

Happy Mother's Day

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.

—Proverbs 31:25



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Mass Intentions
MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 17, 2026**

- 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
- Mon. 7:30am Michael & Florence Andras**
r/b the Family
- Tues. 7:30am Angelina & Clement Loperfido**
r/b Michelle Falcone
- Wed. 7:30am Alvaro Cortina**
r/b the Family
- Thurs. 7:30am Liam Baker**
r/b Diane & Bill Baker
6:00pm Parishioners, living & deceased
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Caryl G. Morgan**
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Graze
- Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Adam & Nicole Albertelli**
r/b Lisa & Rick Albertelli
11:00am Olga & Tom Vitale
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro

Please Pray for our Parish Family & all in need

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

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

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:
MAY 2 & MAY 3, 2026**

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,398.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,513.00
	11:00 am	1,126.00
Online Giving		2,081.00
Other Offertory		910.00
Total Collection		\$7,028.00

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

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Faith Formation -



Our elementary Faith Formation students wrapped up their year with hotdogs from Chez Leonard, and enjoyed an assortment of activity stations including yard games, crafts, bingo, and wiffle ball. Father Ford was the master of the wiffleball station; Marlene Roberts brought jewelry making, a big hit; and our 5th graders helped facilitate each of the stations. We are grateful for the ways the Lord worked in our community within the parish this year, and look forward to next year!

Trinity Youth Group



Our Trinity Youth Group had a phenomenal day in New York City, traveling by train to Grand Central and walking together to St. Patrick's Cathedral. The group was blessed with a private tour, including a visit to the crypts and a special opportunity to take photos at the altar. The day continued with lunch in the city, filled with laughter, friendship, and meaningful moments. A beautiful day of faith, fellowship, and memories that will not be forgotten!

What's happening in Our Diocese




OUR LADY OF
Fatima

Join us as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Guest Presenter
Fr. Jeff Couture
Chaplain, National Blue Army Shrine
Director, St. Margaret Shrine Bridgeport


May 13, 2026
6:30 PM

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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.



The Forum for Catholic Discipleship Offers Catholic Apologetics Classes

Program Instructor:
Suan Sonna
Director of Apologetics
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St. Matthew Parish | Great Room
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT 7pm - 8:15pm
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A ZOOM link is available for online attendees, email suan.sonna@diobpt.org



The Face of Prayer

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Text PRAY to 55778 to receive daily prayers from Bishop Frank Caggiano

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.

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!



Early Childhood - First Witnesses

To be assigned a mentor family, please scan the QR code or contact Rebeca Fucci, at rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net or 203-260-3317 (text or call).



A Gentle Visit, A Gracious Gift

If you or a loved one are homebound or unable to attend Mass and would appreciate a visit, our Lay Caring Ministers from Notre Dame are here for you. Simply call the rectory to arrange a visit. A caring volunteer will come to share companionship, prayer, and Holy Communion.

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.

Congratulations, Elizabeth!

This weekend we celebrate our cantor, Elizabeth Knapp, on her college graduation. We are so grateful for the gift of her music and the way she leads us in song at Mass. Elizabeth, thank you for sharing your talent with our parish community. We wish you every blessing and much happiness in all that lies ahead.

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends

Mother's Day gives us a chance to do something we probably do not do enough: say thank you.

Thank you to our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all the women who have loved us, guided us, prayed for us, corrected us, encouraged us, and helped us become who we are. Some of that love is very visible, but much of it is quiet and hidden. None of it is lost on us.

At the same time, we know Mother's Day can be complicated. For some, it is a joyful day. For others, it brings grief, longing, or difficult memories. That is one of the reasons I am so grateful that the Church always gives us Mary. Pope St. John Paul II understood this so deeply that, having lost his own mother as a young boy, he took as his motto *Totus Tuus*, "totally yours," entrusting his whole life and priesthood to Mary. He knew that Mary's heart never keeps us for herself, but always makes room for us and brings us closer to the heart of her Son.

Mary's life was not easy. We sometimes picture her with such peace and beauty that we forget how much she had to carry. She said yes to God without knowing exactly where that yes would lead, raised Jesus in the quiet, ordinary days of Nazareth, brought the needs of others to Him at Cana, and when almost everyone else ran away, she stood at the foot of the Cross.

That is real love. That is a mother's love.

Today we give thanks for the women who have shown us that kind of love, even imperfectly, even quietly, even when it cost them something. And we ask Mary to help all of us love more faithfully, trust more deeply, and stay close to Jesus, especially when the road is hard.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

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

Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 AM
Virtus Training

**Kindly note that the Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.**

Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 PM
Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Thursday, June 4 at 11:30 AM
J.O.Y Luncheon



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