# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



**OCTOBER 18, 2026**
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Christopher J. Ford,** *Pastor*
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**Dr. Gerald F. Sabol,** *Deacon*

**Richard Scinto,** *Deacon*

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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

## PARISH STAFF

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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

**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.

**Handicapped Accessible Elevator**

**Parish Website:** www.notredameofeaston.com **Find us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/notredameparisheaston

## Mass Intentions
OCTOBER16 - OCTOBER 25, 2026

**Sat.** **5:00pm** **Daniel Coelho**
*r/b Maria Coelho*
**Sun.** **8:00am** **Sal & Christine Dinardo**
*r/b their Parish Family*
**11:00am** **Anthony DiCocco**
*r/b the Family*
**Mon.** **7:30am** **Parishioners, living and deceased**
*of Notre Dame*
**Tues.** **7:30am** **Michael & Florence Andras**
*r/b the Family*
**Wed.** **7:30am** **Andrew Kieffer**
*r/b Anne & Pete Foley*
**Thurs.** **7:30am** **A Special Intention**
*r/b Rev. Christopher Ford*
**Fri.** **No Mass**

**Sat.** **5:00pm** **Kevin Visokay**
*r/b the Visokay Family*
**Sun.** **8:00am** **Luisa & Piedro Bassani**
*r/b the Family*
**11:00am** **Deceased members of the Women Notre Dame**
*r/b Jeanine & frank Pagliaro*

## TWENTY- NINTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**
Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b**
Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21**
Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

## Please Pray for our Parish Family & all in need

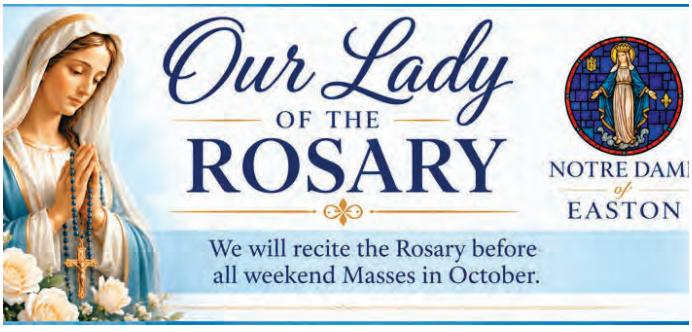
May our prayers bring peace, healing, and hope to those we remember here:

- 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
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- Sue Gilmore
- Michele Ambrose
- Steve Buckett

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

## Weekly Collection for:
OCTOBER 10 & OCTOBER 11, 2026

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm | 1,805.00 |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | 1,234.00 |
| | 11:00 am | 813.00 |
| Online Giving | | 521.00 |
| Other Offertory | | 1,342.00 |
| Total Collection | | $5,715.00 |
| Quarterly Offertory | | $3,750.00 |






## Growing in Faith Through the Rosary

This week, our elementary Faith Formation students celebrated the Month of the Rosary by making rosaries of their very own! We began by learning about the history and significance of the Rosary before the children got to work choosing their bead colors and Saint medals. A special thank you to our 5th graders, who put their faith into action by sitting alongside our 1st and 2nd graders, patiently helping and encouraging them as they made their rosaries. It was a beautiful example of our older students living out the virtues of service, patience, and charity while helping our younger students grow in their faith.







## Middle School EDGE

Our middle school students are digging into their faith with a new curriculum this year, set in the context of the Mass. Seventh and eighth graders will be preparing for Confirmation as well. It will be a busy year!

## Homestudy

Our homestudy families are online and connected to the Faith and Life series we are using in our onsite sessions. Homestudy students are welcome to return to our Tuesday classes at anytime but please let us know in advance by contacting us at faithformation@ndeaston.org

## Inquisitive Young Minds

There is still room in our Sunday atrium for kindergarten and 1st grade children who are not yet enrolled in Faith Formation! Catechesis of the Good Sheperd offers children a hands-on way to discover and grow in their faith. During our kickoff, the children gathered around the prayer table, singing and learning about the Word of God. Then they rolled up their sleeves and got to work polishing miniature articles used at the altar. In our second week, the children will learn about the articles used at the altar during the Eucharist. Through hands-on activities and exploration, they are invited to develop a deeper sense of reverence and an appreciation for the beauty of the liturgy. If you think your child would enjoy this unique and engaging approach to Faith Formation, call the parish office to learn more.

## Mass Tickets & Mailbox!

**All Faith Formation students**: Reminder that when you attend Mass at Notre Dame, please fill out a Mass attendance ticket, that you can pick up at all church entrances. Write your name, grade & if you'd like, jot a brief reflection about what you learned at Mass. Drop your ticket in the mailbox at the main Church doors! If you go to Mass at a different church, please bring in a bulletin with your name & grade on it and give it to your catechist. Thank you!




## TOYS NEEDED! Seeds of Faith Playgroup

Beginning October 22 at 11 AM, we will be launching a monthly Seeds of Faith Playgroup. This gathering is open to all caregivers and their little ones and will be a chance to play, connect, and grow together in faith. As we prepare for this new ministry, we're looking for **gently used toys** to help create a fun and welcoming space for our little ones. Have toys your family has outgrown? We'd be grateful for your donation! Toys can be dropped off at Notre Dame Church on Morehouse Road. There is a toy donation bin in the kitchen.



## Inclement Weather Reminder

As the colder months approach, please remember that if Easton Schools are delayed or closed due to inclement weather, our 7:30 AM Mass will not be celebrated publicly for everyone's safety. Mass will still be celebrated privately for the scheduled intention. If you would like your intention celebrated again publicly, please contact the Parish Office.

If weather conditions make it unsafe to attend Mass, please stay home and know that it is not a sin to miss Mass due to unsafe conditions. We encourage everyone to use good judgment and stay safe.

Unable to attend? You may still support the parish through online giving.




## A Beautiful Day of Faith and Fellowship!

What a beautiful day for our parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy! The weather cleared just in time, blessing our 21 pilgrims, including Fr. Ford and deacon Rick, with a wonderful day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. A truly special experience filled with faith, friendship, and beautiful memories!



## Women of Notre Dame



All women of the parish are invited to a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, at Deacon Sabol Hall. The luncheon is FREE but please RSVP to Jeanine Pagliaro at least two days before the lunch date: 203 259-5916 or jpagliaro01@optonline.net or WomenofND@ndeaston.org. Thank you




## Winter Coat and Warm Clothing Collection Until October 27

We are collecting gently used (and new) winter coats and warm clothes for parishioners of St. Charles of Borromeo and St. George Parish in Bridgeport. **Coats can be in any size and for any gender and age: coats for babies, kids, and adults are all needed**. Used coats and warm clothing should be clean and in good condition (no stains, holes, or tears). Please leave donations on the designated tables in the lower vestibule outside Sabol Hall by October 27 and we'll bring them to St. Charles and St. George Parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity!









# Answer the Call to Support Our Future Priests!

**Help support our seminarians as they prepare to answer God's call to the priesthood. Your generous gift helps provide the education, formation, and guidance they need on their journey of faith. Give online today and invest in the future of our Church!**

## Save the Date

**Sunday, October 18 at 10:00AM**
Festival Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 20 at 12:30PM**
Women of Notre Dame Luncheon

**Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30PM**
Bible Study

**Thursday, October 22 at 11:00AM**
Seeds of Faith Playgroup

**Saturday, October 24 at 9AM - 3PM**
Blood Drive ----->

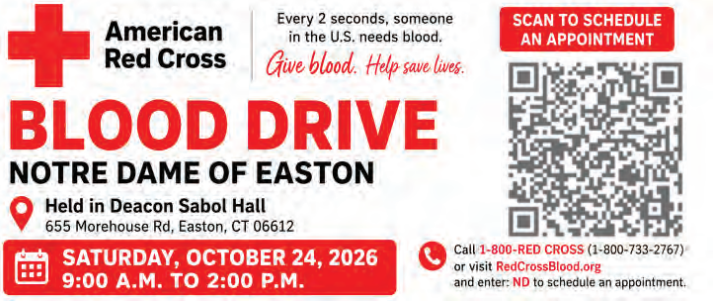
**Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30PM**
Bible Study

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Festival Choir Rehearsal




## ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE. SAVE A LIFE.

One simple appointment can make a lifesaving difference! Notre Dame of Easton is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM in Deacon Sabol Hall. Appointments are encouraged, schedule yours today and help us give the gift of life!



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