

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

655 MOREHOUSE ROAD - EASTON, CONNECTICUT 06612



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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PARISH INFORMATION

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Charles E. Welch

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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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Edward Peloso**
r/b the Family
- Sun. 8:00am Irene & Raymond Naylor**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Vittore Signore**
r/b the Signore Family
- Mon. 7:30am David E. Miller**
r/b Chris & Carl Linley
- Tues. 7:30am Parishioners, living and deceased**
of Notre Dame
- Wed. 7:30am Philip Falcone**
r/b Michelle Falcone
- Thurs. 7:30am Richard, Joan, Kevin & Brian Visokay**
r/b the Visokay Family
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Daniel Coelho**
r/b Maria Coelho
- Sun. 8:00am For the Intentions of Sarah Albertelli**
r/b Lisa & Rick Albertelli
- 11:00am Filippo Pugliese**
r/b the Signore family

TWENTY- FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

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

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

Weekly Collection for: SEPTEMBER 12 & SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,222.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,211.00
	11:00 am	734.00
Online Giving		1,622.00
Other Offertory		<u>135.00</u>
Total Collection		<u>\$4,924.00</u>
Catholic University		<u>\$537.00</u>

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2026-2027 Parish Pilgrimage

National Shrine of Divine Mercy

\$50
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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 LAURA AT LDANNER@NDEASTON.ORG OR 203-268-5838

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, gathering one Sunday morning per month through the year!

Baptism Registration Information

Families preparing for the Baptism of their child are asked to update their Parish Registration Form to add their child, or register as parishioners if they are not already registered at Notre Dame.

Parish Registration Form:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/nd-prf

Afterward, please complete a Baptism Intake Form online or by contacting the parish office.

Baptism Intake Form:

osvhub.com/notredameofeaston/forms/ndbf

Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 10:00 a.m. If this is your first child being baptized, a pre-baptismal class is required before scheduling the Baptism.

2027 Mass Intention book is OPEN!

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is now officially closed, but dates are still available for 2027.

Request a Mass – Honor a Life – Share the Eucharist

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!



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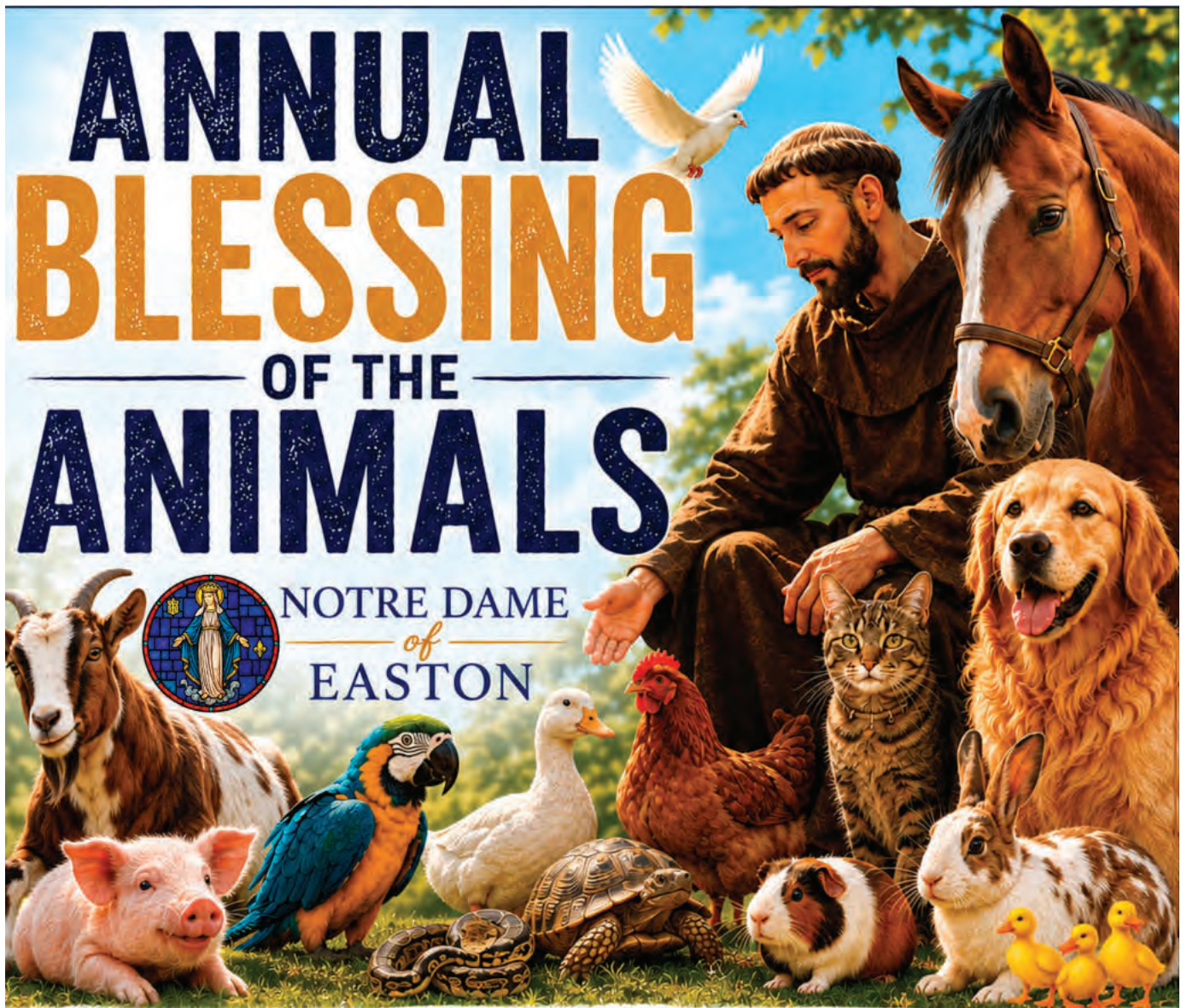
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | STARTING AT 10:30AM
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Women of Notre Dame Lunch Meeting & Annual Membership

All women of the parish are invited to join us Tuesday, September 22 at 12:30 PM in Deacon Sabol Hall. Lunch is FREE! Please RSVP at least two days in advance to Jeanine Pagliaro at 203-259-5916, jpagliaro01@optonline.net, or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.

The Women of ND warmly welcomes all women of the parish! Whether you are a longtime member or thinking about joining for the first time, we would love to have you be part of our ministry and the friendship, fellowship, and service we share throughout the year.

Annual dues are \$10 for women 60 and older and \$20 for all others. Simply place a check in the envelope included in your monthly packet and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Rectory Office. Your dues help us run events and programs and support local organizations.

Please make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton with "Women of Notre Dame" in the memo.

Questions? Contact Jeanine Pagliaro at 203-259-5916 or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.

Want to learn more about the Women of Notre Dame and other ways to get involved in our parish? Visit our parish website at www.notredameofeaston.org.

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

Cantare amantis est - Singing belongs to those who love (St. Augustine)

In his General Audience of August 19, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV shared these words of St. Augustine as he spoke about the beauty and importance of music within the context of the liturgy. The gift of music is the gift of being able to express ourselves and the movements of our hearts in a way that mere words cannot do. How many of us have a song (or perhaps a few) that reminds us of a particular someone or a particular moment in our lives? How many of us have heard something that has put us in touch with some lost memory or forgotten feeling from deep within that comes to the surface only in the context of music?



Here at Notre Dame, we are blessed with an incredible music team, led by our music director Rob Gilmore and our cantor, Elizabeth Knapp. This year, I am thrilled that our festival choir will be making more regular appearances, to support our liturgy throughout the year. We also have acquired new permanent hymnals, the St. Michael Hymnal, to supplement our annual missalette, giving us an even broader selection of hymns and beautiful music with which we can praise God with our full voices.

In that same audience, Pope Leo also said this: *"Singing also fosters communion. It contributes to the unity of hearts, overcoming differences between people and bringing everyone together in praise of God through the symphony of voices. Thus, it becomes an epiphany of the Church, a tangible manifestation of the communion that belongs to her very nature".* In other words, it is particularly true when we sign together - regardless of the musical quality of our voice - that we are deeply united with one another, praising God with the fullness of who we are, not only as individuals, but as a Church.

Each one of us has a voice to contribute to the beautiful harmony that is our church family. I encourage you to participate even more fully in the liturgy by lending your voice to the symphony of our communion and our united praise of God.

"Let each of you unite to become a choir, so that, harmonious in love and taking up the song of God in unison, you may with one voice sing to the Father through Jesus Christ, so that he may hear you and recognize, from the good works you perform, that you are members of his Son" (St. Ignatius of Antioch)

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

Tuesday, September 22 at 12:30PM

Women of Notre Dame Luncheon

Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00PM

Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

Saturday, September 26 at 6:00PM

COMEDY NIGHT

Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30PM

Bible Study

Thursday, October 1 at 11:30AM

J.O.Y Luncheon

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM

COR Men's Ministry

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

Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands

Our Annual Parish Feast is a wonderful celebration of faith, fellowship, and community, and it would not be possible without the generosity and support of so many.

A special thank you to **Lesko Funeral Home** for their **generous financial support of this year's feast & picnic.**

A very special thank you to an anonymous parishioner for the **generous donation of the ice cream truck**, a sweet treat that was enjoyed by all!

We are also incredibly grateful to everyone who donated to support our Parish Feast. Every contribution, large or small, helped make this celebration possible and reflects the generosity that makes our Notre Dame community so special.

Finally, **our deepest appreciation goes to our wonderful volunteers.** From planning and preparing to setting up, serving, helping throughout the day, and cleaning up afterward, your time, energy, and willingness to lend a hand were truly appreciated.

Despite the rainy weather, we are grateful to everyone who came together to celebrate and share in the spirit of our parish community. Thank you for making this year's Feast & Picnic so special!

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