

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



JULY 26, 2026

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher J. Ford, *Pastor*

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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.*

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## 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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Sikna Tito, *Office Manager*

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Rebeca Fucci, *Safe Environments Coordinator*  
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## 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

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### First Friday Communion Calls or Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory office.

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### 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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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions JULY 24 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2026

- 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*
- Mon. 7:30am Kevin Visokay**  
*r/b the Visokay family*
- Tues. 7:30am Margaret Leahy Dickson**  
*r/b Chuck & Mary Welch*
- Wed. 7:30am Roger Wollen**  
*r/b Dori Wollen*
- Thurs. 7:30am Parishioners, living and deceased of Nore Dame**
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Mark Iwaszkiewicz**  
*r/b the Family*
- Sun. 8:00am Albert Patrick Micheli**  
*r/b Stuart & Aimee Allen*
- 11:00am Kathryn Kozlowski 14th 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
- 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](mailto:Office@ndeaston.org).

### Weekly Collection for: JULY 18 & JULY 19, 2026

|                           |          |                   |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Saturday Vigil            | 5:00 pm  | 624.00            |
| Sunday                    | 8:00 am  | 1,605.00          |
|                           | 11:00 am | 1,020.00          |
| Online Giving             |          | 1,678.00          |
| Other Offertory           |          | 595.00            |
| <b>Total Collection</b>   |          | <b>\$5,641.00</b> |
| <b>SPOF Co-op Mission</b> |          | <b>\$714.00</b>   |

### SEVENTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

## 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, July 26th, 10-11am.**

Signup here! **(for July 26):**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA4EABAA2CA0FCCE9-64593170-sandwich#/>

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:**

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**NOVEMBER 8:**

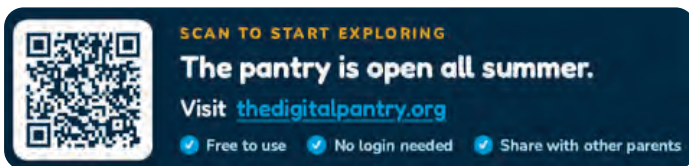
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## Faith doesn't take a summer break.

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older are welcome to join us to prepare for the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation. Sessions on Sunday mornings.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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!



## 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](mailto:ldanner@ndeaston.org) if you are interested in joining this small cohort!

## 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.

## 2027 Mass Intention book is OPEN!



The Suggested minimum donation per Mass is \$15

Request a Mass - Honor a Life  
Share the Eucharist

## 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.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

## Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

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For details and registration - please visit:  
[tinyurl.com/lgw-retreat-ct](https://tinyurl.com/lgw-retreat-ct)

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

## 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](https://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](https://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.



## Early Childhood - First Witnesses

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



# COMEDY Night

## AT NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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## From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

In the familiar prayer that we call the "Our Father", one of the petitions is that the Lord "give us this day our daily bread". In this petition, I am reminded of the story of the Manna provided to the Israelites in their journey in the desert. When the Manna appeared, it did so each day and, scripture tells us, each household had just the right enough amount- no one had too much or too little. All had just what they needed.



Sometimes, in the course of our Christian lives, we can get caught up in the "big picture". We can look at the road ahead and it can seem daunting. It can seem as though there is perhaps too much space between us and the heaven we are called to journey towards. When things get overwhelming, we often can choose to just not do anything at all, to slowly drift away, as it were.

But the petition to ask the Lord to "give us this day our daily bread" is a powerful reminder that grace always acts in the present moment. "Sufficient for each day is its own trouble", Jesus says to us in the Gospel of Matthew. So, too, sufficient for each day is its own grace. What God asks of us is faithfulness in the small moments of ordinary life, to say "yes" to His will not only in the vocational moments, but also in the course of what we do each and every day: to do the task that is right in front of us, to love the person right in front of us, to ask for God's help for the situation right in front of us.

When we are faithful to the small moments, we will find that, like the Manna, we will always receive the sufficient grace that we need - not too much or too little. Our daily bread to sustain us in all we do.

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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