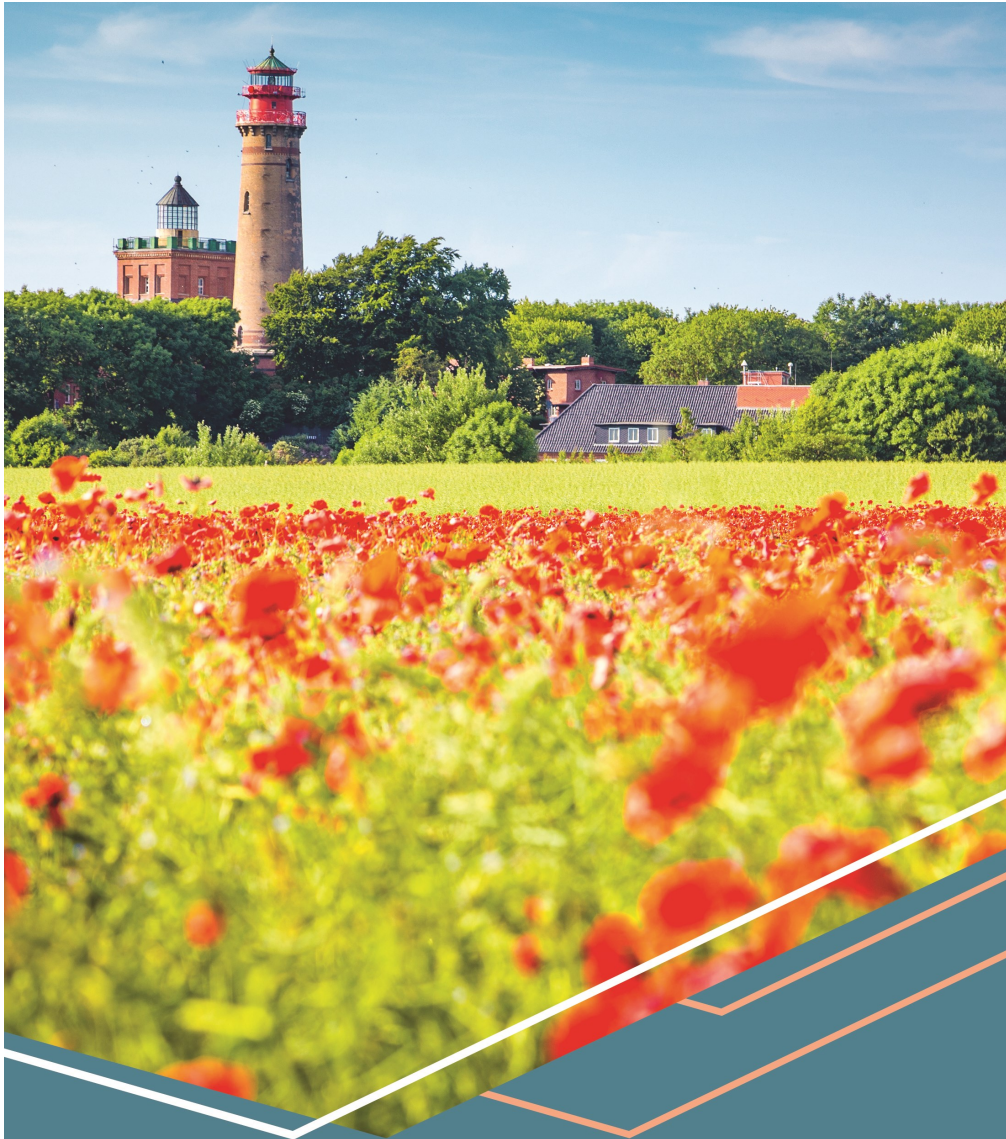


# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 11, 2023



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

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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.*

**Rectory:** 203-227-1341  
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**Website:** www.stfrancisweston.org  
**Facebook:** Saint Francis of Assisi - The  
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**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.

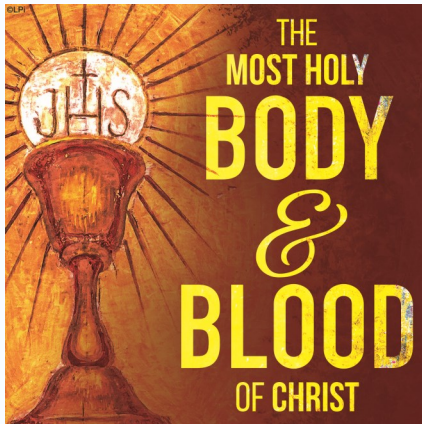
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every  
Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make  
arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal  
instructions after the birth of the child with  
Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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 and Friends,

This weekend, we are joining with the universal Church to celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or also known as "Corpus Christi." As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is truly and physically the presence of Jesus: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

We're reminded in the first reading that God our Father always provides the food and drink that we need for survival in the desert days of life's hardships. What he did for the Israelites, he does for us today in whatever ways we experience hot trials and dry faith. He provides what we need by giving us the True Presence of Christ, who comes to us not only in the Eucharist but also in his Holy Spirit, who dwells within us because of our baptisms, to guide us and nourish our spiritual growth.

The Gospel passage tells us that the Eucharistic food and drink are truly Jesus himself, not a mere symbol of his love. Oh -my, oh, my, how we need THIS food and drink to survive the serpents and scorpions and the parched and waterless ground of our desert experiences! Jesus literally fills us and quenches our thirsts. As we consume him, he consumes us. As we draw him into us, he draws us into himself. In this unity, we walk through our trials with all that we need for success.

The second reading tells us that the Eucharist increases our unity with Christ and with Christ's body on earth, the church community, through which he provides the various resources that we need. In this unity – when it's activated as it should be – no one lacks anything good because all necessary goods are shared. And ultimately in this unity, as Jesus said in the Gospel, we're assured of eternal life in heaven, where all needs are met perfectly and completely.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are the "serpents and scorpions" in your life right now? In what ways do you feel parched, thirsty to the point of desperation? During Mass, imagine that you're walking through a desert to receive from Jesus what you need. How does it feel to approach Jesus this way?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How has the Eucharist helped you through a difficult time? Why did it make a difference? I kiss the Host before placing it in my mouth; what do you do that helps make the presence of Christ in the Eucharist more real for your needs?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen



# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

## MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Ann Hogan (D)** by the Samoskevich Family  
*Sunday, June 11th-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00 a.m. **Shalonda Pettway (D)** by the Galasinski Family  
 9:30 a.m. **Florence Watts (D)** by Don and Louise Strange  
 11:00 a.m. **Richard L. Canel (D)** by the Canel Family  
*Monday, June 12th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Linda DeMarco (D)** by the Crocitto Family  
*Tuesday, June 13th-St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor*

7:30 a.m. **Thomas Tamiolakis (D)** by Daughter in Law& Grandson  
*Wednesday, June 14th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Michael Hayes (D)** by the Jones Family  
*Thursday, June 15th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Sandi Oliver (D)** by the Crocitto Family  
*Friday, June 16th-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7:30 a.m. **Sheila Hayes (D)** by the Jones Family  
*Saturday, June 17th-The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 a.m. **Brenda Washiko (D)** by Nancy Engel



### **Eucharistic Adoration- Weds.-12:00-3:00 pm**

All Parishioners are welcome to spend whatever time they may have. If you would like to sign up for a specific time please contact Martin Tubridy at :

***mtubridy@optonline.net or call 203.454.9023.***

You may also sign up in the back of the church.

### **Eucharistic Miracle-Ludberg, Croatia 1411**

A doubting priest consecrated the wine and it turned to blood. Today this precious relic still draws thousands of the faithful and has resulted in many cures.

To read the full story, go to : **[www.carloacutis.org](http://www.carloacutis.org)**



## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offertory: May 28, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory: \$2,553.00**

**Online Giving: \$3,148.00**

**\$5,701.00**

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](http://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 :

Msgr. Nicholas Grieco

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

Helen Plaia

### **One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal**

#### **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish**

#### **2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 5/19/2023**

ABA Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$46,200.00(51%)
Donors to Date:	53 Donors

Since its founding in 1999, the St. Catherine Academy has been committed to providing the highest quality education program for students impacted with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2014, this essential ministry became the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs to centralize pastoral and educational support for individuals with disabilities and added Adult Day Program for adults with disabilities.

The Center partners with parishes, religious educators and school personnel to support the needs of individuals throughout the Diocese. Giving to the Bishop's Appeal ensures that this life-affirming organization will continue to provide quality education and a living faith for children and adults with special needs.

Thank you for your support.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at **[2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org)**, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone



## Faith Formation News

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

### Faith Formation

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### 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.

Remember to register before June 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid the \$100.00 late fee!

A heartfelt thank you to all Faith Formation Families and Parishioners for the love and support this year. We wish you all a Blessed and restful summer. May God continue to shower you with His abundant love and blessings.



The Faith Formation Office is closed for the summer and will reopen on August 29<sup>th</sup>. I will be coming in the office, but I will not have set hours. If you need to register your child for Faith Formation Classes, please download the registration form on the website or pick up forms in either the parish office or in the faith formation front desk from 10:00-3pm.

Catechists and Catechists Assistants are needed for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 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!

For more information on this beautiful and important ministry please email me at

[gfleming@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:gfleming@stfrancisweston.org) or call 203-227-8353



## *Preschool News*

SFA Preschool finished another wonderful year and celebrated with a PreK Moving Up Ceremony on Weds., May 31st. Led by Father Augustine, Marianne Keith, Vanessa Capporino and Claudia Laville, the entire morning was one of blessings, laughter, tears of joy and well wishes for the bright futures we know these children have ahead of them! Thank you to SFA Parent, Jason Gutman, for these beautiful photos!





**Sunday Coffee Social**

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and before the 11:00 a.m. Masses for a Coffee Social.

Thank Hailey Sarno for hosting last Sunday.  
Next Sunday's Coffee Social will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners - It's a great family event.

**Hosts needed for : 6/25, 7/2, 7/9**

For information or to volunteer please contact:  
Carol Palumbo at 203-227-3271 or  
[candrpalumbo@gmail.com](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com).

**St. Francis of Assisi Men's Group**

Open to all adult men ages 18-100+ interested in learning more about our Catholic faith via the week's Sunday Mass readings with a focus on the Gospel.

Guaranteed to open up your knowledge of the scripture and its applicability to our lives as men, husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.

Meetings will be streamed as well.

Contact Dennis Jung at [dennisjungesq@gmail.com](mailto:dennisjungesq@gmail.com) to get on the email list to receive Readings and Commentary in advance of our gathering.

Come together for good coffee, refreshments, and fellowship!

Meetings: Saturday mornings

Time: 9:40 a.m. –10:40 a.m.

Place: Youth Meeting Space

Please contact Dennis Jung or Deacon Steve

[dennisjungesq@gmail.com](mailto:dennisjungesq@gmail.com)

[steve@hodsonrealty.com](mailto:steve@hodsonrealty.com)

**Thank you to our 2023 sponsors**



St. Francis of Assisi Youth Group planted flowers around the property—Job well done!

If you would like your 6th-12th grader to participate in fun and faith building, email Michele Harding at  
[youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org)



## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>Corpus Christi Sunday</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
<b>Mon., June 12</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 13</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., June 14</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., June 15</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., June 17</b>	<b>Sanctity of Life Saturday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Mass followed by Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, June 18</b>	<b>Eleventh 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
<b>Mon., June 19</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 20</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., June 21</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., June 22</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 23</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., June 24</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

**Parish Office Summer Hours-Beginning June 19th**  
**Mon-Thurs.**  
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Closed Fri, Sat., Sun  
office@stfrancisweston.org  
203 227 1341, ext. 127

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**William Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

### Parish Pastoral Council

Mike Byrnes, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco, Missy Iatesta,  
Frank Infurchia, Jeanine Lombardi, Elise Major,  
Leigh Meccay, Lisa Moskal, Nancy Murgalo, Danielle Porcello

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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

### Worship Ministries

**Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)**

quiddity@optonline.net

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**Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)**

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

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