

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 9, 2019



**35 NORFIELD ROAD
WESTON, CONNECTICUT 06883**

*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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203-227-8353

Preschool: 203-454-8646

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...

Pentecost

Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, (Pentecost from Greek *pentecostē*, “50th day”), major festival in the church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

The Jews had an early harvest festival seven weeks after the first fruit offerings of Passover, called the Feast of Weeks, The Priestly Code.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. The church's transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the first fruits of a new dispensation that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law.

When the festival was first celebrated in the church is not known, but it was mentioned in a work from the Eastern church, the *Epistola Apostolorum*, in the 2nd century. In the 3rd century it was mentioned by Origen, theologian and head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and by Tertullian, Christian priest and writer of Carthage.

In the early church, Christians often referred to the entire 50-day period beginning with Easter as Pentecost. Baptism was administered both at the beginning (Easter) and end (the day of Pentecost) of the Paschal season. Eventually, Pentecost became a more popular time for baptism than Easter in northern Europe, and in England the feast was commonly called White Sunday (Whitsunday) for the special white garments worn by the newly baptized. In The First Prayer Book of Edward VI (1549), the feast was officially called Whitsunday, and this name has continued in Anglican churches. In Catholic and other Western churches, priests often wear red vestments during Pentecost to symbolize the “tongues of fire” that descended on the disciples from the Holy Spirit; members of the congregation also wear red in some traditions, and the altar is commonly dressed in a red frontal cloth.

All rites reserved Encyclopaedia Britannica

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jeffrey W. Couture



PENTECOST SUNDAY



5:00 p.m. **Rocco and Mary Cassano (D)**
Sunday, June 9th-Pentecost Sunday
 8:00 a.m. **Jack Ruf (D)** by the Galasinski Family
 9:30 a.m. **Father Celestine (D)** by the O'Kelly Family
 11:00 a.m. **Florence Watts (D)** by Don and Louise Strange
 5:00 p.m. **Maureen Alice Brigid Coyle (D)** by the Wagner Family
Monday, June 10th-Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Neva and Larry Whittington (H)** Joe and Kathy Kaddis
Tuesday, June 11th-St. Barnabas, Apostle
 7:30 a.m. **Deborah Mossa (D)** by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Papen
Wednesday, June 12th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Gil Cirenza (D)** by David and MaryAnn Allen
Thursday, June 13th-St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**
Friday, June 14th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Michael Hayes (D)** by his Family
Saturday, June 15th-Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Our Parishioners (L&D)**

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN POSITION

Are you interested in serving on the Parish Council? Do you know someone you would like to nominate to serve? Contact Chris Eidt at council@stfrancisweston.org.

POSITION: VOLUNTEER LIAISON [AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER]

As an At-Large Council Member, the Volunteer Liaison shall serve a two-year term and MAY serve one additional consecutive two-year term.

- The Volunteer Liaison shall chair the Parish Council Nominating processes.
- The Volunteer Liaison shall lead the recruiting process to identify members to appoint to Parish Council to fulfill terms of members who leave Council before the end of their term.
- The Volunteer Liaison shall promote Parish volunteer opportunities for individual participation.
- The Volunteer Liaison shall support Ministry Heads in coordination of volunteers for Parish events.
- The Volunteer Liaison shall update and print the Annual Parish Meeting booklet with input from Council Members.

Next Week, June 15th & 16th

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** Gina Fleming, Ann Garvey, Barbara Manion
 8:00 a.m. Joan Curran, Pam Franco, Elizabeth Maglione
 9:30 a.m. Cecilia Forgione, Dennis Jung, Amy Jung
 11:00 a.m. Deacon Tom, Mike Sturgis, Mark Unangst
 5:00 p.m. Marlane Tubridy

Lectors

5:00 p.m. **Vigil** Nicole Solis
 8:00 a.m. Joe Jordan
 9:30 a.m. Eduardo Abreu
 11:00 a.m. Linda Nash
 5:00 p.m. Martin Tubridy

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. **Vigil** Sean Creamer (MC) and Krystian Babinski
 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Crocitto and Cole Mancinelli
 9:30 a.m. Grace Forte and Sophia Forte
 11:00 a.m. Katie Franco and Sarah Franco
 5:00 p.m. Annie Cornell (MC) and Grace Cornell

Counters

Skip and Peggy Shaeffer

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Weds. From 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in church. Adoration is also on Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

*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.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung this Weds, June 12th @ the Holy Hour of 3:00 p.m.

This month's focus:

Pentacostal Promises ("Go Forth to Serve All")

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.." Acts 2:1

Religious Education News

Learning.....

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Religious Ed. Office hours

Monday-Thursday 10:30 am -5:30 pm

Learning.....

Loving....

Living...

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Important Upcoming dates:

Religious Ed. Registration is Open! Forms are available at the Religious Ed. Office. *Each child must register every year.* Our formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next. Grade 1 is required for First Eucharist preparation and Grades 3-7 are required for Grade 8 Confirmation

Remember to register before June 1st to avoid the \$100 late fee!

Are You Being Called to Be a Catechist?

Do you:

Love God and want to know him better?

Want to help children have a relationship with God?

Want to share God's love and merci with others?

Want to share your love of Jesus and help others grow in faith?

If your answer is yes, God is calling you to be a catechist!

We are always in need of volunteer catechists and assistants/loving presence to help spread the Good News of Jesus and share the Catholic faith with the children of SFA

To be a catechist, you do not need to be an expert teacher or a theologian. Catechists are ordinary people who generously give their time to share the Catholic faith, values, and traditions with the youngest generation of Christians.

The word **catechist** comes from the Greek word meaning **"to echo"**. Please help us echo God's Word to the students of our parish.

If you are interested in helping out in this beautiful and important ministry, please call Gina or Jenn at 203-227-8353.

We look forward to the celebration of Confirmation which will take place on Sunday, June 16th at 3:00pm. Please continue to keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

Peace and love,

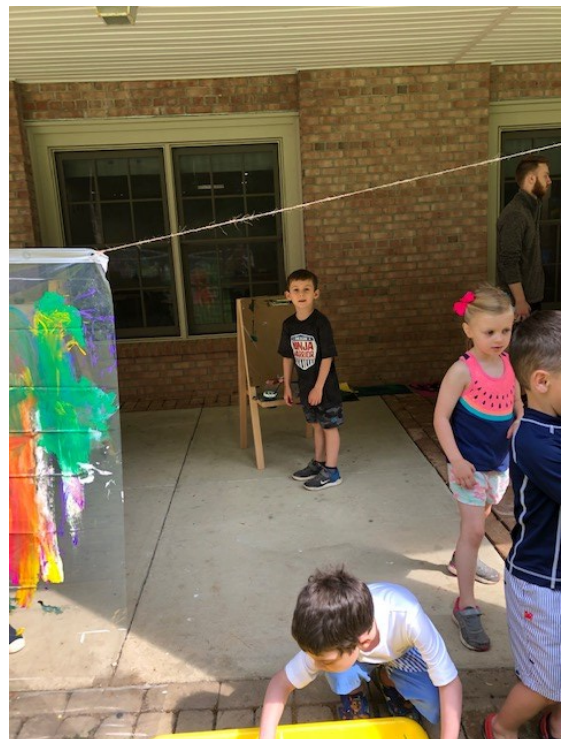
Gina Fleming

Preschool News

Our SFA Preschool children celebrated the end of the year with our "Blessing Ceremony" on Weds., May 29th. We were happy to welcome our "alumni" who came to read to their peers. We will miss our children who are headed to Kindergarten, but know they will shine.

Campers are enjoying this beautiful weather week with water fun, paint day and Carnival Day to end the week!

-Marianne Keith, Director
St. Francis of Assisi Preschool





SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

5:00 PM

Food, Friends & Fun!



Join us for our Summer Kick off!

Coffee Social

Sundays
after 9:30 a.m.
Mass



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

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:

6/16, 6/23, 6/30

There is no Coffee Social this weekend due to the Lobster Palooza Event.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 9	Pentecost Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass
6:00 p.m.	Lobster Palooza Summer Picnic
Mon., June 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., June 11	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., June 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thur., June 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., June 14	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., June 15	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, June 16	The Most Holy Trinity
	Father's Day
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
3:00 p.m.	Confirmation
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass
Mon., June 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., June 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., June 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
8:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., June 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., June 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., June 22	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass



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