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JULY 19, 2026

Sixteenth 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

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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions JULY 17 THROUGH JULY 26, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Alvaro Cortina**
r/b the Family
- Sun. 8:00am Alfred R. Napoletano**
r/b Lisa & rick Albertelli
11:00am Maddalena Paniccia
r/b the Signore Family
- Mon. 7:30am Lorelei Harges**
r/b the Buonicore Family
- Tues. 7:30am Parishioners, living & deceased**
of Notre Dame
- Wed. 7:30am Debbie Roche**
r/b the Family
- Thurs. 7:30am Joseph, Mary, Lorraine & Anthony Tolve**
Michelle Falcone
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Marie Labarbera**
r/b Rob Labarbera
- Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Matthew & Ashley Albertelli**
r/b Lisa & Rick Albertelli
11:00am Anna & Nicola Mazzonna
r/b the Signore Family

Weekly Collection for: JULY 11 & JULY 12, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,610.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,535.00
	11:00 am	1,248.00
Online Giving		1,433.00
Other Offertory		735.00
Total Collection		\$6,561.00
Quarterly Donation		\$3,750.00

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.



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
- Ed O'Brien
- 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.

SIXTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

Online Donation | *Traveling This Summer?*

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.



Faith doesn't take a summer break.

When school lets out, learning can slip away. Keep your child's faith and curiosity growing all season with free, joy-filled Catholic resources you can open anytime – at home, on the road, or on a rainy afternoon.

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



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.

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!

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!



Baptism Registration Information

Families preparing for the Baptism of their child are asked to submit an updated parish registration form adding their new child, or register as parishioners if they are not currently registered at Notre Dame. Parish Registration Forms may be completed online at:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/nd-prf

Afterward, please complete a Baptism Intake Form by contacting the parish office at (203) 268-5838 or by visiting:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/ndbf

We are pleased to share that **Baptisms will now be celebrated on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** If this is your first child being baptized, a pre-baptismal class is required prior to scheduling the Baptism. Please contact the parish office with any questions.



2026 PARISH RAFFLE

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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!

A Baptism at Notre Dame!



With great joy, we celebrate the baptism of **Caleb Tobin Rhodes, Jr.** at Notre Dame of Easton. As he receives the gift of Baptism, we warmly welcome his family on this special occasion. May Caleb be blessed with God's love and grow in faith as he begins his journey in the Catholic Church.

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, scan the QR code or call (800) 662-6316.



2027 Mass Intention book is OPEN!



The Suggested minimum donation per Mass is \$15

Request a Mass - Honor a Life
Share the Eucharist

Co-operative Mission Sunday July 18th & 19th

Our Church is a mission Church. It is evangelizing in areas of the world where our brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling to meet their basic needs. War, famine, persecution, and in many instances, it is simply the lack of resources, are obstacles the faithful face each day. There are priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people who are devoting their lives to spreading the Gospel and caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the faithful in these lands.

Would you please help them with your prayers and use that weekend's second collection to support them with your financial generosity? Thank you.

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Whether you're commuting, walking, or waiting in line... Why not take Bishop Frank with you?



Scan the code to listen to Let Me Be Frank—faith, life, and a little humor.

A Wedding at Notre Dame... Congratulations, William & Cheryl Constand!

This week, we are honored to celebrate a very special milestone for two members of our parish family. William and Cheryl Constand are celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary**.

Sixty years ago, William and Cheryl exchanged their wedding vows here at Notre Dame of Easton, beginning a lifetime of faith, love, and commitment. Their wedding photograph, taken in our church on that special day, is a beautiful reminder of a promise faithfully lived and a love that has grown stronger through the years.

As they celebrate this remarkable milestone, we give thanks for the gift of their marriage and pray that God continues to bless them with good health, abundant joy, and many more happy years together.

Congratulations, William and Cheryl, and may the Lord continue to bless your marriage and your family always.



From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we continue these summer days of rest and rejuvenation, I invite you to read and reflect on these words from our Holy Father, Pope Leo. May they be a source of inspiration for you, that we all may spend more time opening our hearts to the generous presence of God!



"God's generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us — in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith.

Thus, from the generosity and trust with which the seed is sown, and from the humility and openness with which it is received, the fruits of the Holy Spirit grow within us and spread. Saint Paul teaches that they are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22). How greatly our world stands in need of these fruits: to be filled with them and transformed by them!

Let us therefore resolve, especially during these summer days of vacation, to make room for listening to, reading, and meditating on the Word of God, thereby fostering—together with rest and wholesome recreation — meaningful moments of silence and prayer. In this way, we shall return to our usual activities renewed in body and spirit, ready to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and ever more capable of contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God." - Pope Leo XIV, *Angelus*, July 12, 2026

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

Looking Ahead to Fall
More info will be provided closer to each event.

Sunday, September 13 at 12:00 PM
Annual Parish Feast / Picnic

Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 PM
Comedy Night

Saturday, October 3
Blessing of the Animals

Friday, November 13
Handbag Bingo - Sabol Hall
Men's Whisky Tasting - Rectory

Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 PM
Advent Wreath Making & Italian Dinner

Saturday, December 5 at 6:00 PM
Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 PM
Christmas Pageant & Tree Lighting

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