

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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MAY 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 through Thursday: 7:30 am
No Mass on Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

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PARISH INFORMATION

Lay Members of the
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Chair: Jeanine Pagliaro
Secretary: Mary Welch

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 10, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Christopher Amerigo Collins**
r/b the Millbauer Family
- Sun. 8:00am Michael & Florence Andras**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Cecelia & John Campbell**
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro
- Mon. 7:30am Richard naylor - 4th anniversary**
r/b the Family
- Tues. 7:30am All Parishioners, living & deceased of Notre Dame**
- Wed. 7:30am Cliff Pereira**
r/b Chris & Carl Linley
- Thurs. 7:30am Michael & Florence Andras**
the Family
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm All Mothers, living & deceased of Notre Dame**
- Sun. 8:00am All Mothers, living & deceased of Notre Dame**
- 11:00am All Mothers, living & deceased of Notre Dame**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

Please Pray for our Parish Family & all in need

May our prayers bring peace, healing, and hope to those we remember here:

- Alice Martinich
- Pat Perrotta
- George Adams
- Vincent Esposito
- Ava Link
- Corrine Marsicano
- Douglas Fedorko
- Susan Williams
- Leah Ambrose
- Christopher Vitale
- Sal DiNardo
- Siobhan Smith
- Caryl Besescheck
- Michael DiJulio
- Mary Majcherek
- Walter Gefford
- Michael J. Weiss
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- John Adriani
- Barbara Steneck

To help keep our list current, please contact the parish office with any additions or removals at Office@ndeaston.org.

Update Your Parish Information:

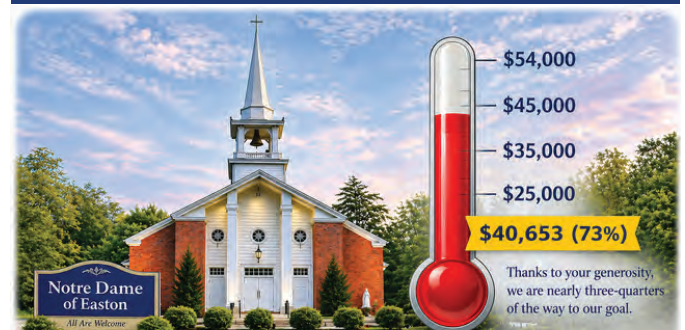
Have you recently moved, changed your phone number, email, or family information? Please take a moment to update your parish registration so we can stay connected by emailing the parish office or scanning the QR Code.



Weekly Collection for: APRIL 25 & APRIL 26, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,438.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,167.00
	11:00 am	959.00
Online Giving		1,546.00
Other Offertory		1,800.00
Total Collection		\$6,910.00
Home Mission Appeal		\$605.00

ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal



Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Faith Formation

PLEASE PRAY
for our Faith Formation students
who will receive their

FIRST HOLY Communion

during the following
upcoming Masses:

-  May 2nd at 5pm
-  May 3rd at 11am
-  May 9th at 5pm
-  May 10th at 11am



Early Childhood - First Witnesses

To be assigned a mentor family, please scan the QR code.



Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry collection


Help nourish our neighbors! Blessed Sacrament is the **ONLY** food pantry on the East Side of Bridgeport, and they serve **approximately 800 families** each week! Please bring your donations to the kitchen in the lower church hall. Please do not leave your donations outside of church. All donations are welcomed and appreciated!



Online Donation

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish. Online Giving offers a safe and convenient way to support weekly offerings and parish ministries. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website to begin.





NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

Thursday, May 14

Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated at
7:30 AM | 6:00 PM

Calling all Teens (High School 8th-12th)

Trinity Youth Group

FIELD TRIP TO NYC and
SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL



MAY 2, 2026

- Travel via MetroNorth to Grand Central
- Exclusive private tour of Saint Patrick Cathedral
- Lunch in NYC
- Return to Redding/Easton

Questions? Contact : Angela or Rob at trinityyouthgroupct@gmail.com

Please consider joining us for Daily Mass

Experience the transformative power of the Eucharist each day! Come and be renewed in spirit and grace Monday through Thursday at 7:30 AM. All are welcome!



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Gospel Today
Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 14:1-12

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells us there is room for us in His Father's house (Heaven) and the way there is through Jesus.

The church helps
us find our way
to heaven.



The Church is our Father's house on earth. In the gospel our Father's house is Heaven.

Jesus said,
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
- John 14:6

What's happening in Notre Dame



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Honor the special women in your life this Mother's Day by enrolling them in our parish's Spiritual Bouquet. Those enrolled will be remembered in the Masses offered for Mother's Day, whether living or deceased.

Please take a Mother's Day card home and return the completed envelope, along with your offering, either to the rectory office or in the collection basket by **Tuesday, May 5**.

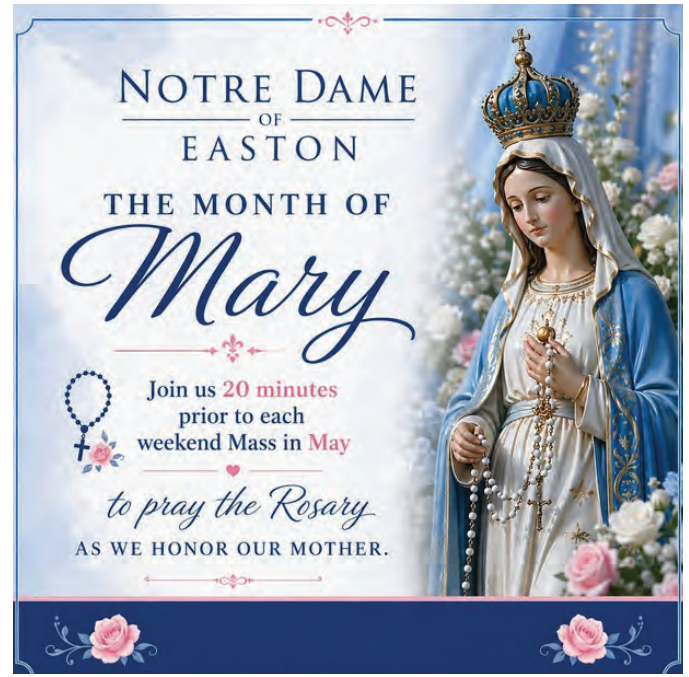
Enrollment envelopes are available at the church entrances and at the rectory office. A beautiful way to remember, honor, and pray for the mothers who mean so much to us.

Calling all Volunteers

Our parish at Notre Dame is growing, and that means new ministries, more families to welcome, and more hearts to serve. When you volunteer, you're not just filling a role, you're becoming part of how God reaches others through our parish. To get started, all volunteers complete a simple Safe Environment training through Virtus Online. Classes can be found throughout the diocese at www.virtusonline.org and an in-person class will be offered here at Notre Dame at 10am on May 21st. If you are interested in registering for the class, please reach out to our Safe Environments Coordinator, Rebeca Fucci, at rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net or 203-260-3317 (text or call).

Feeling lucky?

Notre Dame Prep is hosting a 2026 Tuition Raffle with a chance to win \$15,000 toward any K-12 school or college tuition (or even pay down student loans). The drawing will be held on June 2, 2026, & is open to CT residents. Tickets are limited, so be sure to scan the QR code in the flyer for more information.



What's happening in Our Diocese

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join Bishop Caggiano, Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, and others on a **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe from October 9-12, 2026**. This special journey includes visits to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, daily Mass, and time for prayer and reflection. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit worldvillages.org/events/caggiano or call (800) 662-6316.



As the Diocese continues its journey through The One, new efforts are already bearing fruit in the renewal of preaching and biblical formation. Through the St. Jerome Center and ongoing formation opportunities, clergy and lay leaders are being equipped to proclaim God's Word with clarity and conviction, helping foster deeper encounters with Christ in our parishes.

The Bishop's Appeal plays an important role in supporting this work and advancing the mission to lead all people closer to Christ through truth, beauty, and goodness. Please prayerfully consider a gift at 2026bishopsappeal.org.

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

There's something about May that just feels different. The days get longer, the air changes a bit, and almost without thinking about it, the Church turns her attention to the Virgin Mary.

That can sound like a "church thing," but it's actually something very human. When things begin to open up again, when there's a sense of new life, we're reminded that we don't walk through it alone. We've been given a mother.

At the Cross, when everything seems lost, Jesus Christ looks at His disciple and says, "Behold your mother." That wasn't just for that moment. That was for us. He gives her to us because He knows we'll need her.

But a lot of us aren't quite sure what to do with that. We respect Mary, maybe even admire her, but we don't always turn to her in a real, personal way. Sometimes it feels easier to just go straight to God and leave it there. But Mary never gets in the way. She always brings us closer.

You see it at Cana. She notices a need no one else does: "They have no wine." She brings it to Jesus, and then she tells the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." That's still what she does. She sees what's going on in our lives, she brings it to her Son, and she gently points us back to Him.

So this month, take a small step towards Mary. Talk to her. Ask for her help. Pray a decade of the Rosary when you have a few minutes. Bring her something specific from your life, not in a formal way, just honestly and you will begin to realize she's not distant or abstract. She's present, she's attentive, and she's always leading you closer to Christ.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Cookies & Lemonade Saturday

May 2, after Vigil Mass

Marian Pancake Breakfast Sunday

May 3, after both 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Mass

Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM

Bible Study

Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 AM

J.O.Y Luncheon

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM

Cor Men's Ministry

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM

Bible Study

Thursday, May 14

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 PM

Women's Holy Hour

Kindly note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal hours on the following day.

Women's Holy Hour

Tuesday Evening

May 19

5:30 p.m.

Holy Hour will begin in the Church and will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Evening Prayer
- Rosary
- Reflection

followed by dinner and a brief meeting in Deacon Sabol Hall.

All women of the parish are invited to attend.



— ❖ THE EVENING IS FREE ❖ —

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