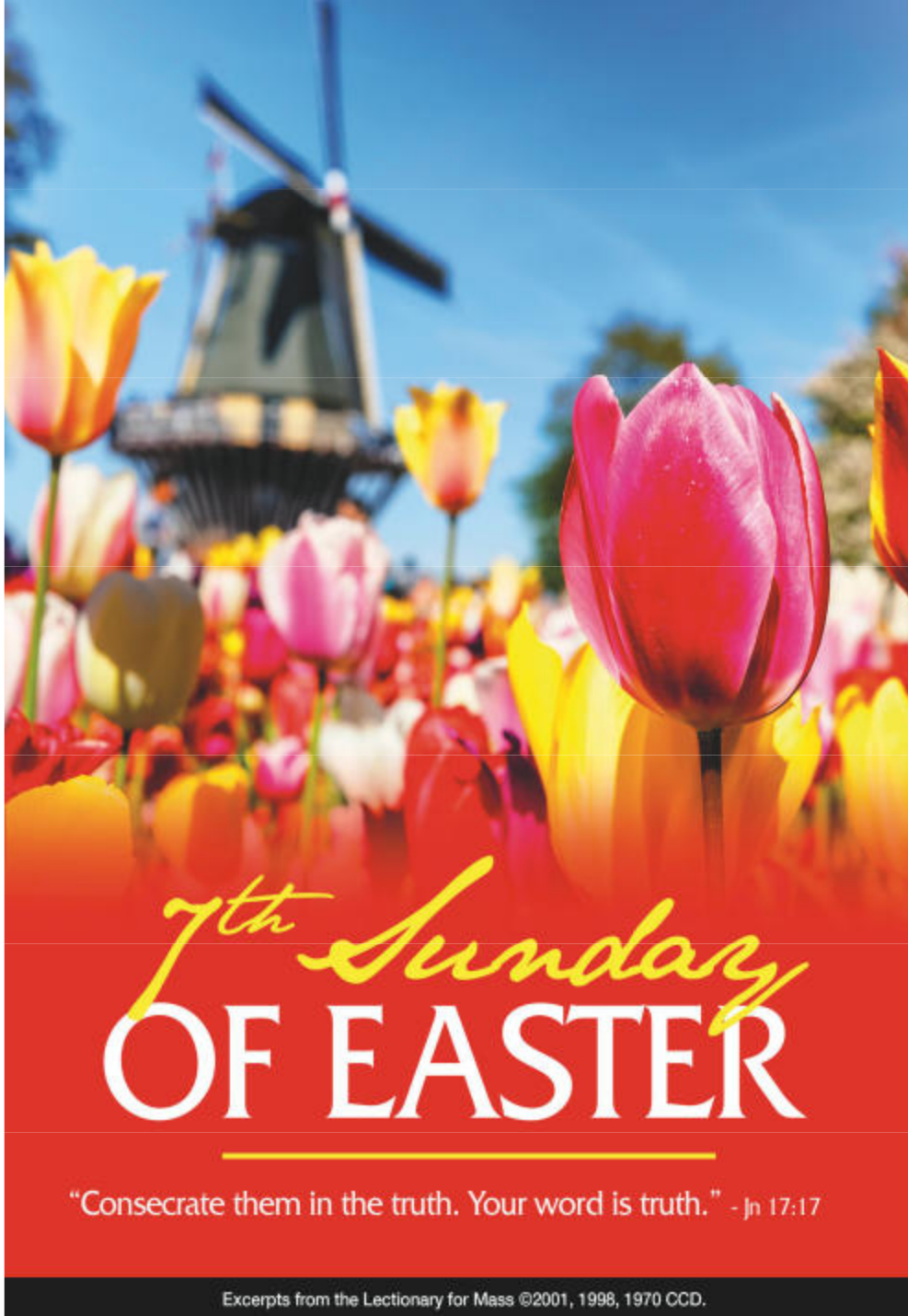


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May 16, 2021



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
OF EASTER

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:17

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#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday Through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 P.M.

Sundays 8:00a.m., 9:30 a.m. - 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.

#### 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.*

Dear Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi,

Recently Governor Lamont has announced that as of May 19, some further lifting of restrictions connected to the pandemic will take place, most notably the requirement for social distancing. As the result of this, all the Bishops of Connecticut have reinstituted the obligation to attend (to end the general dispensation) Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation in person effectively the Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 22, 2021 (Solemnity of Pentecost).

However, some parishioners may have desire to return to Mass in person to be with the rest of our parish community but are prevented from doing so for legitimate reasons such as: (1) suffering from serious pre-existing conditions; (2) being ill and homebound or being a caregiver in close contact with someone who is; (3) having tested positive for any contagious disease, including Covid-19; (4) being in quarantine. For anyone

facing these circumstances, you are being excused from attending Mass in person.

In addition, starting May 19, the following guidelines will be implemented here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:

1. No social distancing is required inside the church. Most pews are available for seating. For those who are vulnerable or uncomfortable, we will have reserved 4 pews in the back of the church and the choir loft for social distancing. Please tell the ushers once you entered the church.
2. Masks are required in church, but not outside including the parking lot.
3. Holy Water fonts will remain empty. Please use Holy Water dispenser.
4. The exchange of the sign of peace is allowed but it must be among the family members. Please use non-contact gesture (bow or wave hand) among other parishioners.

I am so grateful for your cooperation with the Covid-19 measures at our parish for the past fifteen months, especially the wearing of masks. I understand that wearing a mask is difficult and I don't like it myself, but it's an act of charity and for the safety of those around us. Please continue to pray that one day in the near future that all of these restrictions will be removed. I also pray that more of our parishioners will be returning to church in person, even if in a gradual manner, to a normalcy that we had prior to the pandemic, especially now with the lifting of the restrictions and more are receiving their vaccinations.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen



Saint Augustine on virtue of charity:

“Charity is the root of all good works.”

“You cannot attain to charity except through humility.”

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter



5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of SFA (L&D)**  
*Sunday, May 16th, Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
8:00 a.m. **Biagio Scrivo (D)** by Gina Fleming  
9:30 a.m. **Louis Forgione (D)** by Thom and Anita Field  
11:00 a.m. **Robert Ferris (D)** by the Kopas Family  
5:00 p.m. **Pro Populo**  
*Monday, May 17th, Easter Weekday*  
7:30 a.m. **Byron Smith, Sr. (D)**  
*Tuesday, May 18th, Easter Weekday; St. John, I, Pope and Marytr*  
7:30 a.m. **Pascal Cornil (D)**  
*Wednesday, May 19th, Easter Weekday*  
7:30 a.m. **Pascal Cornil (D)**  
*Thursday, May 20th, Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*  
7:30 a.m. **Pascal Cornil (D)**  
*Friday, May 21st, Easter Weekday; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*  
7:30 a.m. **Pascal Cornil (D)**  
*Saturday, May 22nd, Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
9:00 a.m. **Pascal Cornil (D)**



**ACA Weekly Update:**  
Saint Francis of Assisi, Weston raised **47 gifts worth \$28,370** from 42 donors bringing the parish to 31.11% of its \$91,200 goal.

From around the Diocese:

1) The Leadership Institute is proud to present a webinar series, ***True Love That Lasts***, for anyone interested in strengthening their marriage. The five-week webinar is held on Thursday, beginning May 27th. There are two options to join, 2 pm or 7 pm. For complete details and registration information, please visit [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org).

2) The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>.



**Weekly Offertory: May 9, 2021**

**Sunday Offertory: \$8001 .00**

**Online Giving: \$ 1606.67**

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**\$ 9,602.67**

Thank you to all who donate weekly to the parish at Mass, by mail or through Online Giving. It is only through the generosity of our parishioners that we are able to do what we do through our ministries. If you are not yet set up in Online Giving, please visit our website, [www.stfrancisweston.org](http://www.stfrancisweston.org) and click on the Online Giving icon.

Thank you and may God bless you-Fr. Augustine

### May is for Mothers

The whole month of May we will remember all Mothers (L/D) at all Masses.

You can obtain an offering envelope from the back of the church and in the Parish office. The offerings will be placed on the altar.

There will be cards as well for those that would like to give or send to Mothers.

*Let us remember and pray for our Mothers.*



### Sunday Coffee Social is Back!

We are very pleased to announce that the Coffee Social is back. Due to the Covid restrictions we will be limiting the Coffee Social to once a month. Precautions will be taken. Volunteers, wearing masks and protective gloves and using serving tongs, will be serving purchased food. Please join us on **June 6, July 11 and August 8** in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 am and before the 11:00 am Masses. This is a great opportunity to enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners – those you know and those you haven't met yet. It's a great family event.



## Faith Formation News



**Faith Formation Office hours**  
Monday-Thursday 10:30 am -5:30 pm



### Important Upcoming dates:

**Faith Formation Registration is Open!** Forms are available at the Faith Formation 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.

**Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (A-K) and Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (L-Z) at 4pm** – Confirmation rehearsal and Reconciliation. **ALL MUST ATTEND!**

**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm (A-K) and Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (L-Z)** our Confirmands will be Confirmed - Arrive half hour before. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203)227-8353

We have had a busy week at SFA!



First Reconciliation and First Communion.  
Join me in prayer for our Communicants and their parents!

#### *Confirmation Retreat With Fr. Eric Silva*

The Confirmands learned about the different Eucharistic Miracles, had faith questions answered, and spent time in the presence of Jesus in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was an enlightening and prayerful experience.

Ask your child to share his or her experience with you!



**We had a great end to our Faith Formation year! Please join me in thanking all the Catechists who worked extra hard this year in sharing their faith and talent with the young students in our parish. We never could achieve the Spiritual Works of Mercy to instruct and evangelize without the love and commitment of each catechist!**

Lois Amador, Anne Andersson, Sabine Boers, Monika Chmiel, Patricia Crisafulli, Nicole DiMonda, Lina Docimo, Joe Dudek, Pam Franco, Susan Fredrickson, Jennifer Garvey, Amy Jung, Allison Kryzynski, Jane LaCorte, Jeanine Lombardi, Elizabeth Menke, Debbie Morvillo, Nancy Murgalo, Jenn Piekarski, Katherine Sullivan, Larissa Tedesco, Melissa Walker, Mary Welsch-Lehmann, Marissa Woodworth, Lisa Zana. **Thank you for all your work and commitment!**

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all the parents for your patience and commitment! May Our Lord fill you with His blessings and grace! We wish you all a healthy and restful summer until we meet again in the fall!

*Peace and Love, Gina Fleming*

## *Preschool News*

Last week, the children met with Father Augustine for the Crowning of Mary. Each child presented Mary with a flower and even a light drizzle couldn't dampen their enthusiasm!

Our baby chicks have grown so much that they are "flying the coop"! They will be taken to a local farm where they will be lovingly cared for, just as our school has cared for them.



SFA Preschool is serving a community of Toddlers through Four year olds in an environment that strives to support and build the entire child inside and out through a hands on, multi-sensory environment.

SFA believes in building the whole child through emphasizing character, strength, and resilience. Our programs are designed to prepare and establish the necessary skill set of your child's upcoming academic demands, while promoting the character within.

We support our families through a series of workshops and support groups which are all designed to help educate and prepare you as a parent in your child's individual growth emotionally, socially, and cognitively.

We are currently enrolling for our upcoming year and spaces are limited! Please call 203 454-8646 to schedule a tour or email [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com). —Marianne Keith, Director



THIS WEEK AT  
**YOUTH GROUP****SUNDAY 5/9**

NO YG - Happy Mother's Day

**LOOKING AHEAD****SUNDAY 5/16**COOKING FOR SOUP KITCHEN  
PARISH HALL 9AM-12PM

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

**TUESDAY 5/18**

SYG BOY'S NIGHT 7-9PM

**WEDNESDAY 5/19**

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

**THURSDAY 5/20**

SYG GIRL'S NIGHT 7-9PM

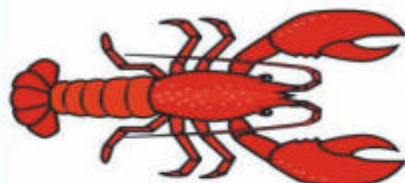
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**LOOKING BACK**

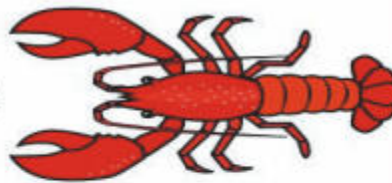
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BOYS GROUP PLANTS FLOWERS



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**Lobster Bake**June 12th 6:00-9:00pm  
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email: [office@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:office@stfrancisweston.org)**Adult \$40**

Choice of 1 Entrée per adult:

Lobster \_\_\_\_\_  
Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_  
Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_

**Children \$11**

(12 &amp; under)

Choice of 1 Entrée per child:

Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_  
Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Fingers \_\_\_\_\_

**Sides:**

Steamers  
Coleslaw  
Corn on the Cob  
Roasted Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Rolls  
Watermelon  
Coffee - Tea - Water

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>
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
<b>Mon., May 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., May 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., May 19</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., May 20</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., May 21</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., May 22</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
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
<b>Mon., May 24</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., May 25</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., May 26</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., May 27</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., May 28</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. May 29</b>	
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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