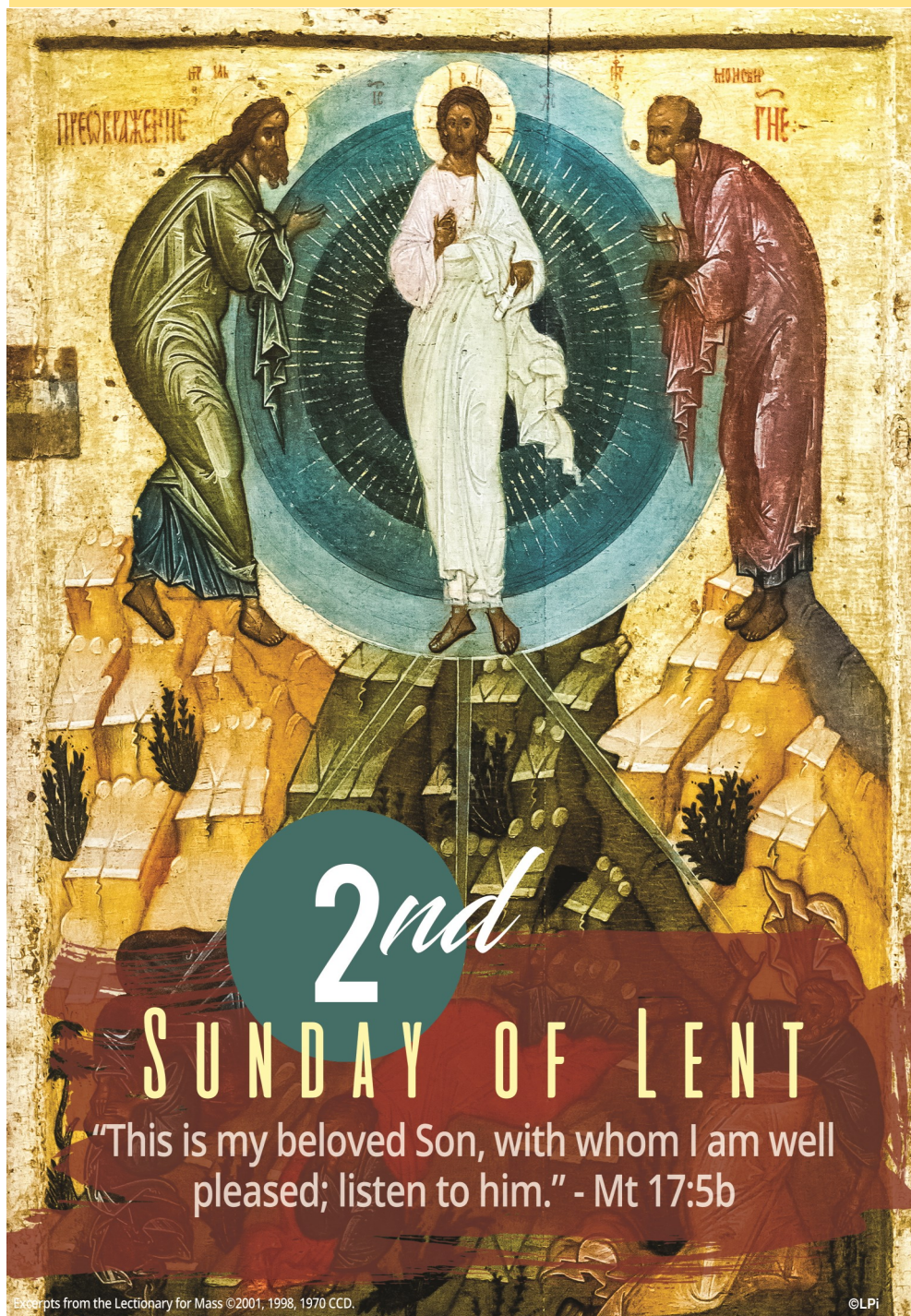


# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 8, 2020



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.*

**Rectory:** 203-227-1341

**FAX:** 203-226-1154

**Website:** [www.stfrancisweston.org](http://www.stfrancisweston.org)

**Facebook:** Saint Francis of Assisi - The  
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**Religious Education/Youth Ministry:**  
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.*



*The Last Four Things Continued: Judgement Part 2*

In last week's bulletin I wrote about the first judgment which is called a "particular judgement." The second Judgment that the Church teaches us about is the one in which Christ will Judge the world at the end of time called the "last judgement". If this sounds familiar to you it is probably because it is the name of the famous fresco in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo. In today's time the Last Judgement has taken on more of a "Dystopian" view of the world between movies such as The Terminator, The Day after, or Planet of the Apes, referring to an "Armageddon". With all these views and movies about this subject about the end of the world, we must ask, what does the Church teach about this?

The Church's answer is based on or has a connection to scripture. There are many scripture passages referring to the Last Judgement and perhaps that the two passages that can best characterize this teaching is Isaiah 66:16 with states "*For the LORD will execute judgment by fire And by His sword on all flesh, And those slain by the LORD will be many.*" And Matthew 25:31-33 which states "*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*"

When we first hear this, we may think to ourselves that it is cruel of Jesus to do this and it is not fair. But, if we remember what was written last week regarding the "particular judgment" that true fairness is the justice that God gives out to those who do evil against the innocent and good people and don't repent. For again what justice would there be for the victim of a crime if this was no accountability to that crime. For we are all judged in comparison to Christ. The difference in this "second judgement" is that ALL creation will be judged by Jesus and sentenced. Perhaps a comparison to better understand the difference is if one would look at a criminal trial. For example, is if the "particular judgment" is represented best by the jury who finds the defendant guilty for the particular crime they committed. The last Judgement is exemplified by the Judge "Jesus" who sentences the defendant "us" at the last judgment as a result of the crime they committed. For the last judgment is where ALL will receive their "sentencing" of the crime they committed. But this also means all who are good receive their reward. In this manner the evil person who is not forgiven will find this judgment horrifying since their reward would be eternal punishment "hell" but the person who repents will find the opposite since they will receive their reward which will be eternal bliss "Heaven".

But why will God do this? Why can't God just snap His fingers and make everyone good? ANSWER - FREE WILL! For free will is the fundamental bases of love for love can only be expressed by freedom. You can't force someone to love you, therefore with freedom of choosing good comes the price of not being good, since what is freedom if there is no consequences to our choices. What we have to remember is we were created in the garden of Eden as free beings in the grace of God to love Him and obey Him. We chose not to obey Him and were kicked out of the garden. God will not give up on us and will have His will fulfilled, which is to have His people living in His presence freely loving Him on Earth like He intended Body and Soul. And it is through this Last Judgement that this will happen. Please note that the next few weeks we hear about what happens as a result of that judgment and what can be waiting for us. *All rights reserved Catechism of the Catholic Church pp1021-1041/ christianity.com:What is final Judgement/Diary of Faustina.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Jeffrey W. Couture*



**Important announcement from Bishop Caggiano  
stating procedures regarding COVID-19  
can be found in the back of church.**



## The Second Sunday of Lent



5:00 p.m. **Fern Couture (D)**  
**Sunday, Mar. 8th-Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. **Dara Prorokovic (D)** by the  
 Karwowski Family  
 9:30 a.m. **Emma Baines (L) 11th birthday** by the Baines  
 Family  
 11:00 a.m. **Ken Kopas (D)** by Helen Neary Pryor  
 5:00 p.m. **Vincent Boyle (D)** by the McCarthy Family  
**Monday, Mar. 9th-Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 a.m. **Beecher and Schmid Families (L & D)** by  
 Foertsch Family  
**Tuesday, Mar. 10th-Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**  
 7:00 p.m. **Beecher and Schmid Families (L & D)** by  
 Foertsch Family  
**Wednesday, Mar. 11th-Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 a.m. **Karja Karwowski (L) Birthday** by her parents  
**Thursday, Mar. 12th-Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 a.m. **Anne C. Lawton (L)**  
**Friday, Mar. 13th-Lenten Weekday**  
 7:30 a.m. **The Infirm of St. Francis of Assisi**  
**Saturday, Mar. 14th-Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. **Richard Cummins (D)** by the Eidt Family

Coffee Social  
 Sundays  
 after 9:30 a.m.  
 Mass



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

Please join us Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. and before the 11:00 a.m. Masses in the parish hall for a Coffee Social. Coffee, tea, juice, bagels and baked goods are provided. **Thanks to the Baines family for hosting the coffee social this morning. Next week's host is the Fonte family.** For information or to volunteer to help, please contact Carol Palumbo at 203 227-3271 or candrapalumbo@gmail.com  
 St. Francis provides the coffee, tea, sugar, juice and paper products.

Hosts are needed for the following Sundays:

5/10, 5/24. 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21 and 6/28

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Wednesday from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM in the Church. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be offered every 2nd Wednesday of the month at of 3 PM. Come hear and seek the goodness

## YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS

**Senior Youth Group** is on this Sunday 3/8 from 6-8pm. All high school students welcome!

**Junior Youth Group** will meet again Thursday 3/19 from 6-8pm. Grades 6th-8th welcome!

### OTHER EVENTS

Our mission trip to the Dominican Republic is open to any and all high school students. If you or someone you know is interested please email youth minister, Priscilla Mahar. Registration closes March 13th, 2020 at Midnight.

Email: [pmahar@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:pmahar@stfrancisweston.org)

Online Giving  
 St. Francis of Assisi



### What are the advantages of Online Giving?

It only takes a minute and makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You can set up recurring offertory or contribute a one-time gift.

- Create and manage your account at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1439>
- Use your mobile device, create and manage an **online account**.  
 Download the Mobile App:



### Other ways to make an offertory commitment:

- Contact Kim Del Corso to help set up your **online account** and payment at 203-227-1341.

**Thank you for your support.**



## Religious Education News

*Learning...*  
*Loving....*  
*Living...*  
**CHRIST!**



**Religious Ed. Office hours**  
Monday-Thursday 10:30 am -5:30 pm

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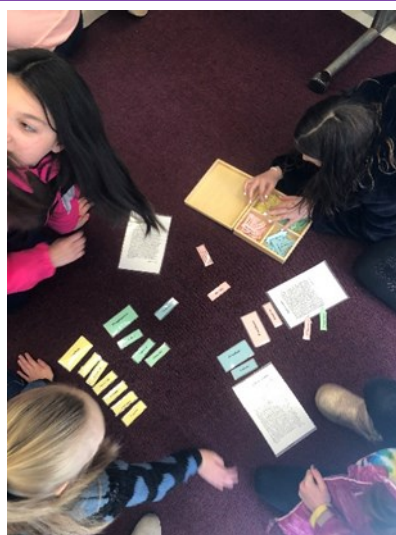
### Important Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Religious Ed. make-up classes 3-6grade 6-7:15pm
- Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Religious Ed. Online Classes 6-7:15pm
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Religious Ed. make-up classes 7-8grade 6-7:15pm

#### A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with Mardi Gras!

It was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our Religious Ed Parents who donated some of the food, the students who helped on the day of the event, those who supported us by purchasing tickets, and **EVERY** volunteer who helped in anyway, whether going to Costco, in the kitchen preparing the food, decorating, and cleaning up.

I would love to mention each by name but the list is too long.  
What a blessing to have so many charitable hearts!  
It takes a village to accomplish great things and that we do at SFA!



Students in Level III are working with and meditating on the Cardinal Virtues. These Virtues, Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, and Temperance, are required in our daily life in order to follow God's laws and put faith into action. Justice, Prudence and Fortitude push us to do the right thing whereas Temperance holds us back to prevent us from doing what is wrong. If we faithfully practice the Cardinal Virtues, with the grace of God, we will experience the life that Jesus desires from us. Ask your children what they have learned today, or feel free to come and observe a class at any time. We would love to have you!

*Wishing all a Blessed Lent!*  
*Gina Fleming*

**WE INVITE YOU TO OUR BOOK FAIR  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.**

Please join us on Sunday March 8th for our annual Scholastic Book Fair supporting SFA Preschool, Malta House and Sister Teresa Preschool. We have a great selection of books for all ages and a wonderful Easter selection as well. Bring your spare change for a collection box for the Malta House and a basket will be there to accept books for a donation to Sister Teresa's Preschool in Bridgeport.

With many donations and fundraisers over the years, we have been able to upkeep and build upon our wonderful playground and we thank all of our supporters over the years! We are happy we have a space our whole community can share but have seen some damage over these past weeks. This damage has affected the cost of the upkeep and has compromised our children's ability to use it.

We ask and hope that all our visitors respect the care of this space and are well supervised and mindful of our playground rules as these rules are set in place by our State Inspectors. Please remember that our structures are made with certain smaller age limitation and our sandbox must remain covered per these state regulations.

We thank you for your attention in helping us continue keeping the care of this community space.

*With thanks, Marianne Keith Director*



**BUDDY BAGS FOR MALTA HOUSE**

"Let everything I do be done in love." Corinthians 1:8

Malta House is an amazing organization that helps young mothers choose life for their babies. They provide a nurturing home during their pregnancy & help them on their journey to independent living & successful parenting. As we begin our Lenten season, I am asking you to help support this amazing mission of love!

I will be collecting "Buddy Bags" from March 8th - April 5th and they can be dropped off in the back of the church any-time.

Here's how to help:

1. Create a bag/ bags. Choose a theme & focus on a specific age from infant to 4 year-olds.
  - Bedtime Bag - stuffed animal and book (gently used or new) , pajamas or blanket
  - Diaper Bag - diapers, wipes, baby lotion, (optional to add a small toy/pacifier/teether or onesie)
  - Bath Time Bag - baby soap, lotion, washcloth & towel, bath toys

\*\*\*Please use a sturdy, reusable bag( Home Goods or TJ Maxx sells cute, reusable bags for \$1) or decorative gift bag\*\*\*\*\*

2. Donate part of a bag.
3. Write a check to St Francis. Note Buddy Bag in the memo. You can drop it in the Sunday Collection or mail to St. Francis at 35 Norfield Rd.

Thank you for your generosity!!  
Missy "Love never fails" Corinthians 13:8



**Come Celebrate Mass  
With Us  
For Those Affected by Addiction**

**March 14, 2020  
12:00 Noon**

**St. Rose of Lima RC Church  
46 Church Hill Road  
Newtown, CT 06470**

**Our Celebrant is a Priest in Recovery.**

**All are Welcome  
Fellowship will Follow**

**Midnight Run 2020**



**Regina Caeli Academy Touring Event**

**March 30th at 9:30am! [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org)**

Come join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition.

Touring Event: March 30 at 9:30 am. Event includes a tour and classroom observation. Refreshments served; children welcome! RSVP to [lfrawley.fcc@rcahybrid.org](mailto:lfrawley.fcc@rcahybrid.org) or call (203) 701-9154.



***Loaves and Fishes***

**A Lenten Offering to Feed Our  
Fairfield County Neighbors**

Money raised from this campaign provides critical support for Catholic Charities feeding programs which provide food for the needy and most vulnerable of our community.

Envelopes are accessible in the back of church.



## Parish Calendar



<b>Sunday, Mar. 8</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Coffee Social Sunday Mass Youth Mass
<b>Mon. Mar. 9</b> 9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues. Mar. 10</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Mar. 11</b> 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Adoration in small Chapel
<b>Thurs. Mar. 12</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri. Mar. 13</b> 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Lenten Soup/Reflection Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat. Mar. 14</b> 9:00 a.m.  4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Immaculate Conception Novena Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Mar. 15</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Coffee Social Sunday Mass Youth Mass
<b>Monday, Mar. 16</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues. Mar. 17</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Wed. Mar. 18</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs. Mar. 19</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri. Mar. 20</b> 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Lenten Soup/Reflection Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat. Mar. 21</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Daily Mass <i>Lenten Mission: Jeff Cavins</i>
<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Coffee Social Sunday Mass Youth Mass

### Lent Devotions

#### Tuesdays

6:00 p.m.

Confession

7:00 p.m.

Mass

## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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