

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 13, 2022

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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.

**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.



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man."  
- Lk 6:22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

The Gospel of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time is from Saint Luke where he gives us Jesus' first big sermon known as the Sermon on the Mount and is called the Beatitudes.

The topic of the Beatitudes is about blessings and happiness, but how can it be a blessing to grieve or to be poor or to weep or to be hated? They are in a total reversal of ordinary standards. Jesus links true happiness with struggle, hardship, suffering and opposition, not with the prosperity, popularity, and pleasure that we normally associate with happiness.

So when we read about what Jesus is saying in the gospel, we need to read it with the eyes of faith, and it is with the eyes of faith that we can see the truth of what Jesus is saying.

With the eyes of faith, we can see that Jesus is teaching a truth of life here. He is not just challenging the ways and values of the world. He is also showing how God blesses His people. Jesus is teaching us that the true path to happiness in this fallen world is paved with life's challenges and hardships. It is like there is no rainbow without the rain, and there is no gain without the pain.

What Jesus tells us in the Gospel today makes us look at the adversities and difficulties of life and look at them with the eyes of faith.

We want to believe that it is in the adversities and difficulties that God is going to rain down His blessings upon us. Because it is in our adversities and difficulties that we become the poor, the hungry, the weeping and the hated. It is the very people that Jesus said that God will bless and bless abundantly. God is there for them and will bless them because God knows that they have no one to turn to and nothing else to rely on.

True happiness is being with the Lord and trusting in him. Happiness is not having something or becoming someone. The Beatitudes are like the ingredients for a happy life. When you read the lives of the saints, you will find that they lived their lives using these ingredients. The closer the saints got themselves to Christ, the more they suffered. Their hardships made them cling more closely to Christ, their sacrifices won graces from God and now they are enjoying the reward which is true happiness forever in heaven. We also know of people who faced adversity but saw opportunity, people who faced difficulty but were blessed with creativity. When we face adversity and difficulty, let us not be in distress about it. Let us rejoice. Because it is then that God is blessing us abundantly.

Have a Blessed week,

Father Augustine



***\*Please take a moment to go to our Survey using the link or QR code:***

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QM2B3C>



## The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **George Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
*Sunday, Feb. 13th-The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:00 a.m. **Joseph Galasinski (D)** by the Galasinski Family  
9:30 a.m. **Mary T. Weiss (D)** by Deirdre McCann  
11:00 a.m. **Lisa Albertelli (H)** by Al and Sarah Napoletano  
5:00 p.m. **NO 5:00 P.M. Mass**  
*Monday, Feb. 14th-Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop*  
7:30 a.m. **Marianna Kazimierz Karwowski** by the  
Karwowski Family  
*Tuesday, Feb. 15th-Weekday-*  
7:30 a.m. **Marisa Del Corso (L) Bday**  
*Wednesday, Feb. 16th-Weekday-*  
7:30 a.m. **Margaret Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
*Thursday, Feb. 17th-Weekday-The Seven Holy Founders of the*  
*Servite Order*  
7:30 a.m. **Bridgette Healey (H)** by SFA Preschool Staff  
*Friday, Feb. 18th-Weekday-*  
7:30 a.m. **Paul Macione (D)** by the Eidt Family  
*Saturday, Feb. 19th-Weekday-*  
9:00 a.m. **Janet Sullivan (D)** by the Miles Family



**Weekly Offertory: Feb. 6, 2021**

**Sunday Offertory: \$2,343.00**

**Online Giving: \$2,349.75**  
**\$4,692.75**

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Thank you and may God bless you-Fr. Augustine

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Remain here and keep watch with Me.” Matthew 26:38

Wed. Adoration 12-3 p.m.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at the Holy Hour of 3:00 p.m. on the first Weds. of each month.

Please volunteer by emailing [mtubridy@optonline.net](mailto:mtubridy@optonline.net) or sign up in the back of the church. We hope you will join us.

### PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member homebound, in a short-term rehabilitation facility, nursing home, hospital or in hospice care? Would you like a Pastoral or Eucharistic Minister to visit you and/or bring you communion? Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call the Parish Office at **203 227 1341** to notify us and we are happy to serve you.

### Remember Loved Ones:

*The Sanctuary Lamp* by the Tabernacle in the church is lighted this week in memory of: **Joanne Christofferson**  
*The Adoration Lamp* in the Adoration Chapel is lighted this week in memory of: **Sean Ward**



### St. Francis Sock Drive

Socks are one of the greatest needs for homeless shelters, especially in the cold winter. Socks get wet and dirty fast in this weather. New, warm socks are an amazing luxury for our neighbors in need. Please help!

I am COLLECTING SOCKS for the OPEN DOOR SHELTER in Norwalk from Feb. 1st-Feb. 20th. I can take all sizes and all ages from children to adult. Gently used, clean socks or new socks are welcome. Please take a moment to check your drawers for socks you can spare. You can also buy socks using the Amazon link below. You can ship them to me if that is easier for you. Just email me for my address: ([missyj300@gmail.com](mailto:missyj300@gmail.com))

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Drop off your donations anytime in the back of the church where the Sock Drive sign is located. Again, feel free to email me if you would like to ship directly to my address. Thank you for making a difference! Missy Iatesta

*“Allow God to continually soften your heart so that it beats for what His heart beats for...people.”*



## Faith Formation News

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

**Faith Formation Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 11:00 am -6:00 pm



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

Thursday, February 17, Sunday, February 20, and Monday, February 21- **NO CLASSES**  
Tuesday, February 22 Classes resume

**SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY MARCH 1 – MARDI GRAS FROM 5-7PM**

**(\$10 per person, \$35 for a family of 4+)**

Saturday, March 5, First Communion Parent Retreat – 9:30am – 12:30pm



Pictured above are students in the Sunday Level II class working and meditating on the Kingdom Parables.

The aim of this work is to assist the child to fall in love with the Kingdom of Heaven; recognizing that he or she is a part of this mystery which is much greater than oneself.

They also learned that Jesus taught using parables, which are short allegorical stories designed to teach us about God, about the Kingdom of Heaven, as well as how we should live morally and with one another.

Our program is so rich in Scripture and Tradition, but for all of this to take root in the student's hearts it is vital for them to attend weekly Mass.

You are always welcomed and encouraged to come and observe a class at any time. Come see what the children of our parish are learning on a weekly basis!

*Peace and love. Gina Fleming and Beth Foertsch*

## Preschool News

Seen around the preschool.....SFA Preschool caught Olympic Fever and we hosted our own opening ceremony with the lighting of the Olympic Flame! The children made their own paper plate and tissue paper torches and had an Olympic parade around the circle outside. We dressed in red, white and blue and talked about all the exciting sports that the Winter Olympics bring-We even had our very own real Olympic flag to display!



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. Please call **203-454-8646** to schedule a tour or email [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com).



THIS WEEK AT  
**YOUTH GROUP****SUNDAY 2/13**

NO YG - GO BENGALS!

**SUNDAY 2/16**

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

**SUNDAY 2/20**

NO YG - HOLIDAY WEEKEND

**LOOKING AHEAD****WEDNESDAY 2/23**

ALTAR SERVER PIZZA PARTY

**SUNDAY 2/27**

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

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

## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 SEEK22 Senior Youth Group 6-8pm	7	8	9 Junior Youth Group 6-8pm	10	11 SEEK22	12 SEEK22
13 No Youth Group - Go Bengals!	14	15	16 Junior Youth Group 6-8pm	17 WPS No School	18 WPS No School	19 Holiday Weekend - No Events
20 No Youth Group - Holiday Weekend	21 WPS No School	22	23 Altar Server Pizza Party 6-7pm	24	25	26
27 Senior Youth Group 6-8pm	28					

Senior Youth Group	Volunteer Opportunities
Junior Youth Group	Trips/Retreats
Parish Events	No Events
Additional YG	Holy Days

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday April 23  
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
Aspetuck Valley Country Club

More information to follow



*Please join us for the Coffee Social in the Parish hall after the 9:30 a.m. and before the 11:00 a.m. Masses. Thank you to the Cassol and Olsen Families for hosting last Sunday.*

*The next Coffee Social will be hosted by Thom and Anita Field on Feb. 20th.*

This is a great opportunity to enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners. It's a great family event. For information or to volunteer, please contact Carol Palumbo at

203 227 3271 or  
candrpalumbo@gmail.com

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, Feb. 13</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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.	<b>No 5 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Mon., Feb. 14</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Feb. 15</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Feb. 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Feb. 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Feb. 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., Feb. 19</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</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., Feb. 21</b>	<b>Offices Closed-Presidents' Day</b>
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Feb. 22</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Feb. 23</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Feb. 24</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri. Feb. 25</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Feb. 26</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

*The Parish Office will be closed, Monday, Feb. 21st for Presidents' Day*

**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday through Thursday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
(Closed For Lunch 12:30-1 p.m.)

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**William Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Mike Byrnes, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco, Missy Iatesta,  
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### **Parish Trustees**

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### **Worship Ministries**

**Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)**  
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**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**  
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### **Communications Ministry**

**Coordinator: Leigh Meccay**  
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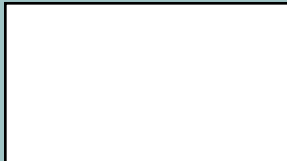
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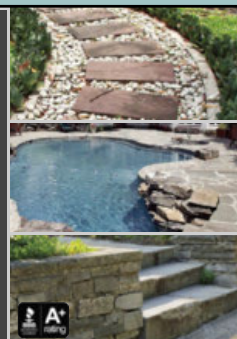
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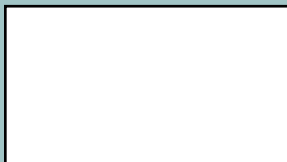
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