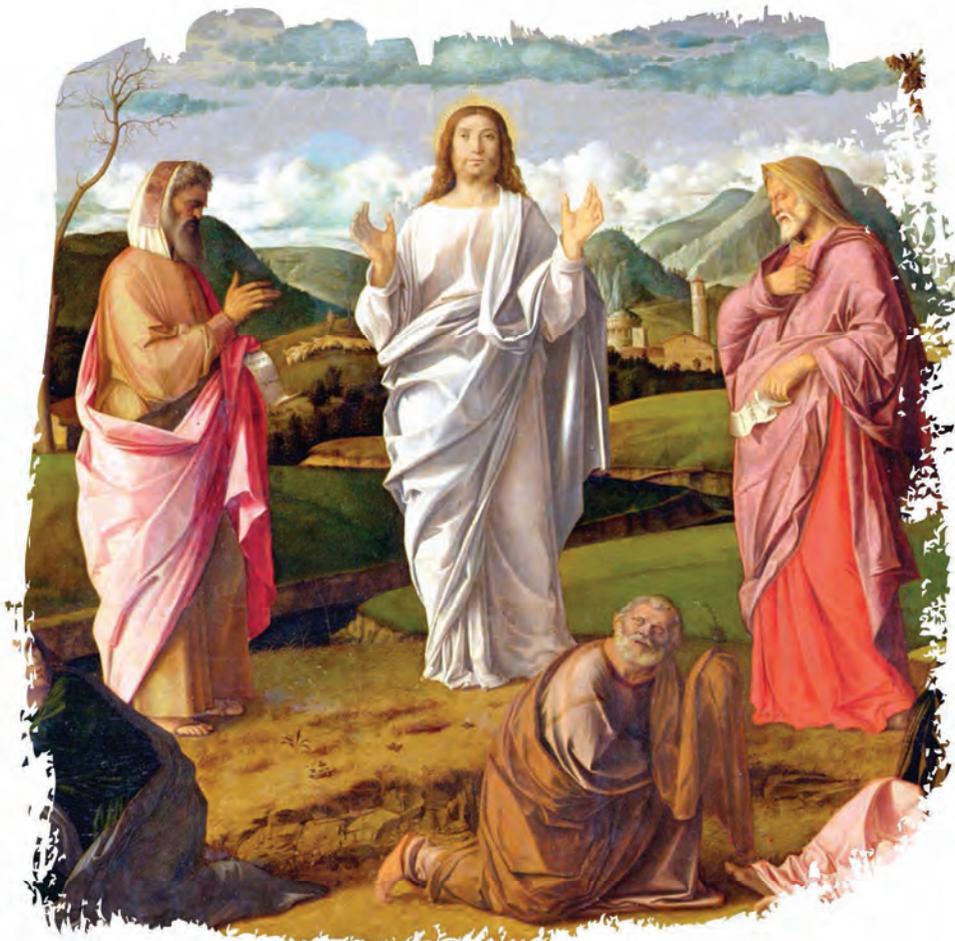


“This is my Son,
whom I have chosen;
listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35



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Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat.	5:00pm	Paul Falco	r/b	Sal & Christine DiNardo
Sun.	8:00am	Christopher Collins	r/b	Lay Caring Ministry
	11:00am	Patti Harrison	r/b	Bill & Cheryl Constand
Mon.	7:30am	Michael & Florence Andras	r/b	the Family
Tues.	7:30am	Veronica Adriani	r/b	the Family
Wed.	7:30am	Parishioners, living and deceased		
Thurs.	7:30am	Gerald Millbauer	r/b	the Millbauer Family
Fri.	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross		
Sat.	5:00pm	Virginia Ginny DiNardo	r/b	Sal & Christine DiNardo
Sun.	8:00am	Mark Bassani & Family	r/b	the Family
	11:00am	William Klein	r/b	Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro

PLEASE Pray
FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
AND 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
- Henry Barreiss
- Michael J. Weiss
- Ariana Engler
- Gail Stanger
- John Adriani
- Barbara Steneck

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection for:
February 21 and February 22, 2026

Saturday	5:00pm	620.00
Sunday	8:00am	1,382.00
	11:00am	1,022.00
Online Giving		1,526.00
Other Offertory		650.00
Total Collection		<u>\$5,200.00</u>



<i>2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 2/20/26</i>	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$54,100
Total Pledged:	\$15,320 (28%)
Donors to Date:	26 Donors



What a wonderful start to this year's Bishop's Appeal! Thank you to everyone who has already responded with such generosity and faith-filled support. Please remember that any pledges received above our parish goal before June 30 will be returned directly to our parish, helping to strengthen and support our own ministries and parish life. Your continued generosity truly makes a difference.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT- Sunday Reading

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

-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.

SCAN ME! >>>



Faith Formation

Our next Holy Communion preparation session will be on Sunday, March 8th at 10am. Parents will meet in the Hall while children gather for class. This is a mandatory parent meeting-- anyone who is unable to attend should schedule a makeup meeting with Fr Ford by contacting the Parish Office.

There will be no elementary or middle school classes on March 3rd for the catechist meeting. We will see everyone back on March 10th.

Early Childhood - First Witnesses

Parents of families with children birth-age 5-- we invite you to be part of our First Witnesses initiative! YOU are the first witnesses for your children in things of the faith. We invite you to partner with a mentor family who is a bit further along the journey-- for accompaniment, guidance and support through these formative years! For more information or to be paired with a mentor, reach out to Rebeca at rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net OR 203-260-3317; grab a flyer from the table in the back of the Church; or visit www.firstwitnesses.org for some fantastic resources for your family!



Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Lent | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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Believe... Obey God



Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. _____ to him!" *Matthew 17:5*

The Second Sorrowful Mystery -
 The Scourging at the Pillar

Think about this mystery before praying. Jesus obeyed His Father and suffered for our sins.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins.




Loaves and Fishes Spare Change Collection: Ash Wednesday Through Easter Sunday, April 5

Fasting during the Lenten season creates in us a greater openness to God's spirit, deepens our compassion for others, and enriches our Lenten journey as we acknowledge our sins and prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the great joy of Easter. As you fast during Lent, please consider dropping your spare change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars located in the vestibule of the church. Together we can give up meals and donate the cost of those meals; all donations go to Catholic Charities. If you prefer, you can drop a check into the jar or mail it to the rectory office; please make checks payable to "Notre Dame of Easton" with "Loaves and Fishes" in the memo.

Thank you!



Join Most Reverend Bishop Caggiano

Friday, March 6

6:30pm – 8:00pm

As he leads Stations of the Cross
 And talks about 'The Year of St Francis'
 on the 800-year anniversary of his passing

at St. Francis of Assisi Church
 35 Norfield Rd, Weston

Honoring the 800-year anniversary of his passing, people visiting are eligible for a plenary indulgences if they:

- Attend sacramental confession with 8 days, before or after, visiting the church
- Participate in Holy Mass and Eucharistic Communion
- Pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or place dedicated to St. Francis (eg, our church)
- Recitation of the Creed
- Recitation of the Lord's Prayer
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father

And... while you're here, say a prayer in front of a **first-class relic of St. Francis** displayed in our church



St. Stephen Bereavement Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of a special person in your life? St. Stephen Bereavement Ministry can offer you hope in coping with your grief. It is open to anyone you may know who needs help.

The 10-week course, with a guided workbook provided, will begin on Wed. March 11 from 2:00 to 3:30pm

Registration is required. Please call 203-268-6217.

A call will be returned to you with more information



Easter Basket Items: Collection for Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry Through March 29

In addition to our usual non-perishable food items, from now until March 29 we're collecting Easter items! Please consider donating **bags of individually wrapped Easter candy** (no loose candy, please), **small Easter basket items** (toys, stickers, etc.), **Easter baskets**, and **basket grass**. Please drop off any Easter donations in the church kitchen in the box labeled "Easter Donations for Blessed Sacrament." If you would like to help assemble the Easter baskets, please meet in Sabol Hall on Monday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



LENTEEN STATIONAL CHURCH PILGRIMAGE AT NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

Join us daily for our Lenten Stational Church Pilgrimage!

On Monday, March 30, the stational church is Notre Dame of Easton and includes the following events:

- Morning Daily Mass: 7:30 am
- Evening Daily Mass: 7:00 pm



For a full Lenten Stational Church Pilgrimage schedule please scan QR below



LENTEEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:
Fasting & Abstinence

All Fridays During Lent:
Days of Abstinence

Fasting: Ages 18-59:
One full meal & two smaller meals
Abstinence: Ages 14 & Older: No Meat



For Andres Grajales, the call to the diaconate came quietly but unmistakably, encouraged by three different priests and supported by his family, parish community, and the Charismatic Renewal. Entering formation has been a deeply rewarding journey, allowing him to grow in faith and prepare to serve others.

Andres hopes to reflect Christ's love as a deacon, **bringing His light both to the Church and to those who have not yet encountered Him, fostering unity and renewal in the Diocese.**

The Bishop's Appeal helps make diaconate formation possible, providing education, spiritual guidance, and pastoral training for men discerning this sacred vocation.

Support the next generation of deacons by giving to the Bishop's Appeal.

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Women of
NOTRE DAME

All women of the parish are invited to a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, in the 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 jpagliari01@optonline.net or WomenofND@ndeaston.org.
-Thank you!



Food 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!



There is an ongoing, urgent need for **PROTEIN** based food items like **canned tuna, salmon, cans of Spam, Vienna Sausages, canned beef ravioli, small jars of peanut butter, and all varieties of canned beans.**

Non-perishable needs include ALL travel-size toiletry items.



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!
Thank you



From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we continue the work of *A Future Full of Hope*, it's important to remember something simple: the future we are building is not primarily strategic, but spiritual. In fact that is the whole point of Lent: Interior renewal drives exterior practice.

Therefore, all that we do must always be rooted in prayer: "Without me, you can do nothing", our Lord tells us.

Lent invites us to slow down and listen and to move beyond routine in a way that actually gives God room to act. If renewal is going to continue to happen here at Notre Dame, it won't happen because we worked harder. It will happen because we prayed deeper. Every authentic renewal in the Church has started there.

In fact, this is the example of St. Francis of Assisi! When he first heard the words, "Francis, rebuild my church", Francis thought the Lord meant a physical project. Instead, the Lord meant for Francis to inspire a renewal in the heart of the Church. That renewal has endured for centuries.

So, however you are living out your Lenten commitment to deeper prayer, whether through daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture, the Rosary, or something else, I invite you to tie it intentionally to the mission of our parish. Pray for families who have drifted. Pray for stronger Sunday participation. Pray for courage in leadership. Pray that the Lord purify our motives and align our plans with His will.

A Future Full of Hope is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive as a gift from the Lord. But we receive it only if we are open.

Renewal doesn't begin in a meeting. It begins on our knees. If we become a parish that truly prays, hope will not be an idea. It will be our lived reality.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Cookies & Lemonade Saturday, February 28
after 5:00PM Vigil

Coffee & Donut Sunday, March 1
after both 8:00am and 11:00am Mass

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 PM
Catechist/Parent Formation

Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Thursday, March 5 at 11:30 AM
J.O.Y (Just Older Youths) Luncheon

Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 PM
COR Men's Ministry

Friday March 6 at 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross, followed by Special Lenten
Dinner sponsored by: COR Men's Ministry

Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 AM
First Communion #3

Tuesday, March 10 at 12:30 AM
Women of ND Luncheon



Notre Dame of Easton



J.O.Y LUNCHEON

JUST OLDER YOUTHS

formally known as the senior luncheon

Seniors of the parish are warmly invited to join Father Christopher Ford for our new monthly J.O.Y Luncheons, held on the first Thursday of each month in Deacon Sabol Hall.

THESE LUNCHEONS ARE A CHANCE TO:

- Gather in fellowship
- Enjoy a shared meal
- Learn more about topics of faith and everyday life
- Spend time together in prayer

Whether you come on your own or with a friend, you are most welcome.

MARCH 5, 11:30 AM

AT DEACON SABOL HALL



RSVPs are not required but are encouraged.
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