

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

August 8, 2021



19th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:50

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**35 NORFIELD ROAD
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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 a place where your faith is nourished.

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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.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The two biggest sellers in any bookstore these days, according to Andy Rooney, are the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food, and the diet books tell you how not to eat any of it. A recent survey found that 41% of men and 55% of women consider themselves overweight. In one way or another, many of us are obsessed with earthly food. Think what a difference it would make in our lives if we were equally obsessed with Heavenly Food, the Food that Christ gives us is His own self: Body, Blood Soul and Divinity. The bread is not a symbol of Christ. The Eucharist we receive simply is literally, truly, in the most physical way possible, without any symbolic meaning at all, the Body and Blood of Christ.

For this very reason, the Church wants to bring our attention to the Eucharist, which is the summit of our faith so for five Sundays, the Gospel readings will be taken from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, which is also known as the great discourse on the Bread of Life. Since this Bread of Life, Jesus Himself, is available at every Catholic Mass, in every Catholic tabernacle, every time we go to Eucharistic Adoration. We have to ask ourselves, "Why on earth would I ever miss Mass?" Why isn't there a line waiting to get into this place? Why would we ever experiment with a non-Catholic "church?" If the Eucharist is truly the Bread of Life, how can we not kneel and adore?

As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We hunger to be recognized and honored, to love and be loved, to be listened to and to be appreciated, to help, console and encourage people and receive gratitude. But only God can satisfy our various forms of spiritual hunger. St. Augustine said: "O God, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

What message can we draw from chapter 6 of John's Gospels for our lives?

We need spiritual nourishment from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist: In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us two types of bread: a) the Bread of Life, contained in God's Word and b) the Bread of Life, contained in the Holy Eucharist. Let us nourish our souls with this Heavenly manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, radiating his love and mercy all around us. It is perhaps the plainness and ordinariness of the consecrated Bread and Wine and their easy availability in our Churches that sometimes prevent some of us from appreciating the great gift of God in the Holy Eucharist. But we should not take for granted the Divine generosity that provides these gifts so readily and gratuitously by sharing in the Bread of Life simply as a matter of habit and without showing due attention and proper respect.

Let us gain spiritual life and strength by properly receiving the Holy Eucharist: The Eucharist gives us courage to carry out God's work in the world; The Eucharist is an inspiration to know the will of God in our lives; It is a deeper understanding of the holy mystery of Christ's presence; The Eucharist encourages to love others and strengthen the faith community; It supplies Grace to overcome temptation and avoid sin, and the Eucharist is a sign of joy and peace of heart, knowing that Christ lives in us and will bring us to God's Heavenly Kingdom. Hence, we need to receive the Holy Eucharist with our whole minds and hearts. Let us never forget that the "Bread of Life" is Jesus Christ himself, not merely human bread. It is food for our souls giving us a share in God's life. We need to prepare our souls to receive Jesus into our lives in state of grace and the best way is to go to confession often where God cleanses our souls and our hearts to welcome Him into our lives. Other ways we can prepare to receive Jesus is to try our best to come to Mass on time, dress properly and spend some time to give thanks to God after communion instead of be distracted by other things.

Multiply the good works like the loaves and fishes: "Jesus satisfies not only material hunger, but the most profound of hungers, the hunger for meaning in life, the hunger for God. In the face of suffering, loneliness, poverty and difficulties of so many people, what can we do? Complaining, does not solve anything, but we can offer the little that we have. We certainly have a few hours of time, some talent, some expertise. ... Who among us, does not have his or her "five loaves and two fish"? If we are willing to put them in the hands of the Lord, we will bring a little more love into the world; we will be able to cultivate a sense of belonging and being loved and we will be able to bring a little more smile on the faces of many. God is able to multiply our small gestures of solidarity and make us partakers of his gift." Amen.



In Jesus Christ through Mary,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



5:00 p.m. **Edna Mae Cassidy (D)**
Sunday, August 8th, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. **Julia Kostick (D)** by Marge Sarno
 9:30 a.m. **Steve Oakes, Sr.** by Wendy Allen
 11:00 a.m. **Stella Eidt (D)** by the Eidt Family
 5:00 p.m. **James Farrell (D)**
Monday, August 9th-Weekday-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Piekarski (L) Bday**
Tuesday, August 10th-St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Brian McHugh and Family (L&D)**
Wednesday, August 11th-St. Clare, Virgin
 7:30 a.m. **Cornelia Toffolo (D)** by Marisa Woodworth
Thursday, August 12th-Weekday-St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 7:30 a.m. **Patrick Egan (L)**
Friday, August 13th-Weekday-Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priests, Martyrs
 7:30 a.m. **Patrick Egan (L)**
Saturday, August 14th-St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 9:00 a.m. **Albert Petrino (D)**



Eucharistic Adoration is now every **Wednesday from 12pm to 3pm** in the main church. **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be sung at the Holy Hour of 3 p.m. on the **first** 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.

We invite all parishioners to please come and worship Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Please sign up for a slot of either an hour or 30 minutes. You can sign up in the back of the church or by calling Martin Tubridy at 203-454-9023 (Home); 203-675-8278 (Cell) or by email at MTubridy@optonline.net.

Our Online Giving is Getting an Upgrade!

Online Giving is going to a newer, easier-to-use platform. If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, ***your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over, so you will NOT have to set up your gifts again!*** Keep an eye on your email for more information coming soon.

Online Giving during the summer months is a great way to manage your weekly offerings! The nice weather and vacations brings a dip in our Mass attendance, but with Online Giving, you can manage your giving all summer long and help us meet our operating expenses. As always, thank you for your generosity and your spirit of sacrificial giving.



Weekly Offertory: Aug. 1, 2021

Sunday Offertory: \$ 2,195.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,049.67

\$ 3,244.67

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** and click on the Online Giving icon. Thank you and may God bless you-
Fr. Augustine

ACA Weekly Update: Through the Appeal, the Diocese was able to serve thousands of Fairfield County individuals. Catholic Charities alone served over 1.2 million meals during the pandemic. Saint Francis of Assisi raised **95 gifts** totaling **\$88,837** from 80 donors bringing the parish to 96.86% of its \$91,200 goal. As always, thank you for your great generosity. We are incredibly grateful for you!



WE STAND WITH CHRIST

A special thank you all of our parishioners who have made a pledge to the We Stand With Christ Campaign.

Your generosity will enable the following projects to be completed at Saint Francis of Assisi:

- 1) Expansion of Youth Outreach - Completed
- 2) Parish Debt Relief - Completed
- 3) Church Interior Renovation
- 4) Parish Hall Restoration

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Weston	
<i>We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption</i>	
Total Pledged:	\$1,003,241
Total Collected (As of 5/6/21):	\$495,128 (49%)
<p><u>Please note:</u> Saint Francis of Assisi Parish will receive less than 50% of the total gifts pledged (around \$450K) after paying the diocese and other expenses. The pledges are payable over five years. If you are behind your payment or would like to make a payment, please visit: GiveCentral.org/WSWC or by calling (203) 648-9050.</p>	



Faith Formation



The Faith Formation Office is closed for the summer and will reopen on Monday, August 30th. I will be coming in the office but will not have set hours. If you need to register your child for Faith Formation classes and I am not in the office, please download the registration form on the website or you can pick up the forms in the Parish Office from 9-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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.

Catechists and Catechists' Assistants are needed. 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. Please prayerfully consider joining the Faith Formation Team

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

MY SOUL FINDS
rest IN GOD ALONE
PSALM 62:1

We wish you all a healthy and restful summer until we meet again in the fall!

Peace and Love,

Gina Fleming

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"
Matthew 19:14

Preschool News

School's Out for Summer!

Enrollment is ongoing for Fall 2021

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.

Marianne Keith, Director



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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THIS WEEK AT
YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY 8/8
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM
PAINT WARS

WEDNESDAY 8/11
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM
SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL

SUNDAY 8/15
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM
ASSUMPTION PARTY

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY 8/22
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM
BARBECUE

TUESDAY 8/24
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM
MOVIE NIGHT

For more information please contact
Youth Minister, Priscilla Mahar at
pmahar@stfrancisweston.org

LOOKING BACK



Last week the middle school and high school youth groups worked on different projects around SFA for Service Week.

CARNIVAL

Saturday Oct 2 – Sunday Oct 3

12 noon-6:00 pm each day

Blessing of the Animals Oct 2 at 11:00 am



SAVE THE DATE for family fun with
inflatables, games, entertainment, food and drinks

Can you help with a donation?

Bottles of liquor (vodka, gin, etc)
\$10/ \$15/ \$20/ \$25 gift cards to any store
Candy, in grocery (not Costco) size, with 6-8 bars/ package
Monetary donation to help defray cost of prizes

Can you help by being a sponsor?

\$500 donation and your business is added to all advertising

Are you interested in being a craft vendor?

\$100 for one day and \$175 for both days

For more information, or to help, please contact
Sandra Jester at SJest2@aol.com or 203-247-2354

Coffee Social



Please Join Us at the Sunday Coffee Social

Please join us in the Parish Hall
after the 9:30 a.m. and before the
11:00 a.m. Masses on **August 8th.**

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.

Our Parish Hall is again available for rental for your family events!

*Please call Dianna in the office at 203 227 1341, ext.
127 for more information and pricing.*

office@stfrancisweston.org

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 8	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Mon., Aug. 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Aug. 11	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Aug. 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug. 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Aug. 14	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Aug. 15	Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
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
Mon., Aug. 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Aug. 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug. 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Aug. 21	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Immaculate Conception Novena
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass



Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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