

...GO, AND SIN NO MORE

-JOHN 8:11



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Mass Intentions

MARCH 13 THROUGH MARCH 22, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Daniel Coelho**
r/b Maria Coelho
- Sun. 8:00am Mario & Maria Cortina**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am Anna & Nicola Mazzonna**
r/b the Signore Family
- Mon. 7:30am David Curtin**
r/b Chuck & Mary Welch
- Tues. 7:30am Special Intention**
r/b Rev. Christopher Ford
- Wed. 7:30am Parishioners Living and Deceased**
- Thurs. 7:30am Helen Miller**
r/b Chris & Carl Linley
- Fri. 6:00pm Stations of the Cross**
- Sat. 5:00pm Lucilia Martins Henriques**
r/b Bernadette, Jerry, & Kelly Coughlin
- Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor**
r/b the Family
- 11:00am June Sokolich**
r/b Jeanine & Frank Pagliaro

“ ———
 | God never abandons us. Even when we
 | have lost our way, He waits for us with
 | open arms.
 | — John Paul II ——— ”

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Sunday Reading

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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

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: MARCH 7 & MARCH 8, 2026

Saturday	5:00 pm	1,723.00
Sunday	8:00 am	779.00
	11:00 am	1,283.00
Online Giving		1,751.00
Other Offertory		<u>570.00</u>
Total Collection		\$6,106.00

ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal

Notre Dame of Easton
All Are Welcome

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Thermometer scale: \$25,000, \$35,000, \$45,000, \$54,000
 Current: \$16,170

Thank you to everyone who has already responded with such generosity and faith-filled support. Any pledges received above our parish goal before June 30 will be returned directly to our parish to support our ministries and parish life.

Faith Formation

There will be NO classes on March 31st for Holy Week. There WILL be class on April 7th. There will be no class the week of spring break, April 14th. Last day of classes is April 28th.

Our virtue for this week is Industriousness.

Industriousness is the virtue that helps us keep working on things that are really important, things that will lead to us becoming who God created us to be. Sometimes we forget that this includes our chores and schoolwork. All these little things help form us into responsible and intelligent people. Industriousness looks like splitting up a task into little goals so you can eventually complete the entire project. It sounds like, "Let me finish this next step first, and then I will go play."

Dear Jesus, sometimes I feel less motivated to do a good job in my work. Help me to practice industriousness and keep working diligently until all of my tasks are complete. I feel much more satisfied when I know I have pushed through to the end. Let me give You glory today by completing all of my little tasks well. Amen

Early Childhood - First Witnesses

Parents with littles, check out our new Kids Corner in the vestibule of the Church! This cabinet is full of activities for your littles to borrow during Mass-- to help them engage with what's going on, and to help you get a moment's peace to pray. Please use gently and return to the shelf as you found it before you leave, so it's here for you and your friends again next week! Prayer cards and pamphlets are for you to keep.

Save the date:: Join our team of mentors and peers for a First Witnesses Cocktail Hour, April 26th @ 5pm in the Parish Hall. This is an evening out for parents with children ages birth-3 years. Heavy appetizers and a brief talk on living the faith at home. Bring a friend! Babysitting available; contact Ldanner@ndeaston.org with names & ages of children if needed.

Loaves & 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!



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!

- ✓ Bags of individually wrapped Easter candy (no loose candy, please)
- ✓ Small Easter basket items (toys, stickers, etc.)
- ✓ Easter baskets, and basket grass

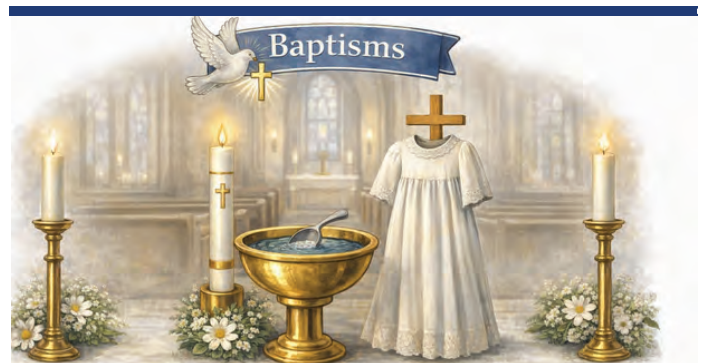
Please drop off any Easter donations in the church kitchen in the box labeled "Easter Donations for Blessed Sacrament."

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!

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!



It is with great joy that we celebrate the baptism of a child from the Hartnett family at Notre Dame of Easton. As their little one receives the gift of Baptism, we warmly welcome the family on this special occasion. May their child be surrounded by God's love and grow in faith as they begin their journey in the Catholic Church.

Join the
Festival Choir
for Holy Week!

Rehearsals:

- Sunday, March 22 • 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 24 • 6:45-8:00 PM
- Sunday, March 29 • 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 31 • 6:45-8:00 PM

The choir will sing at the following liturgies:

Palm Sunday **Holy Thursday** **Holy Saturday**

All voices are welcome! Come share your gift of music as we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord.

Lenten Stational Church Pilgrimage at Notre Dame

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



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.



What's Happening in Our Diocese

Join us for the FIE Annual Gala!

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Annual Spring Gala

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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or call 203-416-1671 or visit:
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Attention Men of Notre Dame!

Please join us Thursday March 19 at 7pm in the Deacon Sabol Hall as we celebrate the silent witness and Feast of St Joseph!

A video presentation will be shown highlighting his spiritual legacy, followed by a group discussion....and of course zeppoles!

Any question please contact Deacon Rick at camscinto@yahoo.com



Many thanks to the Men's Ministry for preparing a wonderful pasta dinner this past Friday during our Stations of the Cross evening. Your generosity and service are greatly appreciated by our parish community.

Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Life	Importantly
Heart	Jesus
Lent	Born
Love	Worshipped
Darkness	World
Believe	People
Man	Town
Light	Healed
Shine	Blind
Eyes	Lord

J E S U S H E A R T B E S
B D H E B E E L P H O L S
E V O L O L Y S R G R W E
L R A W P L M E B I N O N
I M P O R T A N T L Y E K
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E E R D W O R S H I P E D
T R H E A L E D L L E N T

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

Well, here we are. Believe it or not, we are halfway through Lent! So, let me ask you – how's it going?

Like so many things, Lent can start off in a variety of ways. Perhaps we started with great enthusiasm and clarity about what we wanted our Lenten journey to look like. We knew exactly what we would give up in sacrifice, we already had made increased time for prayer in our busy schedules, or we set aside a day to do particular works of mercy and charity for those in need. Or, perhaps Ash Wednesday came and went and we only realized a few days later that Lent had even begun! Maybe we were somewhere in between.

However Lent started, this mid-Lenten moment gives us an opportunity to reflect on perhaps the most important and overlooked part of our Lenten journey: the role of grace. Grace is the love and life of God dwelling within us. It is that "fountain of life" within our hearts, welling up to provide the nourishment that we need to bring our best intended desires to life. Grace is the bridge that crosses the chasm that exists between who we often find ourselves to be and who we are called to be. The gift of Lent is about opening ourselves up more and more to grace, to allowing the realities of divine life to drive the realities of our earthly life. God is present to us always, not just to comfort us in times of sorrow or to challenge us when perhaps we have wandered off the path. He is with us always, ready to help us make the decisions and take the concrete steps that will lead us ever closer to Him – and to our ultimate fulfillment.

So, however this Lent is going, now is the time to make more room for grace. If Lent has been going well, if we recognize that we have taken new steps down the path of holiness, then praise God and allow Him to carry you even further. If Lent is perhaps not going as well as we have thought, then recognize today as a gift to open ourselves up again to the working of God in our lives. Entrust the past to God's mercy and never hesitate to begin again, because grace is always available to help carry us forward.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM:
Lay Caring Ministry Training

Tuesday, March 17
Faith Formation: Elementary & EDGE

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 PM
Cor Men's Ministry

Friday, March 20 at 6 PM
Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 AM
Festival Choir Rehearsals

Tuesday, March 24
Faith Formation: Elementary & EDGE

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:45 PM
Festival Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Friday, March 27 at 6 PM
Stations of the Cross

Rise to something new this
HOLY WEEK
— 2026 —

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND
March 28–29
Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, March 30
Diocesan Stational Church
Masses at 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 2
Holy Thursday
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10 PM

Friday, April 3
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Passion of Our Lord

Saturday, April 4
Holy Saturday
11:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Resurrection
of our Lord
Special Mass Schedule
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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