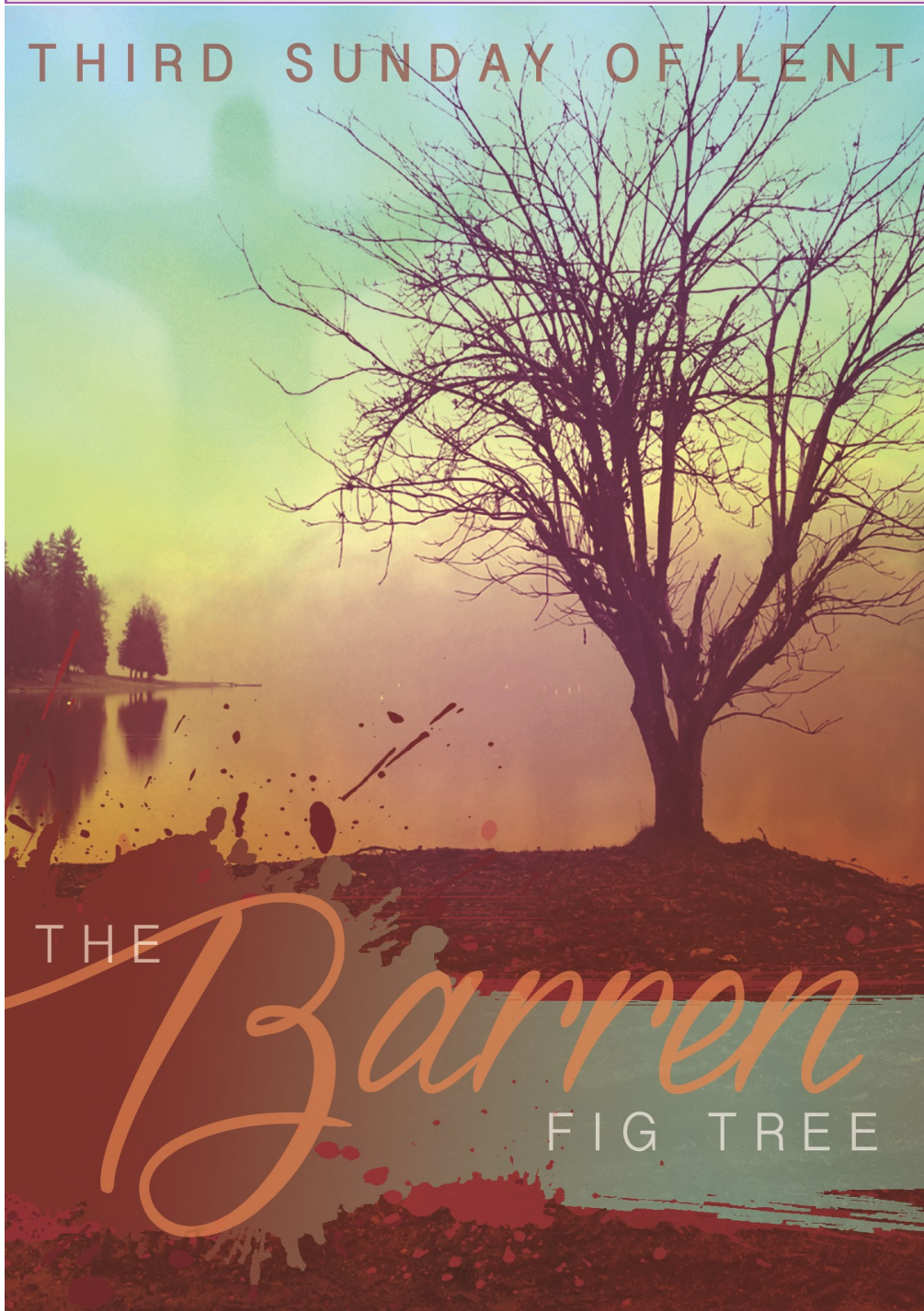


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 a place where your faith is nourished.

Rectory: 203-227-1341
office@stfrancisweston.org

Website: www.stfrancisweston.org
Facebook: Saint Francis of Assisi - The Catholic Community in Weston

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:
203-227-8353

Preschool: 203-454-8646

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday Through Thursday
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm
Closed 12:30-1 pm

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 P.M.
Sundays- 8:00a.m.,
9:30 a.m. Family Mass
11:00 a.m.
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 with Deacon Steve Hodson
dnhodson@diobpt.org
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,

What are you thirsty for? Thirst is what happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for our physical survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the LIVING water, the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life, the holy water that enables us to have abundant life in Christ now.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended on everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus wanted to give her whatever she needed to repent and receive salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered by lacking something that we need or want.

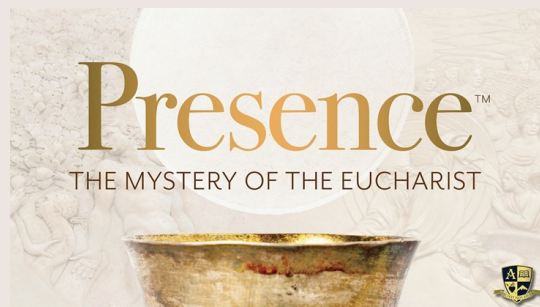
And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the woman at the well, we are sinners who need to receive healing from God. How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to him?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen



Discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into an intimate union with himself

Wednesdays: 3/15, 3/22

7-8P in the Parish Hall

Fr. Joe will kick off our sessions with a talk on The Real Presence & "The Breaking of the Bread", and on the three subsequent Wednesdays, we'll view a 30-40 minute video from Ascension Press, followed by discussion.

Childcare will be provided by the St. Francis Youth Group. For more information, contact Pam Franco at pamffrg@gmail.com or 203-227-5823.

The Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Emma Baines (L) 14th Bday**
Sunday, Mar. 12th-The Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. **Anne Lawton (L) Bday**
9:30 a.m. **Hana Leibert (D)** by the Jung Family
11:00 a.m. **John O’Gorman (D)** by the Jones Family
Monday, Mar. 13th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **William Major (D)** by the Major Family
Tuesday, Mar. 14th-Lenten Weekday
7:30 a.m. **Megan McHugh (L) Bday**
Wednesday, Mar. 15th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Zofia Darda (D)** by her Daughter and Family
12:00 p.m. **Donald Golden (D)** by the Ford Family
Thursday, Mar. 16th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Dawn Meade (D)**
Friday, Mar. 17th-Lenten Weekday-St. Patrick, Bishop
7:30 a.m. **Susan Blasch (L)**
Saturday, Mar. 18th-Lenten Weekday-St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. **Maureen Tyldesley (D)**

Birthright needs our help

Birthright supports young mothers during pregnancy, and for as long as needed, through counseling, referrals to agencies and physical needs such as blankets, clothes, diapers, baby wash and more

Can you donate some items for layette baskets?

- Newborn diapers
- Baby wipes
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby wash (full size)
- Baby lotion (full size)

Please drop off at the back of church Starting Feb 27 until March 19

If you have questions, contact Missy latesta at missyj300@gmail.com

Effective March 1st, Eucharistic Adoration will resume in the main Church on all Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3pm. All parishioners are welcome to spend whatever time they might have to participate for the Adoration.

If you would like to sign up for a specific time, please contact Martin Tubridy at mtubridy@optonline.net or by phone, 203.454.9023

“Remain here and keep watch with Me.”

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: Mar. 5, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$3,250.00

Online Giving: \$1,612.00

\$4,862.00

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is in memory of :

Eric Foertsch

The **Adoration Candle** is in memory of :

Eric Foertsch



Your Gifts at Work

The Institute for Catholic Formation supports parish and school sacramental and catechetical programs that provide religious formation for children ages 5 – 13 and their families. This is accomplished through days of formation, parish visits, program assessments and ongoing consultation of catechetical programs from development to implementation. Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal supports the Institute’s efforts to reach children and adolescents in their journey to know Christ.

Thank you for your gift.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at

2023BishopsAppeal.org

call (203) 416-1470
or scan with your phone.



Faith Formation News

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Faith Formation Office Hours

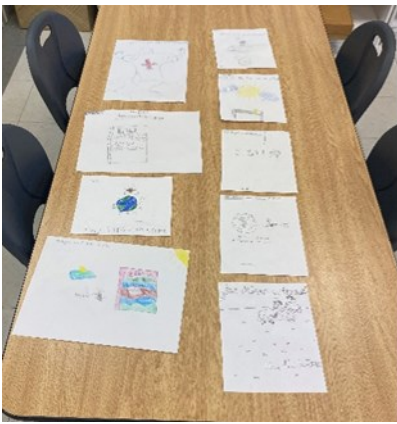
Monday-Thursday 11:00 am -6:00 pm



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CHRIST!

- Saturday, March 11 – First Communion Retreat for students 9:30am-12:30pm

Thursday, March 16 – Confirmation Lenten Evening with Fr. Clark 6-7:15pm – Parish Hall



The theme for Level II this week was the Our Father Prayer.

The Our Father prayer is a special prayer that unites us all as brothers and sisters in Christ.

After hearing Jesus words proclaimed from Scripture, the children were invited to place the lines of the Our Father in the order in which they are prayed. In addition, the children were invited to take time to find work in the Atrium that related to a particular phrase or word of the prayer.

The children learned that the Our Father is a prayer made up of many prayers... Adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, and contrition. Our aim is to assist the children in meditating on the various petitions of the Our Father.



Our program is 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.

Wishing you all a Blessed Lenten Season! Gina Fleming

Preschool News



Miss Bonnie's Threes didn't let the snowfall go to waste! What's better than sled riding with your friends? Fresh air, time together, and exercise ...we love our school!

SFA Preschool is serving a community of Toddlers through Pre K 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

Sunday Coffee Social

Please join us this **Sunday, March 12th** in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 am and before the 11:00 am Masses for a Coffee Social.

Thanks to **Hailey Sarno** for hosting this Sunday.

The Mumbach and Tubridy Families will be hosting next weekend, March 19th.

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.

SFA Youth Group is active and going strong! If you want your 6th-12th graders involved to build faith, friendship and service please contact:
Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org

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SPRING GALA

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SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Aspetuck Valley Country Club

SAVE THE DATE

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED



Pysanky Egg Decorating

Monday March 20, 5:30pm-8pm
In the Parish Hall

This isn't your typical Easter egg decorating...
Share in the art of Pysanky egg decorating
You don't need to be an artist... instructions provided...
supplies provided... just bring an apron... takes about 1 hour

Cost: \$15, Women's Guild members \$10 (pay at the door)
Proceeds go towards the Women's Guild Scholarship Fund

Supplies are limited; Registration required
by Friday, March 17, scan the QR code:



For questions contact Jenn Garvey at jlgarvey4@gmail.com

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED

Breakfast Social

Tuesday March 14 at 10:00 am
in the Parish Hall, no charge



Visit old friends
Make new friends

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Fish Fry Friday rescheduled to March 31

If you have already paid you can receive a full refund or use the credit for the rescheduled event.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

We would love for all of you be a part of this fabulous Lenten tradition.

See you on the 31st!

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 12	Third Sunday of Lent
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
Mon., Mar. 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Mar. 14	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Mar. 15	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Mass
7:00 p.m.	The Mystery of the Eucharist
Thurs., Mar. 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Mar. 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sat., Mar. 18	
8:30 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Mass/Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent
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
Mon., Mar. 20	No Preschool-Prof. Dev. Day
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Pysanky Egg Decorating-Women's Guild (All welcome)
Tues., Mar. 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Mar. 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Mass
7:00 p.m.	The Mystery of the Eucharist
Thurs., Mar. 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Mar. 24	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
5:30 p.m.	Preschool Father/Daughter Dance
7:00 p.m.	Cantiamo Choir-Lenten Music Reflection
Sat., Mar. 25	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass



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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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