



**FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS  
I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**

– LUKE 23:46

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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## Mass Intentions

MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 5, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Daniel Coelho**  
*r/b Maria Coelho*
- Sun. 8:00am James Allgeier**  
*r/b Charles & Mary Welch*
- 11:00am Michael Trongone III**  
*r/b Patricia & Jeff Trongone*
- Mon. 7:30am Michael & Florence Andras**  
*r/b the Family*
- Tues. 7:30am Dante S.r, & Madeline Tramontano**  
*r/b the Family*
- Wed. 7:30am A Special Intention**  
*r/b the Tito/Perez Family*
- Thurs. 7:00pm Parishioners, living and deceased**
- Fri. 12:00pm Stations of the Cross**
- 3:00pm Parishioners, living and deceased**
- Sat. 11:00am Blessings of Easter Food**
- 8:00pm Parishioners, living and deceased**
- Sun. 9:00am Parishioners, living and deceased**
- 11:00am Parishioners, living and deceased**



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - Sunday Reading

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 :** In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 :** In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 :** This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

## 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](mailto: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 21 & MARCH 22, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>1,077.00</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>1,197.00</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>1,943.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>		<b>1,551.00</b>
<b>Other Offertory</b>		<b>575.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>\$6,343.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>		<b>\$ 854.00</b>

## ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal



Thanks to your generosity, we are almost halfway to our goal.

## Faith Formation

There will be NO classes this Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for Holy Week-- we hope you all have a very blessed Easter! 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.

While we're off this week, let's continue to grow in Modesty.

Today we continue to work on the virtue of modesty. Modesty looks like not showing off when we do something well. It can be tempting to draw attention to ourselves when we have a gift or talent, like being very good at a certain sport. Do I talk a lot about how good I am at certain things, or do I remember that it was God who gave me that ability? Do I thank God for my gifts and talents?

Dear Jesus, when I do something well, I often want other people to know about it and praise me. Help me to remember that when the crowds wanted to make You king, You went away to pray by Yourself. I want to live my life seeking Your love, not the praise of others. 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm** in the Deacon Sabol 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.

## 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!



## Baptism at Notre Dame



With great joy, we celebrate the baptism of **Miller Jeffrey Greco** at Notre Dame of Easton. As he receives the gift of Baptism, we warmly welcome his family on this special occasion. May Miller be blessed with God's love and grow in faith as he begins his journey in the Catholic Church.

## 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!

## Rectory Office Closure



Kindly note the rectory office will be closed **Thursday, April 2– Monday, April 6,** and reopen **Tuesday, April 7.**

The office email will still be lightly monitored for any emergencies.

## < KID'S KORNER >

### Gospel Today

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Matthew 26:14–27:66**

The Gospel of Matthew gives us a detailed account of the events of Holy Week. From the Lord's Supper, the Agony in the Garden, Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest to His Trial and the Way of the Cross.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
**"Take and eat; this is my body."**  
*Matthew 26:26*

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Holy Week	M	K	N	I	R	D	F	Y	P	R	A	T	E	G	T	B
Jesus Last Supper	E	U	O	E	T	H	O	L	P	P	S	S	O	R	C	G
Twelve Disciples	S	T	K	S	L	S	R	O	I	A	U	A	F	E	D	N
Thanks	E	F	S	A	L	U	G	H	L	R	P	C	A	S	O	I
Eat Bread	R	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	A	B	P	K	T	H	I	P
Body Cup	T	H	N	U	C	K	V	O	T	P	E	L	H	D	V	E
Drink Blood	H	S	E	J	O	E	E	H	E	E	R	B	E	E	F	E
Forgiveness	O	I	C	R	O	W	N	T	W	D	A	E	R	B	O	L
Sins	E	N	Y	A	R	T	E	B	E	V	U	W	S	I	N	S
Fathers Kingdom	V	D	R	E	A	T	S	T	I	E	L	M	S	E	L	R
Night Gethsemane	L	O	G	E	T	H	S	E	M	A	N	E	U	E	E	E
Sleeping	E	H	J	T	S	E	P	T	N	J	E	S	U	S	W	G
Resting Praying	W	B	E	K	R	J	T	H	O	L	N	S	T	S	I	O
Judas Betrayal	T	H	O	R	N	S	I	S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D
Arrested Pilate	S	A	A	D	H	F	O	R	E	P	N	A	G	H	G	R
Crown Thorns	T	P	R	A	Y	I	N	G	U	G	C	H	D	H	V	P
Cross Son	W	E	E	N	O	C	E	P	R	S	K	N	A	H	T	O
God Messiah																

## Lenten Stational Church Pilgrimage

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.

## Schedule Update Due to Holy Week

**Please note the following changes:**

- **April's J.O.Y Luncheon has been rescheduled to April 9**

-Please consider joining us for Daily Mass- Experience the transformative power of the Eucharist each day! Come and be renewed in spirit and grace Monday through Thursday at 7:30 AM. All are welcome!

*Thank you for understanding as we observe this sacred time.*

## What's Happening in Our Diocese

# ONE in Christ

## 2026 Bishop's Appeal

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## NEXT LECTURE

**MAUREEN PRATT, MTS, MFA**

Two-Fold Prayer: Music of Faith and Finding Peace in the Storm

*The Bishop's Lecture Series has been transformed into The Forum for Catholic Discipleship Lectures. The Forum exists to promote the holistic formation of adult Catholics through encounters with truth, beauty, and goodness, while being accompanied in spiritual friendship the entire way. The lectures under The Forum continue the mission of what came before, bringing nationally renowned Catholic writers and speakers who illuminate the path of renewal while tackling pressing catechetical, theological, and pastoral issues.*

*Light refreshments will be available prior to the start of the program.*

*After an initial period of prayer, the lecturer will present the talk that will be 45 minutes in length. After a short break, there will be a 30 minute period of conversation and dialogue with participants.*

**Maureen Pratt, MTS, MFA, GIA GG, Gem-A FGA**

*is a popular speaker, the award-winning, bestselling author of 11 books.*

**Date** | Thursday, April 16, 2026  
**Time** | 7 pm — doors open at 6:30 pm  
**Location** | St. Aloysius Church  
 21 Cherry Street, New Canaan  
**Lecturer** | Maureen Pratt  
**Topic** | Two-Fold Prayer and the Journey to Peace

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## From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear friends,

Believe it or not, one of my favorite prayer experiences of each year occurs during Holy Week. Since I was in seminary, each year on the morning of Holy Saturday, I have gone to the chapel or church to spend some time in prayer in front of the empty tabernacle. The words from an ancient homily on Holy Saturday, read as part of what is known as the Liturgy of the Hours, give the moment a particular framing: "Something strange is happening."



Praying in front of the empty tabernacle on Holy Saturday is a profound experience. The emptiness is palpable – but so is the anticipation of what will come that night. The world is silent and still, at least inside the Church, as we transition from the mourning of Good Friday to the joy that will dawn on Easter night. It is a moment pregnant with both stillness and excitement, a tension that hangs somewhere between sorrow and joy.

What makes this moment so remarkable for me is how it mirrors so much of our lives. Very little of our lives is lived in the profound grief and sorrow of Good Friday, though there certainly are moments. The same can be said of the exuberant joy of Easter Sunday, often reserved, as it were, for special occasions. So much of our lives is lived in the silence of Holy Saturday, in the "already, but not yet" of the promises of God. It is why, when you think about it, it is so fitting that the final Station of the Cross is the laying of Jesus in the tomb, indicating that our lives are lived "mid-story". The Resurrection is not simply the next station, but a completely different reality that we can enter into only in the mode of hope, which comes with waiting.

As we enter this Holy Week, let us not be afraid to acknowledge the places in our lives and in our world where we still sit in that silence, where hope still waits to be fully realized. Let us recognize that God's grace is powerful, even in that silence and stillness, and that we are not left alone with wherever we are, but that something even beyond our wildest dreams is dawning.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Ford

## Save the Date

Tuesday, March 29 at 10:00 AM  
Festival Choir Rehearsals

Monday, March 30: Diocesan Station Mass  
at Notre Dame of Easton

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 PM  
Family Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:45 PM  
Festival Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 PM  
Bible Study

Tuesday, April 7, Faith Formation  
Elementary & EDGE

Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 PM  
Bible Study

**\*\*Thursday, April 9 at 11:30 AM**  
J.O.Y Luncheon

\*\* Kindly note the date change

*Rise to Something New This*  
**HOLY WEEK**  
— 2026 —

**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**  
March 28–29 • Regular Mass Schedule

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**  
Diocesan Stational Church 🏠 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
7:00 PM — Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 10:00 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**  
**EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 5**  
Special Mass Schedule  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



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