

# NOTRE DAME OF EASTON

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APRIL 19, 2026  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
*The Rectory Office is closed on Friday.*

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## 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

Lay Members of the  
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Carl Zuanelli

Finance Council  
Chair: Jonathan Webster, CFA  
Secretary: John Palascak

Parish Council  
Chair: Jeanine Pagliaro  
Secretary: Mary Welch

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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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Mass Intentions

APRIL 17 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2026

- Sat. 5:00pm Nick Vaccaro**  
*r/b the Family*
- Sun. 8:00am Richard Naylor**  
*r/b the Family*
- 11:00am Angelina Signore**  
*r/b the Signore Family*
- Mon. 7:30am Andrew Kieffer**  
*r/b Anne & Peter Foley*
- Tues. 7:30am Walter & Mildred O'Brien**  
*r/b Jerry O'Brien*
- Wed. 7:30am All Parishioners, living & deceased of Notre Dame**
- Thurs. 7:30am Kevin Visokay**  
*the Visokay family*
- Fri. No Mass**
- 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*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Sunday Reading

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33:** After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21:** Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35:** Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ "took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them." Then they recognized Christ and their "hearts burned within them."

### 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](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: APRIL 11 & APRIL 12, 2026

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	1,461.00
Sunday	8:00 am	1,590.00
	11:00 am	1,330.00
Online Giving		2,120.00
Other Offertory		755.00
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>\$7,256.00</b>

### ONE in Christ - 2026 Bishops Appeal

Notre Dame of Easton  
All Are Welcome

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Thanks to your generosity, we are nearly three-quarters of the way to our goal.

## Faith Formation

This week is our final regular class of the year.

Next week please join us for an end of the year social-- Tuesday, April 28th! Elementary students are invited to bring along their parents and siblings, and will enjoy hotdogs with Chez Leonard and yard games! Middle school will have a game night-- drop-off as usual.

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

This week we as we practice perseverance, let's think about how Jesus practiced this virtue. He carried His Cross all the way to Calvary. He was tired and hurt, but He thought of us and kept going. Do I carry my crosses, the hard things that happen to me during my day, as Jesus carried His Cross? Or do I complain when things don't go my way?

Dear Jesus, help me to practice the virtue of perseverance when I face difficulties today. I know that You allow trials in my life to help me grow in trust, love, and perseverance. May I carry my cross as You did, so I can rejoice with You in heaven one day. 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

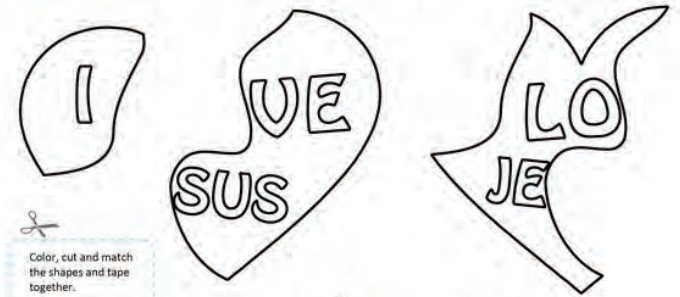
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Year A

Gospel Today | Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 13-35

The risen Jesus walked to Emmaus with two disciples, but they did not recognize Him. At the evening meal, Jesus blessed bread, broke it, and disappeared. At once the disciples knew in their hearts it was Jesus.

## Love From The Heart



# EMMAUS

## 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!



## 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.

## 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 Notre Dame




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.**

## 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](http://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](mailto:rebeca.campbell@sbcglobal.net) or 203-260-3317 (text or call).

## Loaves and Fishes Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who dropped spare change into the Loaves and Fishes collection jars during Lent. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise **\$554.91 for Catholic Charities**, helping support those in need in our community. Your kindness and willingness to give, even in small ways, truly makes a meaningful difference. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity!

## What's Happening in Our Diocese




Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Caggiano, Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, and Molly & Chris McMahon

Plus an unforgettable trip to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

**October 9-12, 2026**

**ACT FAST! Limited Space Register Today!**

**A Journey of Faith & Joy: Guadalupe to Girlstown**

- Encounter the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Walk up Tepeyac Hill, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531
- Attend Daily Mass
- Come to Intimately Know a Future American Saint Venerable Aloysius Schwartz
- Witness how the Sisters of Mary are transforming the lives of poor children through education, faith formation, and vocational skills training

**EASY WAYS TO REGISTER**

<https://worldvillages.org/events/caggiano>



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**Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano,**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport



Reverend Joseph-Anthony Kress,  
O.P.,  
Promoter of the Rosary &  
Co-host of Godsplaining



Molly & Chris McMahon,  
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**The Forum for Catholic Discipleship Offers Catholic Apologetics Classes**


**Program Instructor: Suan Sonna**  
Director of Apologetics  
Diocese of Bridgeport




**St. Matthew Parish | Great Room**  
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk, CT 7:00pm - 8:15pm

- April 30: The Humanity & Divinity of Jesus
- May 7: The Blessed Virgin: Mother of God and Immaculately Conceived
- May 28: The Blessed Virgin: Always Virgin and Assumed into Heaven

A ZOOM link is available for online attendees, email [suan.sonna@diobpt.org](mailto:suan.sonna@diobpt.org)



**ST. LUKE GUILD:**  
**SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE**



Tom Walsh, a hospital chaplain, leads the St. Luke Guild, which supports healthcare workers through prayer, formation, and fellowship. Members engage in spiritual reflection, faith-based discussions, and acts of mercy. The Guild strengthens providers to serve with compassion and unity in Christ, with support from the Bishop's Appeal.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY!**

[2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG](http://2026BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG)



## From Fr. Ford's Desk

Dear Friends,

When Jesus is born to us at Christmas, He is revealed to us with the name "God with us". The creator of the universe - and of us all - has taken flesh in the womb of Mary and entered into the world at Bethlehem. And, from that moment, our lives are forever changed. God is no longer so distant that we cannot even say his name. He has entered into our world, into our lives, and into our hearts.



The Gospel account of the Disciples on the road to Emmaus places this prayer on the lips of the disciples, while their hearts were burning but before they recognized that it was the Lord: "Stay with us." What a beautiful prayer for our hearts, our lives, and our world.

At varying times in our lives, we recognize not only our need for God, but, more importantly, we recognize His presence among us. This can come in a variety of ways. Through the movements of our hearts in prayer, through the spectacular realities of life, through the love and presence of another. Indeed, for those whose hearts are constantly seeking God, we will be amazed at how often we will actually find Him! Whenever we have those moments of encounter with God, let the prayer of the disciples at Emmaus become our own: "Stay with us, Lord".

Our world is challenging enough. We do not need to take on the added burden of thinking that we need to do it alone. God came into the world to be present to us and He continues to fulfill that promise, even today. Never be afraid to ask the Lord to stay with you - in moments of triumph, in moments of sorrow, in moments of trial or temptation, and in every moment in between. We need Him more than we realize and He is always willing to find ways to stay with us.

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Ford

## Save the Date

**Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM**

Lay Caring Ministry Meeting

**Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 PM**

Bible Study

**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**

Women's Holy Hour *more details to come*

**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.*

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