

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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JULY 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher J. Ford, *Pastor*

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Richard Scinto, *Deacon*

RECTORY OFFICE

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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

Sikna Tito, *Office Manager*

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FAITH FORMATION

Laura Danner, *Pastoral Associate for Parish Renewal*

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PARISH INFORMATION

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Charles E. Welch

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Finance Council

Chair: Jonathan Webster, CFA

Secretary: John Palascak

Parish Council

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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions JULY 10 THROUGH JULY 19, 2026

Sat.	5:00pm Mark & Edward Iwaszkiewicz <i>r/b the Family</i>
Sun.	8:00am Mario & Maria Cortina <i>r/b the Family</i>
	11:00am Maddalena & Enrico Paniccia <i>r/b the Signore Family</i>
Mon.	7:30am Elizabeth H. Ford <i>r/b Rev. Christopher Ford</i>
Tues.	7:30am Sara Tornatore DeFilippis <i>r/b Chuck & Mark Welch</i>
Wed.	7:30am Luisa & Piedro Bassani <i>r/b the Family</i>
Thurs.	7:30am David E. Miller <i>Chris & Carl Linley</i>
Fri.	No Mass
Sat.	5:00pm Alvaro Cortina <i>r/b the Family</i>
Sun.	8:00am Alfred R. Napoletano <i>r/b Lisa & rick Albertelli</i>
	11:00am Maddalena Paniccia <i>r/b the Signore Family</i>

Weekly Collection for: JULY 4 & JULY 5, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,080.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,235.00
	11:00 am	1,237.00
Online Giving		2,118.00
Other Offertory		350.00
Total Collection		\$6,020.00

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
- 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.

FIFTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in"... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

Online Donation | *Traveling This Summer?*

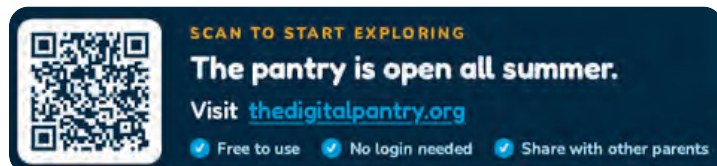
As you enjoy the summer months, remember that Online Giving provides a simple and secure way to continue supporting Notre Dame Parish, even while you're away. Your faithful generosity helps sustain our ministries and mission throughout the year. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website to enroll 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.

Mary garden progress



It's exciting to see the progress being made on this special parish project. We look forward to watching it continue to come together and can't wait to see the finished result! Great start, Tyler!



We joyfully congratulate Lauren M. Malinowski and Mark A. Parisi, Jr. as they celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

May the Lord bless their covenant with abundant grace. As they walk hand in hand through life's joys and challenges, may their love continue to grow through faith, hope, and charity, reflecting Christ's faithful love for His Church. Please join us in praying for God's blessings upon their new life together.



2026 PARISH RAFFLE

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COR Men's Ministry trip to Yankees Game!



Our COR Men's Ministry enjoyed a memorable day of fellowship at the Yankees game, strengthening friendships and the bonds of brotherhood rooted in Christ. Moments like these remind us that faith is nurtured not only through prayer, but also through the friendships and fellowship that encourage us to walk together as disciples of Christ.

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!

2027 Mass Intention book is OPEN!



The Suggested minimum donation per Mass is \$15

Request a Mass - Honor a Life
 Share the Eucharist

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.

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.




World Youth Day SNEAK PEEK

July 16, 2026 at 8:00 PM EST
 Discover more about World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Join the Diocese of Bridgeport on Zoom for a preview session to meet Verso Ministries, walk through the itinerary, and have a chance to ask questions about this trip.

Scan to Register



Global Emergency Update: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas Venezuela Respond to Twin Earthquakes

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crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake

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LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a three-day retreat for young adults and adults with divorced or separated parents. It invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest identity found in God.

This retreat has something for any adult child of divorce or separation, no matter how much healing you have already received or need.

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tinyurl.com/lgw-retreat-ct

For questions or concerns, please reach out to Paola Peña (LGW Retreat Coordinator) pennastpius.org



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Save the Date

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



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WB Galla, "Sacred Heart," with gold-leaf-gilded outlines, inside a contemporary reliquary, Paris, France.
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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

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

COMEDY Night

AT

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