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NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



AUGUST 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
Parish Corporation
Charles E. Welch
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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

AUGUST 14 THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Andrew Page**
r/b the Family
- Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Barbara Firisin**
r/b the Chieda & Firisin Family
- Mon. 7:30am Richard, Joan, Kevin & Brian Visokay**
r/b the Visokay Family
- Tues. 7:30am Helene Packer**
r/b the Family of Michael & Florence Andras
- Wed. 7:30am Deceased members of the Somma Family**
r/b the Family
- Thurs. 7:30am Antonia & Domenico Cortina**
r/b the Family
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Eugene & Marion Graze**
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Graze
- Sun. 8:00am Alfred R. Napoletano**
r/b Lisa & Rick Albertelli
- 11:00am Mario & Maria Cortina**
r/b the Family

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
- Joan McGrath
- Siobhan Smith
- Caryl Besescheck
- Michael DiJulio
- Mary Majcherek
- Walter Gefford
- Michael J. Weiss
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- John Adriani
- Barbara Steneck
- 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: AUGUST 8 & AUGUST 9, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,454.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,032.00
	11:00 am	795.00
Online Giving		1,833.00
Other Offertory		<u>535.00</u>
Total Collection		<u>\$5,649.00</u>

TWENTIETH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be "made joyful in my house of prayer."

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.

ONLINE DONATION

Traveling This Summer?

Faith

KEEPS US CONNECTED

As you enjoy the summer months, remember that **ONLINE GIVING** provides a simple and secure way to continue supporting Notre Dame Parish, even while you're away.

Your faithful generosity helps sustain our ministries and mission throughout the year.

SCAN THE QR CODE
OR VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
to enroll today!




Prepare Lunches for the Hungry!

Families of K-12th grade students are invited to gather in Sabol Hall to prepare lunches for the hungry! We'll be making **60 lunches** to be handed out at the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Danbury-- **Sunday, August 30, 10-11am.**

Signup here! (for August 30):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4EABAA2CA0FCCE9-64827195-sandwich#/>

Space is limited to (3) families.



Each is asked, though not required, to bring... **EITHER** Lunchmeat, Cheese or Bread; **AND** a fruit or packaged snack.

***We also need (1) family to deliver the food** to 11 Spring St, Danbury between 1pm and 2pm-- an excellent opportunity to see first-hand a needier area of Fairfield County and the impact your generosity can have. This does NOT have to be someone who is helping with packing the lunches, if the later time only works better for you.

**** (2) additional families are needed to make baked goods** and bring them to the ND kitchen on this date by noon.

Service hours are available to those who require them.

Signups for future months--

OCTOBER 25:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4EABAA2CA0FCCE9-64827232-sandwich#/>



NOVEMBER 8:

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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 doesn't take a summer break.

The Digital Pantry: One easy place for games, family faith tools, prayers, and ministry ideas from the Institute for Catholic Formation.



SCAN TO START EXPLORING

The pantry is open all summer.

Visit thedigitalpantry.org

Free to use No login needed Share with other parents

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.

Remembering with Love, Giving with Purpose

Bequests to Notre Dame of Easton are warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated. In times of loss, families may wish to invite friends and loved ones to honor the memory of someone special through a donation to the Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund, a meaningful tribute that can be gently noted in the obituary.

ANNUAL PARISH FEAST & PICNIC

NOTRE DAME of EASTON

**GAMES • BOUNCE HOUSE
ICE CREAM TRUCK
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

12:00 PM
AFTER THE 11:00 AM MASS

RECTORY LAWN
RAIN OR SHINE

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!
Like to bake? We'd love some sweet treats!

DONATIONS WELCOME
Checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton (Memo: Picnic)
Drop in the collection basket, mail to the rectory, or bring to the picnic.

SCAN HERE TO RSVP
PLEASE RSVP so we can plan food & seating.

ALL ARE WELCOME! | *Let's celebrate our faith & community!*



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AT
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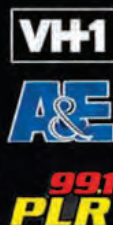
DINNER:
6:30-7:30

COMEDY SHOW:
7:30-9:00

Host & Opening Act
Rick Roberts

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Billy Winn

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Whats happening in our Diocese?

Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.



Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

SEPTEMBER 18-20TH, 2026	ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH 834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, CT	COST: \$215
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For details and registration - please visit:
tinyurl.com/lgw-retreat-ct

For questions or concerns, please reach out to Paola Peña (LGW Retreat Coordinator)
RPena@st-pius.org

Save the Date

Wednesday, August 19 at 1:00 PM

Safe Environment VIRTUS Training

Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Thursday, September 3 at 11:30AM

J.O.Y Luncheon

September 5, after Vigil Mass

Cookies & Lemonade Saturday

September 6, after both Masses

Coffee & Donut Sunday

September 7, Rectory Office Closed

In observance of Labor Day the rectory office will be closed

Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30PM

Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13 at 10:00AM

Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13 at 12:00PM

Annual Parish Feast & Picnic

COR Men's Ministry



Calling All Men: Faith, Fellowship, and Brotherhood

Men are often called to lead, support, and protect—at home, at work, and in the community—but you don't have to carry that responsibility alone.

Notre Dame's Men's Ministry offers a straightforward, low-pressure place to connect with other guys navigating the same daily challenges. We gather to grow in our Catholic faith, sharpen one another through honest conversation, and build strong friendships anchored in Christ.

Whether you are looking to deepen your prayer life, tackle life's big questions, or simply grab a coffee with fellow parishioners who have your back, there's a seat at the table for you.

No deep theological expertise required—just bring yourself.

Come check out a meeting, no obligations, just real brotherhood.



When:

The 1st Thursday of each month
7:00pm-8:00pm

Where:

Notre Dame of Easton
Deacon Sabol Hall

Questions?

Contact Deacon Rick at
camscinto@yahoo.com

Support our Comedy Night while promoting your business!

Become a Business Sponsor and help make this parish fundraiser a success while gaining great local exposure. After submitting your sponsorship payment, please email your business logo, advertisement materials, website information, and social media links, to Events@ndeaston.org as soon as possible.



Planning committee meeting for our Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is fast approaching! It will be held this year on Saturday, Oct 3 at 9am. This event is fast becoming a parish favorite, and we hope one the town of Easton looks forward to as well!

If you have a love of animals (and of God's creation too!) please consider bringing your ideas and enthusiasm to our next planning committee meeting, to be announced shortly. **Contact Deacon Rick at camscinto@yahoo.com for more information.**



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

As a new school year begins, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing.

DURING THE MASSES ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, & SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



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