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Mass Intentions

MARCH 6 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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
Mon.	7:30am Parishioner, living and deceased	
Tues.	7:30am CJ O'Connor	r/b Dylan Rooney
Wed.	7:30am Myles Dempsey, Sr.	r/b Dori Wollen
Thurs.	7:30am Andrew Kieffer	r/b Anne & Pete Foley
Fri.	6:00pm Stations of the Cross	
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

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 28 and March 1, 2026

Saturday	5:00pm	1,751.00
Sunday	8:00am	1,828.00
	11:00am	1,392.00
Online Giving		1,8766.00
Other Offertory		285.00
Total Collection		<u>\$7,132.00</u>



Notre Dame Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 2/27/26	
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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- Sunday Reading

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

-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.



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!



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Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Lent | John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman shared her drinking water with Jesus, a stranger, and Jesus shared "living water" of the Holy Spirit with the woman. The woman and her neighbors believed in Jesus.

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Believe... Share with others

This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning of Thorns

Think about this mystery before praying.
The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through His final days.



Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you.
This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.



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!



Lent

at NOTRE DAME of EASTON

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal as we prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate the Paschal mystery of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Mass at 7:30 AM
Liturgy of the Word at 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays During Lent at 6:00 PM
Special dinners on March 6th & March 13th

CONFESSION
Saturdays, 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Check bulletin for additional times.

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT STATIONAL CHURCH
Monday, March 30th Masses at 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

MEN'S HOLY HOUR
February 19 at 7:00 PM

LENTEN 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

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!

LENTEN 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



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*



Online



From Fr. Ford's Desk



Dear Friends,

At his general audience on March 4, 2026, Pope Leo XIV spoke about the gift and paradox of the Church as a reality that unites both the human and divine dimensions of its life. The Church, as we know well, is made up of humanity, in its best moments and, sometimes, in its worst. At the same time, it is infused with a divine reality, with the enduring presence of God. As Pope Leo says, the Church “is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven.”

There is no Church without people who walk alongside one another in faith. And there is no Church if the destination of that journey is not an encounter with God.

Everything we do as a parish community must hold these two realities together. We are called to care for one another, to love one another, and to walk with one another. But if we do this only in human terms, then we become little more than a charitable organization. Our call is something greater: to walk with one another toward God, revealing His presence among us. That presence is our deepest consolation and the true source of fulfillment.

As we continue our Lenten journey, it is worth asking ourselves a simple question: As I walk with others in my family, in the parish, and in daily life, where am I leading them? Am I leading them toward heaven? Am I helping them encounter not just my care, but the love of the living and risen Christ?

To lead others to heaven does not require perfection, but it does require faithfulness and a certain coherence between what we profess and how we live. As Pope Leo reminds us, “This is what constitutes the holiness of the Church: the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of her members.”

We do not need to be afraid of our weaknesses, the questions we carry, or the sins that grace is helping us overcome. But we do need to remain open to Christ and His work within us, allowing Him to transform our hearts and our lives. The transformation of our lives becomes the foundation for the transformation of our parish and, in turn, our families, our community, and our world.

“Let us strive to be authentic witnesses of the love of Christ so that all can recognize in us and among us the charity that characterizes true Christians and builds up the Church.”

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Ford

Save the Date

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

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

Tuesday, March 10
Elementary Faith Formation
EDGE

Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

Friday, March 13 at 6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross followed by Special Lenten
dinner hosted by the Women of ND

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

Tuesday, March 17
Elementary Faith Formation
EDGE

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM
Bible Study

A poster for the Stations of the Cross devotion. The title "Stations of the Cross" is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, "at Notre Dame of Easton" is written in a smaller font. The central text reads "Walk the Way of the Cross with Christ" and "— A Lenten Devotion for Prayer and Reflection —". A section titled "Fridays During Lent" lists dates and times: February 20 at 6:00 PM, February 27 at 6:00 PM, March 6 at 6:00 PM* (Followed by Lenten Dinner), March 13 at 6:00 PM* (Followed by Lenten Dinner), March 20 at 6:00 PM, and March 27 at 6:00 PM. At the bottom, "Good Friday, April 3 at 12:00 PM" is listed. The background features illustrations of Jesus carrying the cross and being crucified, with other figures in the background.

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