2026-2027 Parish Pilgrimage

National Shrine

of Divine Mercy

$50 PER PERSON



OCTOBER 12TH

8am Departure
10am Stations of the Cross
11am Visit shrines, Bookstore, Lunch
1pm Confession, Adoration, Rosary
2pm Mass
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Benediction

- **Coach bus transportation to Stockbridge, MA**
- **Blessing of religious articles**
- **Pack a bagged lunch**

Register online or bring a check to the parish office.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT FR. FORD AT FRFORD@DIOBPT.ORG OR 203-268-5838

Mass Intentions
OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sat. **5:00pm** **Ruth Peloso**
r/b the Family
Sun. **8:00am** **Richard Naylor**
r/b the Family
11:00am **Pietro Zullo**
r/b the Signore family
Mon. **7:30am** **Richard, Joan, Kevin & Brian Visokay**
r/b the Visokay Family
Tues. **7:30am** **Michael & Florence Andras**
r/b the Family
Wed. **7:30am** **Parishioners, living and deceased**
of Notre Dame
Thurs. **7:30am** **Bernadette Bono**
r/b the Schenfeld Family
Fri. **No Mass**

Sat. **5:00pm** **Tom LaBarbera**
r/b Rob LaBarbera
Sun. **8:00am** **Sarah Napoletano**
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliero
11:00am **June Sokolich**
r/b Women of ND & Lay Caring Ministry

TWENTY- SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43
In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest.

Please Pray for our Parish Family & all in need

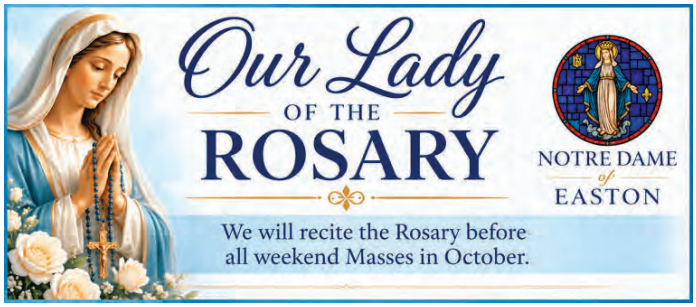
May our prayers bring peace, healing, and hope to those we remember here:

- Alice Martinich
- Pat Perrotta
- George Adams
- Vincent Esposito
- Ava Link
- Corrine Marsicano
- Douglas Fedorko
- Susan Williams
- Leah Ambrose
- Christopher Vitale
- Sal DiNardo
- Siobhan Smith
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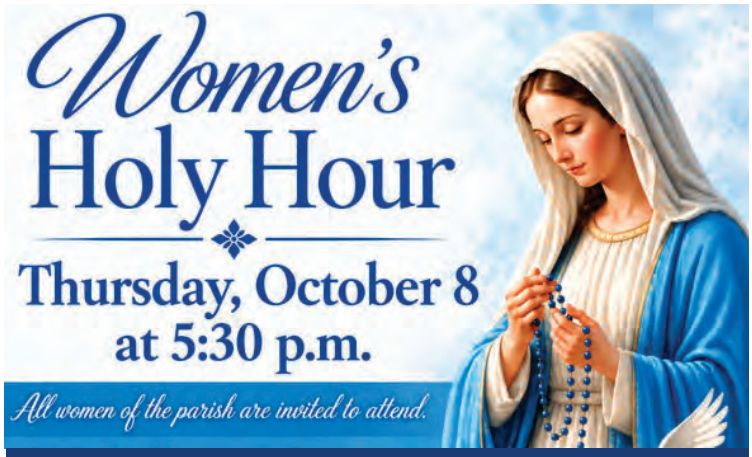
To help keep our list current, please contact the parish office with any additions or removals at Office@ndeaston.org.

Weekly Collection for: SEPTEMBER 26 & SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,558.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,690.00
	11:00 am	927.00
Online Giving		1,477.00
Other Offertory		405.00
Total Collection		$6,057.00







Faith Formation Is Underway!

We joyfully launched our Faith Formation year this week with over 100 elementary and middle school students participating in classes at Notre Dame! It was wonderful to see so many young people come together ready to learn, grow, and deepen their faith.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead as our children and catechists journey together, learning more about the Mass and what it means to grow in a deeper relationship with God.
Please keep our students and catechists in your prayers throughout the year as they learn, share, and grow together in faith!

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!



Faith Formation is opening to Kindergarteners for the first time this year!

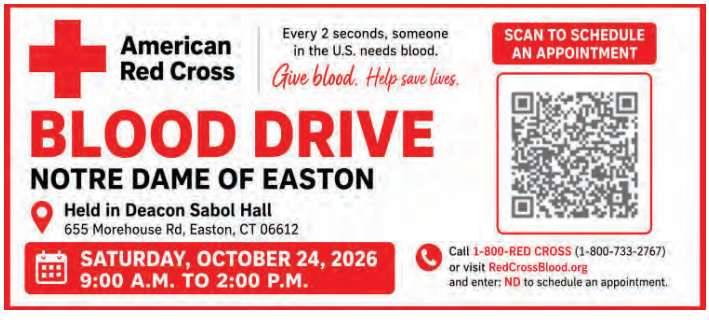
Students will gather in our atrium, which is a special room deigned using Montessori principals. Here kids will use hands-up materials to encounter Christ and learn about the Mass. In one of the lessons kids will be using a model of the altar to learn about the articles, which in turn helps kids become more engaged during Mass. 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.
Faith.Formation@ndeaston.org if you are interested in joining this small cohort, gathering on Sunday between morning Mass times.

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.

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, big or small, are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping Blessed Sacrament continue to care for our neighbors in need!



2026 Parish Comedy Night - WHAT A NIGHT!

The weather couldn't stop the laughs! Our Comedy Night was a fantastic evening filled with great comedy, great company, and wonderful support for our parish.

88 tickets were sold, and we were incredibly grateful for the support of 21 business sponsors who helped make the evening possible. Our raffle added to the fun and raised an amazing $730! After expenses, the event raised approximately $2,400 for our parish!

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, parishioners, and everyone who purchased tickets, participated in the raffle, or supported the event in any way.
Rain or shine, you helped make our first Comedy Night a success and a night to remember!
For more photos please visit: www.notredameofeaston.org Notre Dame of Easton nd_easton



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From Fr. Ford's Desk



Dear Friends,

As we continue the work of parish renewal, we have been talking a great deal about what it means to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. At the heart of that renewal is a simple invitation: to take the next step in our relationship with the Lord. That step will look different for each of us, but it begins with a willingness to make room for Him in our lives.

In the coming weeks, we have two wonderful opportunities to do just that!
Our upcoming **Theology on Tap on October 9** at 7pm is an opportunity to gather for an evening of fellowship and conversation about our faith. Bring your questions, whether they are about Church teaching, Scripture, prayer, or something you have always wondered about but never had the opportunity to ask. We will enjoy some time together, share a few laughs, and hopefully come away with a deeper understanding of the faith we share.

We are also preparing for our parish pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on October 12**. A pilgrimage is more than simply visiting a holy place. It is an opportunity to step away from our ordinary routines and make room for an encounter with the Lord. Together, we will have the opportunity to pray, reflect, and entrust ourselves and those we love to the mercy of God.

These are two different experiences, but both offer us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ and with one another. Above all, we want Notre Dame to be a place where people encounter Jesus Christ, discover the richness of our Catholic faith, and find the encouragement they need to continue growing as His disciples.
I hope you will consider joining us for one or both of these events. Whether you have been deeply involved in parish life for years or are just beginning to rediscover your faith, there is a place for you.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 AM
Blessings of the Animals

Saturday, October 3
Cookies and Lemonade Saturday after Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 4
Coffee & Donut Sunday after both morning Masses

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30PM
Bible Study

Thursday, October 8 at 5:30PM
Women Holy Hour

Friday, October 9 at 7:00PM
Theology on Tap

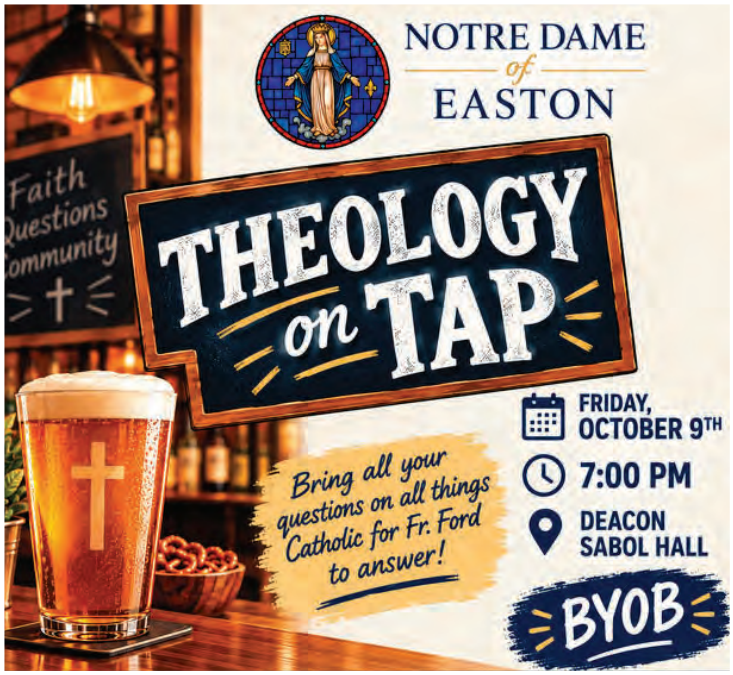
Monday, October 12
Parish Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30PM
Bible Study

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Festival Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00PM
Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

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



Blessing of the Mary Garden

Please join us Sunday, October 4, following the 11:00 AM Mass, for the blessing of our Mary Garden. Together, we will dedicate this beautiful space to Our Blessed Mother as a place of prayer, peace, and reflection.

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