

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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MAY 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

PASTORAL STAFF

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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*
Stito@ndeaston.org

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FAITH FORMATION

Laura Danner, *Director of Catechesis
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SafeEnvironments@ndeaston.org

PARISH INFORMATION

Lay Members of the
Parish Corporation
Charles E. Welch
Carl Zuanelli

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 24, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Caryl G. Morgan**
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Graze
- Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Adam & Nicole Albertelli**
Lisa & Rick Albertelli
- 11:00am Olga & Tom Vitale**
Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro
- Mon. 7:30am Parishioners, living and deceased of Notre Dame**
- Tues. 7:30am Michael & Florence Andras**
r/b the Family
- Wed. 7:30am Deceased Members of the Welch & Leahy Families**
r/b Charles & Mary Welch
- Thurs. 7:30am Jose Tito - 6th anniversary**
r/b Sikna Tito
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Ernest Karkut - 6th anniversary**
r/b Joanne Karkut
- Sun. 8:00am Special Intentions of Kate Adriani**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Patricia Murray - 3rd anniversary**
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
- Siobhan Smith
- Caryl Besescheck
- Michael DiJulio
- Mary Majcherek
- Walter Gefford
- Michael J. Weiss
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- John Adriani
- Barbara Steneck
- Joanna Smith

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

Weekly Collection for: MAY 9 & MAY 10, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,123.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,471.00
	11:00 am	1,112.00
Online Giving		1,931.00
Other Offertory		<u>355.00</u>
Total Collection		\$5,992.00

ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal



The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to his disciples after his resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does he say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is his body."

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus told his disciples to go to the mountain in Galilee. Upon seeing the disciples, Jesus told them to go to all nations to make new disciples and spread the teachings of the Lord. Jesus also reassured them of his presence, until the end of the age.

Faith Formation -

"Next year's Faith Formation Registration will open on Monday, May 18th. Watch your email for details!"...

Also-- Notre Dame needs a few new catechists for the 2026-2027 school year. If you like working with children of any age, love the church and would like to know more about it's teachings, and are interested in growth in community, join us! Different roles are available, some teaching and some support. Contact faithformation@ndeaston.org to learn more.

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).



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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Seventh Sunday of Easter | John 17:1-11a

Jesus looked up to Heaven and prayed. His work on earth is done and He is ready to join His Father in Heaven. The disciples, who have been witness to Jesus' teaching about God believe and are ready to continue spreading the Good News, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Year A

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Jesus prays to His Father:
"They knew with certainty that I came from You and they believed that You sent me."
- John 17:8

ACROSS

1 Jesus _____

5 Doubting _____

6 Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver _____

7 Disciple who denied knowing Jesus _____

10 Easter is in this season _____

11 Colored Easter _____

12 People greeted Jesus with _____ branches

14 _____ of Gethsemani

17 Easter celebrates the _____ of Jesus

18 Sunday before Easter _____

DOWN

2 After 40 days, Jesus ascended to _____

3 An angel rolled away the _____ covering the tomb

4 Simon of _____ helped Jesus carry the cross

6 Where Jesus died _____

8 Mary _____ discovered Jesus had risen

9 _____ sentenced Jesus to die

13 Season before Easter _____

15 _____ betrayed Jesus

16 Easter animal _____

From Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, we are in the Season of Lent followed by the Easter Season (50 days from Easter to Pentecost). See how much you remember from the gospels and fill in the puzzle above. A few words are Easter symbols.

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.

Women's Holy Hour


Tuesday Evening
May 19
5:30 p.m.

Holy Hour will begin in the Church and will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Evening Prayer
- Rosary
- Reflection

followed by dinner and a brief meeting in Deacon Sabol Hall.

What's happening in Our Diocese



ONE in Christ
2026 Bishop's Appeal
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**STRENGTHENING PARISHES
AND SCHOOLS THROUGH
THE SETON COLLABORATIVE**

2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG

The Seton Collaborative is a new diocesan nonprofit helping strengthen parishes and schools across the Diocese of Bridgeport through innovation, shared resources, and operational support so ministries can focus more fully on faith formation and education. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal One in Christ helps make this mission possible. Learn more or make your gift at 2026BishopsAppeal.org

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
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Program Instructor:
Suan Sonna
Director of Apologetics
Diocese of Bridgeport



St. Matthew Parish | Great Room
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk CT 7pm - 8:15pm

May 28: The Blessed Virgin: Always Virgin and Assumed into Heaven

A ZOOM link is available for online attendees, email suan.sonna@diobpt.org

What's happening in Notre Dame

SAVE THE DATE!

COMEDY Night

AT **NOTRE DAME OF EASTON**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

DINNER PROVIDED BYOB

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DINNER: **6:30-7:30**

SHOW: **7:30-9:00**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WOMEN Handbag BINGO

IN SABOL HALL

SAME DAY, TWO GREAT EVENTS!

MEN'S Whisky TASTING

ON THE RECTORY LAWN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



BINGO				
12	25	41	51	63
7	30	37	54	70
3	22	★	49	67



From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

Each year, the Annual Bishop's Appeal gives us a chance to remember something really important about who we are as Catholics: we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Of course, Notre Dame is our spiritual home. This is where we come to pray, to receive the sacraments, to grow in faith, and to walk with one another. But our parish is also part of the Diocese of Bridgeport, and together with Catholics throughout the world, we are part of the one Church founded by Christ.

That is one of the great gifts of being Catholic. We are never on our own. The good that happens in one parish strengthens the whole Church, and the work we support as a diocese helps carry the love of Christ far beyond what any one parish could do by itself.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal, *One in Christ*, helps make that possible in very concrete ways. It supports the formation of our seminarians and the work of vocations, helping prepare future priests to serve the Church. It strengthens our Catholic schools, where young people are formed in faith, truth, and virtue. It helps care for our retired priests, who have given their lives in service to God's people. It also supports Catholic Charities, through which the Church serves those most in need with compassion, dignity, and love.

When we give, we are not just supporting a program or a campaign. We are making a real act of communion. We are saying that we are grateful to belong to the Church and that we want to help carry her mission forward.

I am very grateful for the generosity of our parish family. Time and again, you show your love for the Church in quiet, faithful, and generous ways. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal as a sign of gratitude for the gift of our faith and the beauty of being *One in Christ*.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

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

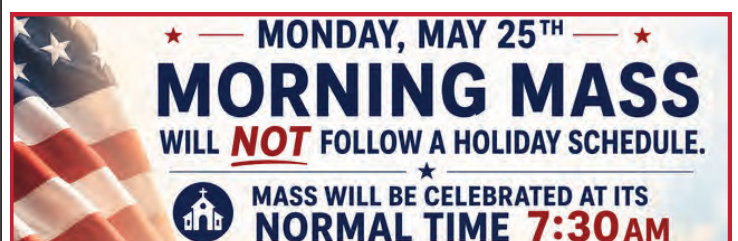
Kindly note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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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