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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Daniel Pease**
r/b Tom & Pat Fischer
- Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Pasquale & Laura Pagliaro**
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro
- Mon. 7:30am Victory Grotti**
r/b the Prevelige Family
- Tues. 7:30am Carmine & Fannie Donofrio**
r/b Debra, Gary & Erica Meno
- Wed. 7:30am William & Carol Loperfido**
r/b Michelle Falcone
- Thurs. 7:30am Special Intentions of Robert Adriani**
r/b the Family
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Edward Peloso**
r/b the Family
- Sun. 8:00am Irene & Raymond Naylor**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Vittore Signore**
r/b the Signore Family

TWENTY-FOURTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- Sue Gilmore
- Michele Ambrose

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

Weekly Collection for: SEPTEMBER 5 & SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	2,395.00
Sunday	8:00 am	847.00
	11:00 am	833.00
Online Giving		2,012.00
Other Offertory		<u>1,080.00</u>
Total Collection		<u>\$7,167.00</u>

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to enroll today!**



2026-2027 Parish Pilgrimage

National Shrine of Divine Mercy

\$50
PER PERSON

OCTOBER 12TH

8am Departure
10am Stations of the Cross
11am Visit shrines, Bookstore, Lunch
1pm Confession, Adoration, Rosary
2pm Mass
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction

- ♦ Coach bus transportation to Stockbridge, MA
- ♦ Blessing of religious articles
- ♦ Pack a bagged lunch



Register online or bring a check to the parish office.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LAURA AT LDANNER@NDEASTON.ORG OR 203-268-5838

Baptism Registration Information

Families preparing for the Baptism of their child are asked to update their Parish Registration Form to add their child, or register as parishioners if they are not already registered at Notre Dame.

Parish Registration Form:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/nd-prf

Afterward, please complete a Baptism Intake Form online or by contacting the parish office.

Baptism Intake Form:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/ndbf

Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 10:00 a.m. If this is your first child being baptized, a pre-baptismal class is required before scheduling the Baptism.

2027 Mass Intention book is OPEN!



The 2026 Mass Intention Book is now officially closed, but dates are still available for 2027.

Request a Mass - Honor a Life Share the Eucharist

Faith Formation

Register now for Faith Formation 2026-2027! Weekly gatherings will begin late September. Complete calendar available on the website.



3rd graders and older are welcome to join us to prepare for the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation. Sessions on Sunday mornings.

7th and 8th graders (and any older students not previously confirmed) are invited to prepare for Confirmation, which will be in March. Preparation will be held on Monday evenings or may be done independently. Contact faithformation@ndeaston.org for more details, or call the office.

Is Confirmation Your Next Step?



Confirmation will be celebrated at our parish in the early spring of '27-- will you join us? If you are in 7th or 8th grade or higher... and interested in receiving a full outpouring of the holy spirit, and being empowered to more fully live your life as a Catholic... Or even just curious about what the church teaches and why... this is for you! Preparation begins the last week of September. Contact faithformation@ndeaston.org or call Laura at 484-678-9772 for more information.



Our Catechesis of the Good Shephard Atrium is opening to Kindergarteners for the first time this year!

Students will gather with our newest trained facilitator, Mrs. Fucci, for prayer and hands-on work with a variety of special materials. Each session creates opportunities for our youngest students to encounter Christ in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. This is not a required year of formation but is a great opportunity to connect with the community and give your child a firmer foundation in the faith. Contact ldanner@ndeaston.org if you are interested in joining this small cohort, gathering one Sunday morning per month through the year!



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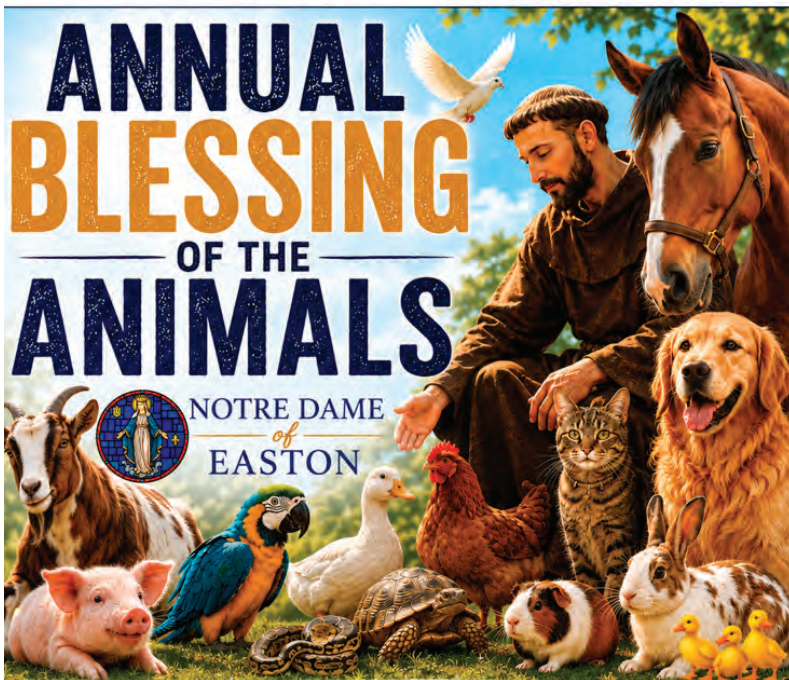
BLOOD DRIVE

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | STARTING AT 10:30AM
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"ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL, THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL."

Women of Notre Dame Lunch Meeting & Annual Membership

All women of the parish are invited to join us Tuesday, September 22 at 12:30 PM in Deacon Sabol Hall. Lunch is FREE! Please RSVP at least two days in advance to Jeanine Pagliaro at 203-259-5916, jpagliari01@optonline.net, or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.

The Women of ND warmly welcomes all women of the parish! Whether you are a longtime member or thinking about joining for the first time, we would love to have you be part of our ministry and the friendship, fellowship, and service we share throughout the year.

Annual dues are \$10 for women 60 and older and \$20 for all others. Simply place a check in the envelope included in your monthly packet and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Rectory Office. Your dues help us run events and programs and support local organizations.

Please make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Women of Notre Dame" in the memo.

Questions? Contact Jeanine Pagliaro at 203-259-5916 or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.

Want to learn more about the Women of Notre Dame and other ways to get involved in our parish? Visit our parish website at www.notredameofeaston.org.

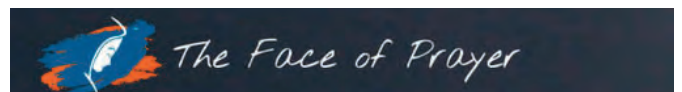
Parish Raffle Results!

Congratulations to Peter Tortora, winner of our \$500 American Express Gift Card at our Parish!

Thanks to the wonderful support of our parish community, 330 raffle tickets were sold, totaling \$8,250 in sales. Notre Dame received **\$4,125 in parish revenue from the raffle!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraiser. Your participation and generosity helped make it a great success.

Congratulations, Peter, and thank you to everyone who participated!



Celebrating 40 Million Prayers and Counting. Text PRAY to 55778 to receive daily prayers from Bishop Frank Caggiano

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, big or small, are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping Blessed Sacrament continue to care for our neighbors in need!

Last Call: Comedy Night Business Sponsorship Deadline

Interested in becoming a Business Sponsor for our upcoming Comedy Night? The deadline to register as a sponsor and submit all advertising materials is Monday, September 14.

Sponsorship materials may include your business logo, advertisement, website information, and social media links. Please email all materials to Events@ndeaston.org by September 14.



From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

*"You are here at the start of a moment,
on edge of the world, where the river meets the sea.
Here, one the edge of the Atlantic,
on an island in between there and here" - Come From Away*



These words are part of the opening song for the Broadway show *Come From Away*, which tells the remarkable true story of small towns in Newfoundland who unexpectedly found themselves the hosts of passengers from 38 transatlantic planes who were diverted there on September 11, 2001. From the first time I saw this show, these words struck me deeply and have stayed with me: *on an island in between there and here*.

So much of our lives is lived on that island, between what has happened to us and what will come next. Although I was young at the time, I remember vividly the afternoon of September 11, 2001 and the eerie stillness of the world that day, the pall of sadness mixed with the tenor of uncertainty. Not only uncertainty as to what truly had happened that morning but also the uncertainty of what's next. 25 years later, that answer is, in many ways, still being written.

And yet, it is precisely when we find ourselves on that island between there and here that the gift of hope offers itself to us. It is easy to think of hope as some kind of false optimism that looks at everything through rose-colored glasses. It is not. Hope is a recognition of reality, in all its difficulties and challenges, but also in the fierce conviction that, wherever we are, God is here, too. It does not make everything easy, but it makes everything possible.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, [i] nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39).

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

Sunday, September 13 at 10:00AM

Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13 at 12:00PM

Annual Parish Feast & Picnic

Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22 at 12:30PM

Women of Notre Dame Luncheon

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00PM

Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

Saturday, September 26 at 6:00PM

COMEDY NIGHT

Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Thursday, October 1 at 11:30AM

J.O.Y Luncheon

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM

COR Men's Ministry

Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 AM

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