

THE SIMPLE ABC MESSAGE... ASK FOR HIS MERCY, BE MERCIFUL, COMPLETELY TRUST IN JESUS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2026

Sat.	5:00pm	Mary Sue Fucci <i>the Family</i>
Sun.	8:00am	For the Intentions of the Albertelli Family <i>Lisa & Rick Albertelli</i>
	11:00am	Edna Toner <i>Kathy & Ray Vogt</i>
Mon.	7:30am	Dr. Thomas Noonan <i>r/b Rev. Christopher Ford</i>
Tues.	7:30am	Teresa D'Amico <i>r/b Michelle Falcone</i>
Wed.	7:30am	Cesare & Palmira Savon & Family and Gaetano Liburdi <i>r/b Yolanda Liburdi & Family</i>
Thurs.	7:30am	Philip J. Falcone <i>Michelle Falcone</i>
Fri.	No Mass	
Sat.	5:00pm	Nick Vaccaro <i>the Family</i>
Sun.	8:00am	Richard Naylor <i>the Family</i>
	11:00am	Angelina Signore <i>the Signore Family</i>

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Sunday Reading

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47: In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 : In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 : After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

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
- 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 28 & MARCH 29, 2026

Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	863.00
Easter Sunday	9:00 am	3,690.00
	11:00 am	3,160.00
Online Giving		4,701.00
Other Offertory		1,150.00
Other Easter		5,504.00
Total Collection		\$19,068.00
Good Friday		\$745.00

ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal



Faith Formation

We wish all of our families a very happy and blessed Easter! There WILL be class this Tuesday, April 7th. There will be no class the week of spring break, April 14th.

This week's virtue is **Orderliness...**

Today we begin to work on the virtue of orderliness. Orderliness means keeping oneself clean and neat, and one's belongings in good order. Orderliness looks like having neat and tidy work spaces. How does my desk or locker look? Do I throw in papers and pencils without thinking, or do I use the folders and binders I have to keep everything organized? Keeping our things in order models how we are called to be stewards of creation and help bring order to the earth. Even though it seems like a small thing to keep our desk neat, this little thing gives glory to God.

Dear Jesus, help me today to give glory to you by keeping my things neat. I'm often rushed when I put things away and I don't put them away properly. Help me to order my life so I don't lose papers and assignments. When I organize my belongings, I know I open my heart to your peace. May I glorify you today! 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.**

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.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today | Second Sunday of Easter | John 20: 19-31

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." *John 20:21-23*

Thomas, not being present the first night, did not believe his friends saw Jesus until the following week when Jesus came a second time. This time Thomas was there and said, "My Lord and my God!", and he believed.

The apostle who was not in the locked room with the others when Jesus first appeared the first night after His resurrection was named...

Write the alphabet letters not found on the house.

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

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

...or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Find the **bold** words in the sentence below...

By God's request to Saint Faustina, Divine Mercy Sunday is **always** observed the week following Easter, when Jesus gave us the **Sacrament of Penance** in John's Gospel.

Research and learn about...
Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905 - 1938)
St. Faustina wrote in her diary Jesus' simple ABC message... Ask for His mercy; Be merciful, Completely trust in Jesus

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Holiness at Home

"The Mission of the Family"

A Special Evening for Parents of Children Ages Birth to 3

Cocktail Hour for Young Families

Enjoy a relaxed, adults-only evening with other parents in our parish community (babies in arms are welcome!)

Share conversation with our Mentor Team and connect with families walking a similar path in faith.

View the first of a dynamic video series exploring the truth and beauty of Catholic marriage and family life.

Enjoy heavy appetizers, refreshments, and meaningful conversation.

Notre Dame of Easton
Sunday, April 26 | 5:00 PM
Deacon Sabol Hall

Babysitting available — reservations required
RSVP to rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net or 203-260-3317

Hosted by the Notre Dame of Easton First Witness Mentor Team
Find out more at firstwitnesses.org

Scan me to RSVP

A Baptism at Notre Dame of Easton!



It is with great joy that we celebrate the baptism of Tyler Wagman at Notre Dame of Easton. As he enters into the life of faith through this sacred sacrament, we warmly welcome him into our parish community. May Tyler continue to grow in God's grace and be strengthened on his journey of faith.

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).

Calling all the Women of Notre Dame

All women of the parish are invited to a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 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 jpgliaro01@optonline.net or WomenofND@ndeaston.org. Thank you!

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!



Easter Basket Collection



Due to your generosity, we were able to assemble **200 Easter baskets!** With the help of a small but mighty group of volunteers, this beautiful effort came together to bring joy to so many this Easter season.

Festival Choir



A heartfelt thank you to our Festival Choir volunteers for sharing their time and talent so beautifully during Holy Week. Your voices truly lifted our liturgies and helped lead our parish in prayer during this sacred time. We are especially grateful to our Music Director, Rob Gilmore, for his leadership and dedication.

Silent Auction and the Easton Senior Center

Find unique treasures at the Easton Senior Center Silent Auction, April 14–May 5. Bid, shop, and support a great cause.

From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

Each year, as the Church moves through the Easter Octave, we are given a particular grace in what is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion, entrusted to the Church through the revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska in the early 20th century, is not something separate from Easter, but a deepening of it.

At its heart, Divine Mercy is simply the Gospel made visible again: that the Risen Christ comes not to condemn, but to seek out sinners, to heal what is broken, and to pour out mercy without measure. The image of Jesus with rays of blood and water flowing from His heart is not a new message, but a reminder of what was already revealed on the Cross and confirmed in the Resurrection.

What is striking in these apparitions is not novelty, but urgency. Again and again, the Lord emphasizes trust: "Jesus, I trust in You." This is not just a sentiment, but a concrete surrender of those places in our lives we would rather keep hidden or control ourselves. Divine Mercy always meets us in those places to call us forth into new freedom and new life.

And that is why this devotion belongs so naturally to the Easter season. The Resurrection is not simply a past event to be remembered, but a reality that presses into our lives now, calling us out of old patterns, old sins, and old fears. Mercy is not opposed to conversion. It is what makes conversion possible.

This applies not only personally, but ecclesially. The Church herself is continually called to be renewed by the mercy she proclaims and to become ever more transparent to the face of Christ who seeks the lost.

In these days of Easter, then, the invitation is simple but demanding: to trust more deeply, to return more honestly, and to allow the mercy of Christ not only to console us, but to change us.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford



Save the Date

Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30 PM
Women of Notre Dame Luncheon

Tuesday, April 14
Faith Formation: No Classes

Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 AM
First Communion (#5)

Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM
Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, April 21
Faith Formation Elementary
EDGE

Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 PM
Cocktail Hour for Young Families
Please see flyer in First Witnesses section of the bulletin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12

**ADORATION
AT 3:00 PM**

**INCLUDING THE
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

Join us for a peaceful hour of prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament as we
reflect on God's mercy and pray
together as a parish community.

ALL ARE WELCOME



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