

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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APRIL 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 3, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Daniel Coelho**
r/b Maria Coelho
- Sun. 8:00am Richard, Joan, Kevin & Brian Visokay**
r/b the Visokay Family
- 11:00am Maria Civita Signore**
r/b the Signore Family
- Mon. 7:30am Wendy Skelton anniversary**
r/b the Martinez Family
- Tues. 7:30am Gloria & Paul Shakel**
r/b Michelle Falcone
- Wed. 7:30am All Parishioners, living & deceased of Notre Dame**
- Thurs. 7:30am Cliff Pereira**
Marie & Sal Gilbertie
- Fri. No Mass**
- Sat. 5:00pm Christopher Amerigo Collins**
r/b the Millbauer Family
- Sun. 8:00am Michael & Florence Andras**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Cecelia & John Campbell**
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

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

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

Update Your Parish Information:

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number, email, or family information? Please take a moment to update your parish registration so we can stay connected by emailing the parish office or scanning the QR Code.



Weekly Collection for: APRIL 18 & APRIL 19, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,221.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,110.00
	11:00 am	1,642.00
Online Giving		1,471.00
Other Offertory		<u>540.00</u>
Total Collection		\$5,984.00

ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal



Faith Formation

Families, please join us for our end of the year social on Tuesday, April 28th, 3:45-4:45pm. We'll enjoy hotdogs with Chez Leonard and yard games and crafts.

Middle school students will also have a social night to end the year-- drop-off as usual.

First Communion Rehearsal for the May 2nd and 3rd Masses will be on Thursday, April 30th at 6:30pm. Rehearsal for the May 9th and 10th Masses will be on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm.

Parishioners, please pray for our 20 students who will be receiving First Communion at the 5pm Mass on May 2nd and 9th and at the 11am Mass on May 3rd and 10th.

Registration for 2026-2027 Faith Formation will open soon! Watch this space and your email for details!

Early Childhood - First Witnesses



To be assigned a mentor family
PLEASE SCAN ME >>>>



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!



Online Donation

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish. Online Giving offers a safe and convenient way to support weekly offerings and parish ministries. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website to begin.



< KID'S KORNER > Gospel Today | Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10: 1-10
JESUS SAYS, "_____"
write your name
come follow Me. I am the Good Shepherd, you are My little lamb and we know each other. I will show you the way to My Father in Heaven."

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

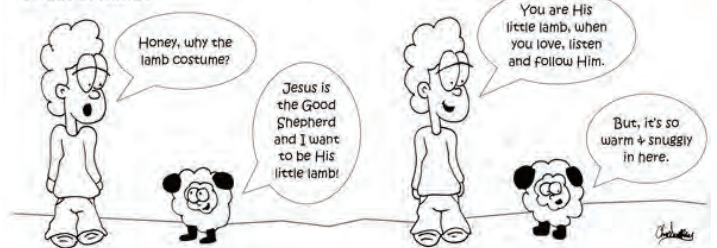
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- Peter
- Passover
- Lamb
- Hearts
- Apostles
- Passages
- Scripture
- Miracles

SWEET as HONEY



NOTRE DAME of Easton

MARIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 3

After Both 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

All are Welcome!

Co-hosted by the COR Men's Ministry and the Women of Notre Dame
No fee. No RSVP required.
First come, first served!

Please note there will be no Coffee & Donut Sunday in May due to the Marian Pancake Breakfast.

What's happening in Notre Dame



Teddy Care Project

Teddy Bear Collection Drive

HELP US COLLECT GENTLY LOVED STUFFED ANIMALS!

STARTING: SATURDAY, APRIL 18
ENDING: SUNDAY, MAY 3

TeddyCare is a student-led initiative founded by Hayden Goldstein, a junior at Joel Barlow High School, that collects and redistributes gently loved stuffed animals to children in need.
Donations can be dropped off in the designated box located in Deacon Sabol Hall.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Honor the special women in your life this Mother's Day by enrolling them in our parish's Spiritual Bouquet. Those enrolled will be remembered in the Masses offered for Mother's Day, whether living or deceased.

Please take a Mother's Day card home and return the completed envelope, along with your offering, either to the rectory office or in the collection basket by **Tuesday, May 5**.

Enrollment envelopes are available at the church entrances and at the rectory office. A beautiful way to remember, honor, and pray for the mothers who mean so much to us.

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 (text or call).

Trinity Youth Group



Last week, our youth group came together to plant two trees in memory of Luke Sorce, a beloved 13-year-old who passed away this past January. These trees stand as a living reminder of his life and the lasting impact he made on those around him. We continue to keep Luke and his family in our prayers.

All Women of the Parish are invited



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.

All women of the parish are invited to attend.

— ❖ THE EVENING IS FREE ❖ —

Silent Auction at the Easton Senior Center

Find unique treasures at the Easton Senior Center Silent Auction, April 14–May 5. From hidden gems to one-of-a-kind finds, there's something for everyone. Come bid, shop, and support a great cause—your generosity helps strengthen programs that bring connection, joy, and care to our senior community.

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which always brings us back to something very simple and very personal. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice... and they follow me." The question is whether we actually recognize that voice in our own lives.

Every vocation starts there. Before it's about priesthood, religious life, marriage, or anything else, it's about being called personally by Christ. He doesn't shout over the noise.

More often, He speaks quietly, steadily, and in a way that asks something of us: to slow down, to listen, and to trust.

And vocations don't come from "out there." They come from right here, even in our own Notre Dame family. From families who pray together. From the way we celebrate the Mass. From friendships that take faith seriously. From people who are trying, however imperfectly, to follow the Lord. That's the soil where vocations grow.

But here's the real sticking point: usually, the hardest part isn't hearing the call. It's letting go of what's comfortable enough to follow it. Every vocation asks something of us. It asks us to trust that what the Lord is offering is better than whatever we might be holding onto.

So today, we pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But maybe just as importantly, we ask for the grace to listen, to really listen, and the courage to respond.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 PM
Cocktail Hour for Young Families

Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Cookies & Lemonade Saturday
May 2, after Vigil Mass

Marian Pancake Breakfast Sunday
May 3, after both 8:00 AM & 11:00AM Mass

Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 AM
J.O.Y Luncheon

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM
Cor Men's Ministry

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 PM
Women's Holy Hour

Kindly note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal hours on the following day.

 Calling all Teens (High School 8th-12th)



FIELD TRIP TO NYC and
SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL

MAY 2, 2026

- Travel via MetroNorth to Grand Central
- Exclusive private tour of Saint Patrick Cathedral
- Lunch in NYC
- Return to Redding/Easton

Save the Date!

Itinerary and registration details are forthcoming!

Questions? Contact: Angela or Rob at trinityyouthgroupct@gmail.com

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