship for 2018

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the son
or daughter (or grandson or granddaughter) of a
*Notre Dame Parishioner and Women of Notre
Dame Member*. This merit-based scholarship is for
a graduating high school senior who will be a full-
time student at an accredited institution of higher
learning (college, university, vocational school, or
community college) in September 2018. If there are
no applicants from Notre Dame of Easton parish,
the scholarship will be open to a student from the
Blessed Sacrament parish in Bridgeport.

Applications may be obtained at The Notre
Dame Rectory office or by emailing Jeanine Pagliaro
at jpagliari01@optonline.net beginning on
February 19, 2018.

Completed applications must be submitted by
April 8, 2018 to the address listed on the
application.

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Come join other men and women for a mini Lenten

“Walk through the Bible”



New “Bible Readers” or long-time students,
we look forward to sharing with you.

Tuesday, April 3rd, in our lower level Church
hall. Session includes “Reflective Reading” and
Discussion. Beverage and snacks provided.



2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert

On Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries.

Photos with Bishop Caggiano will take place at 2:30pm before Mass begins. Every couple that participates will receive a complimentary photo and certificate, sent via US Mail to each parish for distribution.



As a special gift to those celebrating anniversaries, the Mass will be immediately followed by a concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. To register, please contact our parish office at 202-268-5838 or go to: <https://www.formationreimagined.org/> . Space is limited , please RSVP by April 18th . for questions, please contact Deirdra Kearney at (203)416-1670 or dkearney@diobpt.org

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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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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.