

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 26, 2023

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
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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about evil and pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering and dying is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, alms-giving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings and daily dying (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. WE use our sacrifices to help us learn discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter Sunday? That horrid day on Calvary was absolutely necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again – to you and to all those who are watching.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen
Pastor

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Helen Plaia (D)** by Kathleen O'Sullivan
Sunday, Mar. 26th-Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. **Jeffrey Joseph Gilarde (D)** by the Galasinski Family
 9:30 a.m. **Robert Lau (D)** by the Jung Family
 11:00 a.m. **Peggy Shaeffer (D)** by the Major Family
Monday, Mar. 27th-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Tuesday, Mar. 28th-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Wednesday, Mar. 29th-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by the Crocitto Family
 12:00 p.m. **Dr. Salvator and Frances Maraventano (D)** by the Kirmser Family
Thursday, Mar. 30th-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Friday, Mar. 31st-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **John Palazzo (D)**
Saturday, Apr. 1st-Lenten Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Peggy Shaeffer (D)** by the Crocitto Family

Divine Mercy 2023

Open yourself to God's gift of Grace and Mercy and
present your intentions to Him



Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
 is a form of devotion to His Mercy,
 revealed by Our Lord to Sister Faustina

"My delight is to act in a human soul and fill it with my mercy".... Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska, Diary 1784

Chaplet is sung the first Saturday of each month
after 9:00 Mass for 25 minutes

You don't need to know the chaplet or even sing along...
 be present to follow silently or recite it

April 1: Return to the Faith

God does not want the world to suffer
 He wishes it to be healed

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed and will be 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. 19, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$2,572.00

Online Giving: \$1,912.00

\$4,484.00

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 :

Helen Plaia

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

Eric Foertsch

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/17/2023

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| ABA Goal: | \$91,200 |
| Total Pledged: | \$19,085 (21%) |
| Donors to Date: | 18 Donors |

We pray that each person will support 2023 Bishop's Appeal however they can. While the level of sacrificial support will differ from parishioner to parishioner, your Appeal gift, no matter the size, is impactful and valued. We are able to meet the needs of our charitable mission, not with a single gift, but together as a community. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow.

Your support is much needed and is greatly appreciated!

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

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



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 30 – Reconciliation Service 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 4 – Online Classes 6-7:15pm

Thursday, April 6 – No classes – Holy Thursday – All Students should go to High Holy Days Services

Sunday, April 9 through Thursday, April 13 - No classes. Easter and Public School break
Classes resume on Sunday, April 16

The 3rd and 4th grade students have been busy learning about *the Stations of the Cross*, a beautiful devotion that commemorates the steps of Jesus' Passion and Death on the Cross.

The students learned that each of the 14 stations illustrates a moment of Jesus' journey to Calvary. They will end the unit acting out the Stations on Tuesday, April 4th during their class time. Parents are invited to attend.



Our Program is rich in Scripture and Tradition, however, in order for all of this to take root in the students' heart it is vital for them to attend weekly Mass.

*Wishing you all a Blessed
Lenten Season!
Gina Fleming and
Teresa Karwowski*



Preschool /Youth Ministry News



Art and Reading in the Outdoor Classroom with Miss Bonnie and Miss Ellen's Threes

To schedule a tour, please email our Director, Marianne Keith
mkeith@sfapreschool.com



Our St. Francis Youth Group had a great time at our Saint Patrick's Day event.

We enjoyed homemade Shepherd's Pie and Irish Soda Bread.

We built friendships and learned some fun facts about Saint Patrick.

If you want your 6th-12th grader involved, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding, at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org

Sunday Coffee Social

Please join us this **Sunday, March 26th** in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 am and before the 11:00 am Masses for a Coffee Social.

Thanks to the Mumbach and Tubridy Families for hosting last Sunday. They will be hosting again this Sunday.

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

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED

Breakfast Social

Tuesday March 28 at 10:00 am
in the Parish Hall, no charge



Visit old friends
Make new friends

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Appearing in concert

MARK SCHULTZ



May 5, 7:00 pm

Quick Center for the Arts
at Fairfield University
1073 N Benson Rd,
Fairfield CT

Mark Schultz is a Christian recording artist who has sold 2 million records, has ten #1 singles, a Dove Award and multiple nominations
Read more about Mark Schultz: <https://markschultzmusic.com>

\$50 general seating, \$60 orchestra
Call 203-254-4010 for tickets

To benefit Malta House and Ministries of St. Francis of Assisi

Malta House promotes the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services, and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SPRING GALA

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Aspetuck Valley Country Club

<https://st-francis-of-assisi-spring-gala.square.site/>



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Join us this Lent

FISH FRY FRIDAY



Adult: \$20
Child: \$15
Under 5: Free

BYOB

Menu

FRIED FISH
..... FRIED SHRIMP
CHICKEN FINGERS ...

[includes 12oz drink,
coleslaw, French fries,
coffee & tea]

**Adult & Child
Portions**

Friday, MARCH 31

Open: 5 pm

Kitchen Close: 8 pm

Event Ends: 9 pm

Reserve by March 29

Walk-ins if space available



OUR PRIMARY SPONSOR

O'NEILL'S PUB & RESTAURANT
93 NORTH MAIN ST. NORWALK, CT 06854
(203) 838-0222

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Parish Calendar

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| Sunday, March 26 | Fifth 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. 27 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Tues., Mar. 28 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Weds., Mar. 29 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lenten Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Reconciliation Service |
| Thurs., Mar. 30 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Fri., Mar. 31 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Fish Fry |
| Sat., Apr. 1 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 4:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Vigil Mass |
| Sunday, April 2 | Palm Sunday |
| 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., Apr. 3 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 3:00 p.m. | Diocesan Reconciliation Monday |
| Tues., Apr. 4 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Wed., Apr. 5 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lenten Mass |
| Thurs., Apr. 6 | Holy Thursday |
| | No Morning Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mass of the Lord's Supper |
| Fri., Apr. 7 | Good Friday |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 3:00 p.m. | The Passion of the Lord |
| 7:00 p.m. | Marian Stations of the Cross |
| Sat., Apr. 8 | Holy Saturday |
| 8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 12:00 p.m. | Blessing of Easter Food |
| 8:00 p.m. | Easter Vigil Mass |



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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)

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