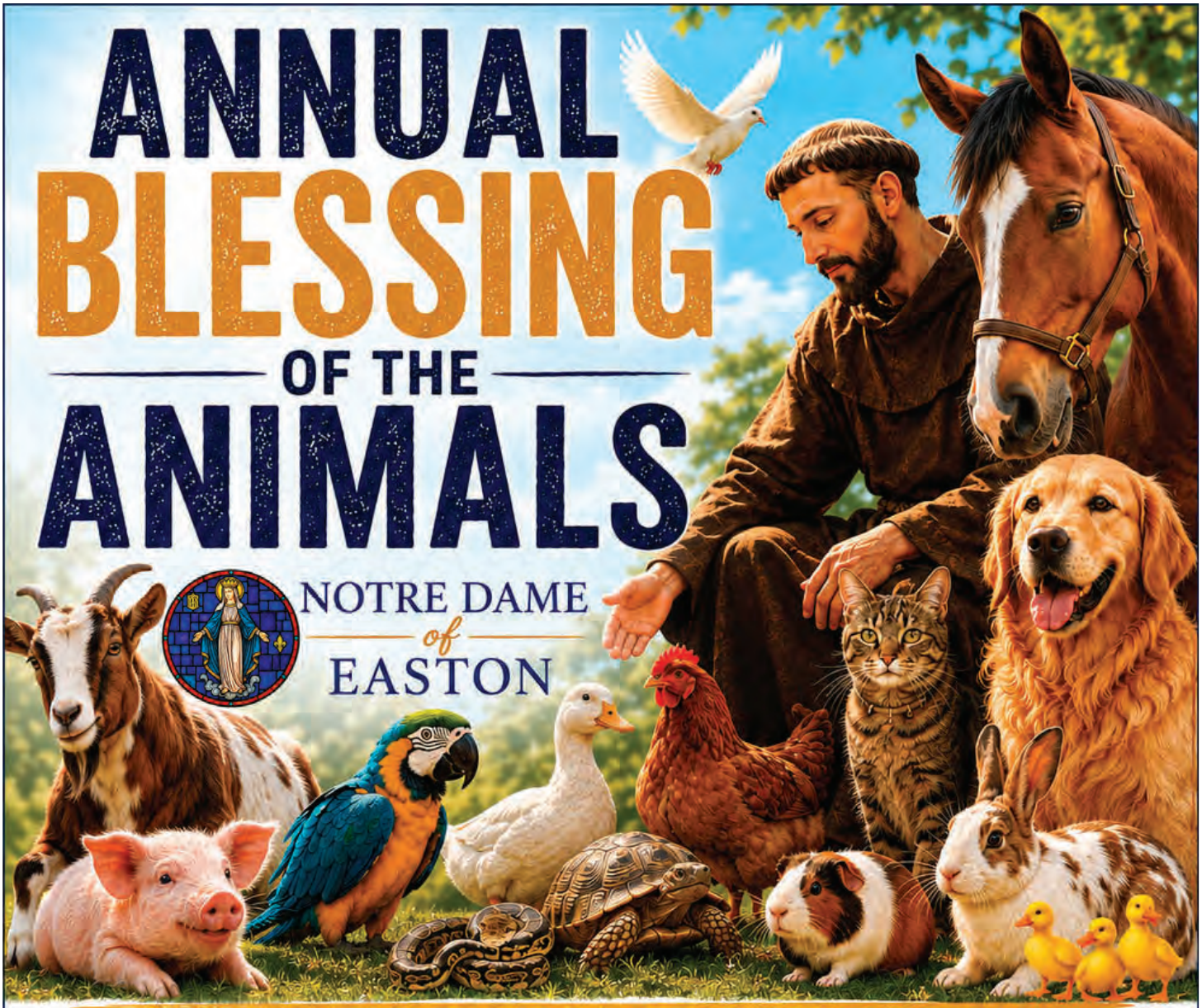
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Mass Intentions
SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sat. **5:00pm** **Daniel Coelho**
r/b Maria Coelho
Sun. **8:00am** **For the Intentions of Sarah Albertelli**
r/b Lisa & Rick Albertelli
11:00am **Filippo Pugliese**
r/b the Signore family
Mon. **7:30am** **John S. Toth**
r/b Rev. Christopher Ford
Tues. **7:30am** **Maria & Mario Cortina**
the Family
Wed. **7:30am** **Brian Visokay**
r/b the Visokay Family
Thurs. **7:30am** **Parishioners, living and deceased**
of Notre Dame
Fri. **No Mass**

Sat. **5:00pm** **Ruth Peloso**
r/b the Family
Sun. **8:00am** **Richard Naylor**
r/b the Family
11:00am **Pietro Zullo**
r/b the Signore family

TWENTY- SIXTH Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Reading

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.

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 Beseschecck
- Michael DiJulio
- Mary Majcherek
- Walter Gefford
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- Sue Gilmore
- Michele Ambrose

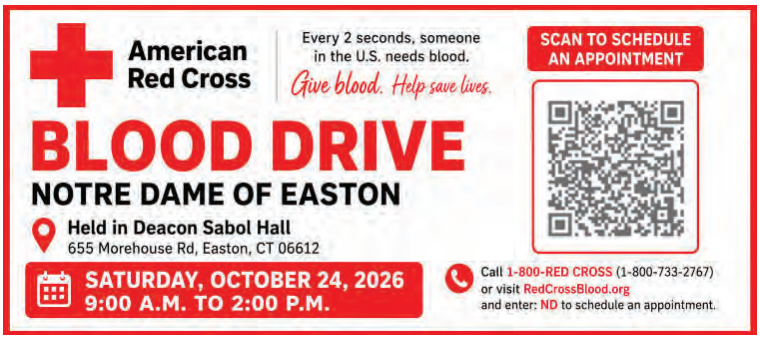
To help keep our list current, please contact the parish office with any additions or removals at Office@ndeaston.org.

Weekly Collection for:
SEPTEMBER 19 & SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,562.00
Sunday	8:00 am	2,252.00
	11:00 am	1,164.00
Online Giving		1,487.00
Other Offertory		275.00
Total Collection		$6,740.00







Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry collection

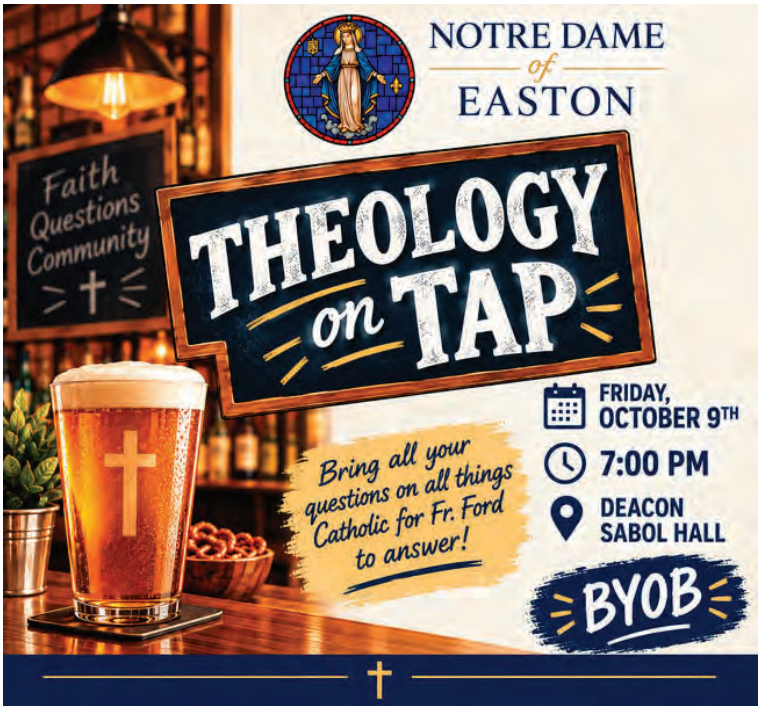
Help nourish our neighbors! Blessed Sacrament is the **ONLY** food pantry on the East Side of Bridgeport, and they serve **approximately 800 families** each week! Please bring your donations to the kitchen in the lower church hall. **Please do not leave your donations outside of church.** All donations,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

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 held on Monday evenings or may be done independently. Contact faithformation@ndeaston.org for more details, or call the office.



Faith Formation is opening to Kindergarteners for the first time this year!

Students will gather in our atrium, which is a special room deigned using Montessori principals. Here kids will use hands-up materials to encounter Christ and learn about the Mass. In one of the lessons kids will be using a model of the altar to learn about the articles, which in turn helps kids become more engaged during Mass. 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. Faith.Formation@ndeaston.org if you are interested in joining this small cohort, gathering on Sunday between morning Mass times.

Seeds of Faith Playgroup

A new opportunity for little ones and their caregivers to play, connect, and grow in faith together! While the children play, adults will have a chance to gather, share, and reflect on topics of faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Come build Christ-centered friendships, meet other families, and enjoy some time together! Our first meeting is Thursday, October 22nd at 11am Sabol Hall. If interested in joining us, reach out to cherylconstand@gmail.com or rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net



Blessing of the Mary Garden

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, following the 11:00 AM Mass, for a special blessing of our Mary Garden. This beautiful space, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, offers a peaceful place for prayer, reflection, and quiet time with the Lord. As we gather during the month of October, a month especially dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we invite our parish family to come together as we ask God's blessing upon this special garden and dedicate it as a place of peace and devotion for our parish community. We hope you will join us for the 11:00 AM Mass and remain afterward for the blessing as we honor Mary and celebrate this beautiful addition to our parish grounds.

Join Us for Our Next Gathering

COR Men's Ministry is off to a great start! It was wonderful to see the men of our parish come together at our recent kickoff for an evening of conversation, connection, and community.

Our next gathering will be a **Holy Hour of Adoration and Evening Prayer on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM.** All men of the parish are invited to join us for this special evening of prayer.

Whether you joined us at the kickoff or are thinking about getting involved for the first time, we hope you'll join us!



A Beautiful Day at Enders Island



Seventeen parishioners recently enjoyed a wonderful tour of Enders Island, taking in the beautiful surroundings and enjoying time together. It was a special opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life, spend time in prayer and reflection, and simply enjoy one another's company.

A special thank you to Fr. Ford for taking the time to meet the group for dinner and help make the day even more memorable.

Looking Back at Our Parish Feast

Our Annual Parish Feast brought together approximately 150 parishioners for a special day of faith and community. The celebration began with Mass, followed by our parish picnic, giving everyone an opportunity to gather and enjoy time together despite the unpredictable weather.

We extend our gratitude to our Festival Choir for the beautiful music that enriched our Feast Day Mass, and to everyone who assisted with the liturgy and celebration.

We are especially grateful to Lesko Funeral Home for their generous financial support of this year's Feast & Picnic, to the anonymous parishioner who donated the ice cream truck, and to the many parishioners who contributed toward the expenses of the day.

Thank you to our volunteers and to all who helped make this year's Parish Feast a memorable celebration for our Notre Dame community.



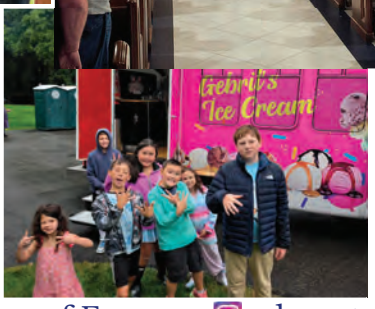














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From Fr. Ford's Desk



Dear Friends,

Next weekend, we will celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary across the Diocese and also take up our annual collection for the Seminarian and Vocations Development Campaign.

This is one that is especially close to my heart. As your Pastor, I know firsthand how important good and faithful priests are to the life of a parish. And as Director of Seminarians, I have the privilege of walking closely with the more than 40 men currently preparing for priesthood in our Diocese.

Each of them has had to ask a very personal question: what is God asking of my life? Their willingness to listen and respond is a great gift to the Church, but their formation also depends on the prayers and support of all of us.

The connection with Our Lady of the Rosary is a fitting one. Mary teaches us what it means to listen, to trust, and to say yes even when we cannot see the whole road ahead.

So next weekend, I would ask you to pray for our seminarians and for more young men to have the courage to listen for God's call. And, if you are able, please consider supporting the campaign that helps make their formation possible.

I am deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish and for the many ways you continue to support the life of the Church.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

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 Holy Hour

Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 AM
Blessings of the Animals

Saturday, October 3
Cookies and Lemonade Saturday after Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 4
Coffee & Donut Sunday after both morning Masses

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30PM
Bible Study

Thursday, October 8 at 5:30PM
Women Holy Hour

Friday, October 9 at 7:00PM
Theology on Tap

Monday, October 12
Parish Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy



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