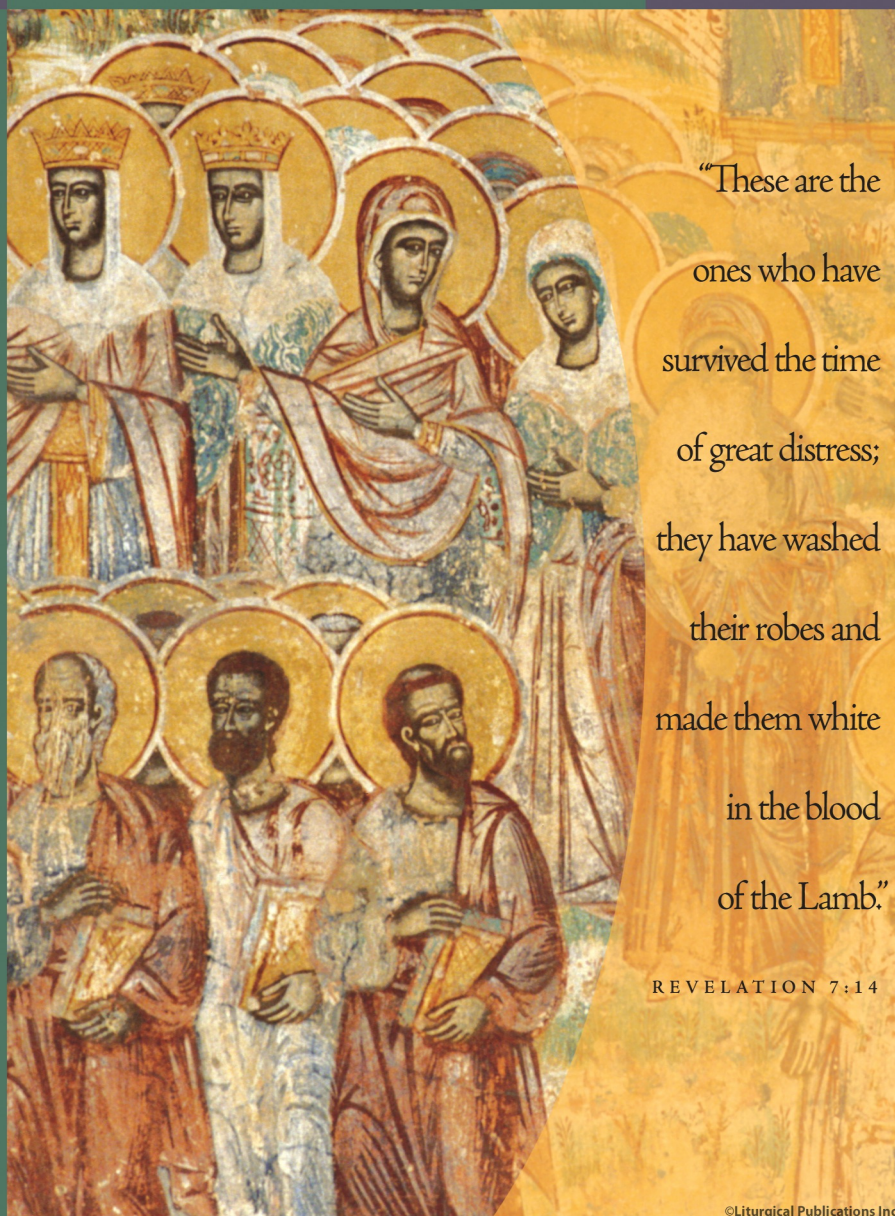


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 28, 2018



“These are the
ones who have
survived the time
of great distress;
they have washed
their robes and
made them white
in the blood
of the Lamb.”

REVELATION 7:14

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*We extend a warm welcome to all who
worship at our church! We hope that you
will find our parish community to be a place
where your faith is nourished.*

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday Through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 P.M.

Sundays 8:00, 9:30 - Family Mass, 11:00 A.M.

5:00 p.m. Scheduled Weekly -
Except for Christmas & Easter.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday - 7:30 A.M.

Saturday & Holidays - 9:00 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASSES

7:30 A.M. , Noon , 7:00 P.M.

NOVENA

Novena prayers in honor of Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal every Saturday
following the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 P.M.;

Sundays 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every
Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements
for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth
of the child in person at the rectory.

Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made at the rectory in
person by the couple. Where possible,
arrangements should be made one year in
advance and no later than six months.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Communal anointings of the sick are celebrated.

Individual anointings may be celebrated
anytime by request.

HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITATION

Please notify the parish of any family member
who may be ill at home or in the hospital.

We welcome the opportunity of visiting them
and bringing them the Eucharist.

Our Mission Statement: *In the spirit of Saint Francis, to know Jesus and make Him known.*

From the Pastor's Desk....

Saints and Souls

Last week I mentioned the "triduum of the Dead" which is started off by Halloween, "All Hollows Eve." With these days coming up this week it is necessary to mention the other two days, "All Saints and All Souls Day."

Let us first address the Feast of All Saints. The exact origins of this celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of the saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas throughout the Church. For instance, in the East, the city of Edessa celebrated this feast on May 13; the Syrians, on the Friday after Easter; and the city of Antioch, on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Both St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) attest to this feast day in their preaching. In the West, a commemoration for all the saints also was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The primary reason for establishing a common feast day was because of the desire to honor the great number of martyrs, especially during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (284-305), the worst and most extensive of the persecutions. Quite simply, there were not enough days of the year for a feast day for each martyr and many of them died in groups. A common feast day for all saints, therefore, seemed most appropriate.

The designation of November 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all the saints on November 1 (at least according to some accounts), and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome.

Along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are not perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of Heaven. The faithful on earth can assist these souls in Purgatory in attaining Heaven through their prayers, good works, and the offering of Mass.

In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. In the sixth century, the Benedictine monasteries held a solemn commemoration of deceased members at Whitsuntide, the days following Pentecost. St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed for all of the Cluniac monasteries that special prayers be offered and the Office of the Dead sung for all of the souls in Purgatory on November 2, the day after All Saints. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same devotion, and soon November 2 was adopted as the Feast of All Souls for the whole Church.

The two days are back to back because saint-hood and intercessory prayer are closely linked since it is with the help of the saints that those in purgatory become saints. Also we ourselves, by celebrating both feast, participate in this intercession of the souls in purgatory and invoke intercession of the saints. Both of these feasts point out the simple fact that none of us or alone in life as well as death, for helping one another lasts for eternity.

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Sincerely Yours in Christ, Rev. Jeffrey W. Couture



All Souls' Day

In honor of All Soul's Day, I will be offering a Rosary Walk at Willowbrook Cemetery in Westport to pray for all the faithful and departed souls. All are welcome.

We will meet down below at the mausoleum at 3:00 p.m.



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5:00 p.m. **Irene Toth (D)**

Sunday, Oct. 28th— Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Arthur Steinschneider (L)** by the Steinschneider Family

9:30 a.m. **Michelangelo and Rosina Falbo (D)** by Tony Falbo

11:00 a.m. **Anthony Donia (D)** by Dana Donia

5:00 p.m. **Susan Lubbock (D)**

Monday, Oct. 29th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **George D. Carter (D)**

Tuesday, Oct. 30th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Frances Matasko (D)**

Wednesday, Oct. 31st-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Janina Koztowska (D)** by the Karwowski Family

Thursday, Nov. 1st-All Saints Day

7:30 a.m. **Special Intention** by the Barna Family

12:00 p.m. **Dana Leech (L) Bday**

7:00 p.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by his Family

Friday, Nov. 2nd-The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed-All Souls' Day

7:30 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Kaseta/Barna/Wagner Families** by the Barna Family

Saturday, Nov. 3rd-Weekday-St. Martin de Porres, Religious

9:00 a.m. **Special Intention**

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Weds. From 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel across from the Rectory. Adoration is also on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. **The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at the Holy Hour of 3 p.m. on the second Weds. of each month.** In the event either of these is canceled due to inclement weather or Holy Days of Obligation, we will send an email as soon as possible.

Office of Safe Environments-Virtus Training

The Diocese requires that any volunteers, in ANY capacity be Virtus -trained and have a background check. Even if you've been trained in the past, you must bring your compliance up to date if it's been more than 5 years since your last training. Log into your account at www.virtusonline.org using your username and password. If you attended a live training event, you can recertify online. Please contact me in the office at kdelcorso@stfrancisweston.org if you need help getting into your account.



Next Week, Nov. 3rd & 4th

Ushers/Greeters

5:00 p.m. Joe Kaddis
8:00 a.m. Mike McGlone
9:30 a.m. Bogdan Karwowski
11:00 a.m. Carmen Sabatelli

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. **Vigil** Kay Byrnes, Dan Gilbert, Peg Shaeffer
8:00 a.m. Pam Franco, Elizabeth Maglione, Glenn Major
9:30 a.m. Judy Dunnigan, Marc Fontaine, Martin Tubridy
11:00 a.m. Laurie Eidt, Patty Kopas, Mark Unangst
5:00 p.m. Mike Komar

Lectors

5:00 p.m. **Vigil** Jane LaCorte
8:00 a.m. Lois Amador
9:30 a.m. Marlane Tubridy
11:00 a.m. John Crowe

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. **Vigil** Sean Creamer (MC), Elizabeth Crocitto, Brendan Shanahan
8:00 a.m. Marc Mbwa-Mboma and Audrey Mbwa-Mboma
9:30 a.m. Emma Baines and Kayla Baines
11:00 a.m. Sofia Abreu and Krystian Babinski
5:00 p.m. Cole Mancinelli

Counters

Lyle Garvey and Sally Phillips

Thursday, Nov. 1st-All Saints Day

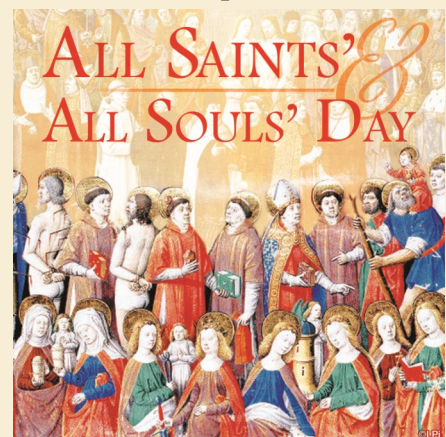
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

7:30 a.m.

Noon

7:00 p.m.



Religious Education News



Religious Ed. Office Hours are :
Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-5:00p.m.



Wednesday, November 7th

Religious Ed. make-up classes from 6-7pm for grades 3-6

Sunday, November 11th Rite of Enrollment – 9:30am Mass followed by Coffee Social

Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th Religious Ed. Bake sale

Sunday, November 18th Letters of Intent are due

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.
(203) 227-8353 or email me at gflaming@stfrancisweston.org

Thank you for your loving support!

Love and peace,

Gina Fleming



- Our Sunday CGS Level I student is working with the Liturgical Calendar to reinforce the lesson of the day
- Level II students are having a presentation on the 3 moments in the History of the Kingdom of God: ***Creation, Redemption and Parousia***
 - Level III students are doing a bible study on the fall
- Natalie Odierna's 7th grade class is working with a board game to reinforce the Blessed Trinity lesson of the week.

October 22-26

SFA Preschool introduces their Intergenerational Programming this week with a visit from Director Marianne Keith's father, Weston resident George Beltz. George visited the children sharing stories of his youth and let them explore what it is like to use a walker and hearing aid.

Our Social Worker consultant and SFA parish member Allison Lisbon read a book about Grandparents and spoke with the children about our upcoming Intergenerational Programs and our Weston Senior Center luncheon here on Oct. 31st where the children will be visiting with our Weston Seniors as they parade around for Halloween.

Each week the Fours visit the library with Ms. Keith to be introduced to Pre-literacy activities in order to prepare them for the early years of reading. Children are introduced to collaborative activities that promote the foundations of a good reader.

SFA Preschool 2019-2020 Registration begins November 7th!

Call for a tour— spaces are limited! 203-454-8646



The Grace Shop is Open!

Give family and friends a gift that truly explains how much they mean to you. A gift of encouragement, a gift of inspiration, a gift of good counsel. Give Grace Shop!

Open weekly by appt. or Sundays after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Volunteers needed!

Please call 203 349 5443.

Our **International Pot Luck Dinner** was a big success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Nancy Sturgis for organizing it and to all those who volunteered their time to make it a success. We had dishes from all around the globe and it was truly a delightful evening.



"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

St Francis of Assisi

Our annual **St Francis Coat Drive** has launched to help families in need in Bridgeport through Sister Theresa's mission. Gently used or new coats, hats, gloves for all ages are needed. The drive will run now through The 1st week of December. Please drop off your donation anytime in the back of the church. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

Peace-
Missy

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today." St Francis of Assisi

Coffee Social

**Sundays
after 9:30 a.m.
Mass**



Join us for a Coffee Social
Sundays after 9:30 a.m. Mass

How can you help?

- Host a Coffee Social-ask another family or two to co-host with you. It's easier and more fun hosting with others. If you'd like to be reimbursed, give your receipts to Kimberley in the Parish Office or you may wish to donate the cost as a charitable contribution.
 - Help the host with setup.
 - Help the host by baking or providing refreshments.
 - Come and enjoy the community building.
- Talk it up with your friends and come join the fun!

St. Francis provides the coffee, tea, sugar, juice and paper products.

For information or to volunteer to help, please contact

**Carol Palumbo at 203-227-3271 or
candrpalumbo@gmail.com**

Hosts are needed for the following weekends:

12/16, 12/23, 12/30

*Thank you to the Rel. Education Confirmation families for hosting this morning. There is no Coffee Social next Sunday due to a wedding in the hall.

Attention All Women of the Parish

After many requests from parishioners, Father Jeff is bringing back the **Women's Guild**. Membership in the Guild is open to all women of the parish. The goals are spirituality, service and socialization.

Meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Many of the programs and activities will be held during the day.

Questions? Please contact Carol Palumbo at
candrpalumbo@gmail.com

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 28	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass
Mon., Oct. 29	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Oct. 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Oct. 31	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Nov. 1	All Saints-Holy Day
	Parish Office Closed
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
Fri., Nov. 2	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Nov. 3	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Nov. 4	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Daylight Savings Time Ends
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., Nov. 5	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Nov. 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Nov. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Nov. 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Nov. 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Nov. 10	
9:00 a.m.	Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

**Thursday, Nov. 1st, the Parish Office will be closed for All Saints Day. It will reopen, Fri., Nov. 2nd @ 9 a.m.
Regular Office Hours are M-F 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*



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