

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



OCTOBER 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael P. Lyons, *Pastor*

Dr. Gerald F. Sabol, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

640 Morehouse Road

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Rectory Office is closed on Friday.

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

Barbara Kozlowski, *Office Staff*
Sikna Tito

Robert Gilmore, *Director of Music*
203-268-5838

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

(in the church)

Mrs. Patricia Steccato, *Director of Religious Ed.*
203-261-5596 / ndore@optonline.net

Mrs. Rosemary Bilash, *Safe Environment Coord.*
churchladies@optonline.net

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairperson
Mrs. Diane Baker

Finance Council Chairman

Lay Members of the Parish
Corporation
Philip Adriani, Jr.,
Charles E. Welch

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.

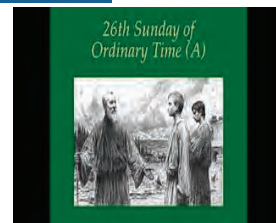


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Mass Intentions for September 30th through October 8th, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5:00pm	America Barcaglia	r/b Yolanda Liburdi
Sun. 8:00pm	Brian McGeady	r/b the Laurino Family
11:00am	Filippo Pugliese	r/b the Signore Family
Mon. 7:30am	Richard Naylor	r/b the Family
Tues. 7:30am	Ruth Peloso – 1 st Anniversary	r/b the Family
Wed. 7:30am	Richard, Joan, and Kevin Visokay	r/b the Family
Thurs. 7:30am	Living & Deceased Members of Women of Notre Dame	r/b Parish of Notre Dame
Fri. 7:30am	NO MASS	
Sat. 5:00pm	Nicola DiCocco	r/b the Dougiello Family
Sun. 8:00am	Frank Laurino	r/b the Laurino Family
11:00am	Lorenzo and Lucia Liburdi	r/b Yolanda Liburdi and Family



Notre Dame's Weekly Collections for:

September 23 & 24, 2023

Saturday 5:00pm	\$1,498.00
Sunday 8:00am	\$1,042.00
11:00am	\$ 732.00
Total Mass Collection	\$3,272.00
Other Offertory	\$ 210.00
Online Giving	\$1,100.00

Thank You!

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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.

Thank You!

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.

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Women of Notre Dame

Please join us for our first meeting.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7pm – lower Church hall



**FAITH
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**



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	Eleanor Baldyga	Sal DiNardo
Siobhan Smith	Joan McGrath	Alice Martinich
Pat Perrotta	Elizabeth Morgan	Hobie Summers
George Adams	Corrine Marsicano	Anne Fiyalka
Richard Hudson	Gina LaPan	John Cahill
Douglas Fedorko	Jonathan Webster	Angela Virginia

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.



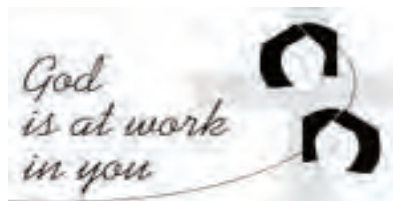
Rectory Office Hours

The Rectory Office hours are:
Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 3:30pm.
The Office is closed on Fridays.

When attending Mass
MASKS ARE OPTIONAL

Parish Registration

We welcome you to Notre Dame Parish. Please stop by, or call the Rectory office, (203 268-5838), to officially register. Our office hours are 9am to 3:30pm Monday thru Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.



Religious Education

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

The Religious Ed Office will be closed from Monday, September 25th through Friday, September 29th.

Religious Ed Classes Begin:
Monday evening, October 2nd
for the 8th Grade.

Classes are held in the Lower Church from 6:45pm-8:00pm.

Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd for Grades 1 through 7 at
SSES: 3:50pm-5:00pm
and

HKMS: 2:50pm-4:00pm

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of in-class preparation, beginning in first grade.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in 2nd grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is celebrated in 3rd grade. The requirement for receiving First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education.

The requirements for receiving 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 in class.

Home schooling is not available.



Donuts & Coffee Sunday

Please join us next Sunday,
October 8, 2023

after the 8:00am & 11:00 Masses,
lower Church hall
for coffee, donuts, tea, juice,
and visiting with old friends and
making new ones.

The donuts are delicious and the company
is priceless!



Blessed Sacrament Church Food Collection



Thank you for all you do!

We are always in need for toilet paper and paper towels (any kind) and toiletries i.e.: 2/1 Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, etc.

SPECIAL REQUEST

They have asked for travel size toiletries so that the volunteers can make up bags for the clients!

Food suggestions: Chef Boyardee canned pasta or the store brand is fine. Spaghetti sauce in preferably plastic jars or cans. Cereal is always needed, but **NOT the Giant Boxes** please. Rice is always needed, but please. **NOT the 20lb. bags.** (It is hard for them to separate Giant or huge size items.)

The Pantry can always use:

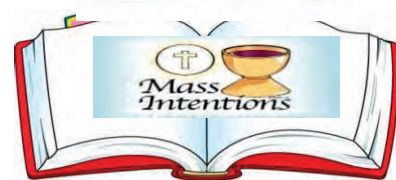
Beans (no green beans please)
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac and Cheese,
Pasta, Tuna, and diapers.

*Please bring your donations to Notre Dame's kitchen in the lower church hall. *

Blessed Sacrament Church is the only food pantry on the East side of Bridgeport.

As you know the cost of food has risen so much. Anything you can do is **GREATLY** appreciated!

2024



Our **2024 Mass Book** is open. Please call the Rectory office to schedule your Masses for the year, and as needed. (Please call the Parish Office & speak with Barbara, on Mondays or Wednesdays, to arrange your yearly scheduled Masses.)



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.



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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023

“If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.”

As we reflect on this teaching of St. Paul, written perhaps only twenty years after the resurrection of Jesus, discover the model and pattern for living our faith. Reread the lengthy list of virtues to guide our every step - encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility. These words are constantly repeated by Pope Francis in his weekly audiences. They are reminders of the building stones for families, parishes, and all Christian churches.

Paul sent his letter to a community, but I need to look into my heart to make sure I have these gifts for the good of my community.



“One Parish One Book”
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



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Gospel Today
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 21:28-32

The older son in the parable first told his father no, I will not work, but had a change of heart and went to work in the vineyard. When we make poor choices, and have a change of heart, God forgives us and lets us try again.



“I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.”

-Matthew 21:28

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Parable	S	S	E	N	S	U	O	E	T	H	G	I	R
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Sons	D	A	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	W	D	A	T
Father	E	T	A	W	A	N	N	S	T	C	O	A	R
Said	V	E	R	G	E	N	A	D	O	R	K	G	Y
Work	I	D	A	V	D	N	T	J	D	F	I	E	R
Vineyard	N	O	P	I	V	R	S	E	C	O	N	D	C
Today	E	U	A	G	A	S	T	S	H	R	G	C	H
Changed	Y	S	S	E	N	N	T	U	A	G	D	K	O
Mind	A	N	H	O	E	B	S	S	N	I	O	G	I
Try	R	E	S	P	W	O	R	K	G	V	M	S	C
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First													
Righteousness													
Forgive													
Choices													
Heart													
God													
Believe													

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

With Deepest Sympathy



Harold Candee
husband of Shirley





Don't judge each day
by the harvest you reap,
but by the seeds you plant.



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Monday thru Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:30pm.
A Pre-Baptism class is required for both
parents prior to the Baptism of their 1st child.
Please take note: It is a requirement for
at least 1 Godparent to be able to get a sponsor
certificate from the Church that they
are registered in. A Sponsor Certificate is a
letter/form from their church stating that
they are a parishioner in good standing.

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Sponsor Certificates: We CANNOT give
you a *Sponsor Eligibility Certificate* unless
you are a registered member of the parish
for at least 6 months and attend Mass
regularly.

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**Office of Safe Environments:**  
**DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT**

The Safe Environments Office is dedicated to ensuring  
the safety of all children in our Diocese. To report an  
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