

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY

WE ARE  
GUIDED  
IN LOVE



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  
\*Summer Hours 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**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.*

## **Blessed and Happy Father's Day!**

**What Makes A Dad** (by Anonymous):

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,*

*The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,*

*The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,*

*Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad.*

Heavenly Father, today we ask You to bless our fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children here on earth.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity, for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled and caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that You offer to all of us. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, move forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask for Your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers were not able to do so or were not around. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better. Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people and remind these fathers that treating our mothers with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in Your heavenly kingdom. We ask Your generous blessings on our fathers this day and every day. Amen

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Diana Palmer (D)** by Leigh Capomolla & Family

*Sunday, June 18th-The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Paul E. Ermlich (D)**

9:30 a.m. **James Petrino (L)** by his Daughter

11:00 a.m. **Gerard Pondo, Jr. (D)** by Joanne Daversa

*Monday, June 19th-Weekday-Saint Romuald, Abbot*

7:30 a.m. **Michelle S. Letizia (D)**

*Tuesday, June 20th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Donald F. Carter (D)**

*Wednesday, June 21st-Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

7:30 a.m. **Melina Waldo (D)** by the Major Family

*Thursday, June 22nd-Weekday-St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts.*

*John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs*

7:30 a.m. **Frank and Helen Kren (D)** by the Berg Family

*Friday, June 23rd-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Gina Fleming (L)** by the Crocitto Family

*Saturday, June 24th-The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

9:00 a.m. **Thomas Clarke (D)**



### **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-Scete, Egypt 3rd-5th Century**

A monk had doubts of the Real Presence in the bread and wine at Communion. After Consecration, the infant Jesus was seen in place of the blood. Three companion monks witnessed the appearance.

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



*We welcome to God's Family:  
Margaret Claire Regan*

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offertory: June 11, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory: \$2,936.00**

**Online Giving: \$1,575.00**

**\$4,511.00**

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 :

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

### **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:	\$58,802.00(59%)
Donors to Date:	88 Donors

Your Bishop's Appeal gift will truly change lives. Benson, a father in lower Fairfield County working to earn his Masters of Social Work degree, knows this. Struggling to pay his bills and drowning in debt, Benson reached out to the Catholic Charities Family Loan Program for financial education, one-on-one budgeting advice, and to obtain a low interest loan. "Walking into the Family Loan Program was like meeting my family. With them, I learned to fix my problems one at a time. Together we tackled my debts one by one and I'm very grateful. I went in broken, but left strong and with a plan. Where I was is not where I am today due to their help and support. They are truly wonderful." Catholic Charities cannot do it alone. It depends on gifts to the Bishop's Appeal to assist and continue the incredible work that it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield county. 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!**

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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

[gflaming@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:gflaming@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 you to Hailey Sarno for hosting last Sunday.

This Sunday's Coffee Social will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The Coffee Social 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).

**2023 Lobster Bake Thank You!**

**Our Lobster Bake was attended by 133 parishioners and their guests. Westfair Fish and Chips provided the delicious food. Our Youth Group helped with kid's games, which brought our younger members together as a community. Father Augustine called the winning numbers for a live drawing of great prizes, assisted by younger helpers of the parish.**

Thank you to our committee members: Sharon Bell, Kay Byrnes, Elizabeth Crocitto, Judy Dunnigan, Anne Federici, Sandra Jester, Barbara Herman, Kathy Kaddis, Teresa Karwowski, Barbara Kohler, Kristen Kreuder Overton, Patricia McCarthy, Dianna McHugh, Chris Purdy, Christel Tarare Brewer and Larissa Tedesco for planning and running this fun parish event!

What a wonderful way to kick off Summer!  
Carol Palumbo and Gina Fleming

**Thank you to our 2023 sponsors**



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)



**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)

**Congratulations  
Youth Award Recipients**



Please join us in congratulating our notable and outstanding youth!

**Annie Cornell**

Women's Guild Scholarship Recipient

**Allison Eidt**

High School Spirit of Saint Francis Award

**Isabella Jung**

Middle School Spirit of Saint Francis Award

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, June 18</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Coffee Social Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., June 19</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>Juneteenth Observed-Offices Closed</b> Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 20</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., June 21</b> 7:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass 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. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, June 25</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Coffee Social Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., June 26</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 27</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., June 28</b> 7:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., June 29</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 30</b> 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., July 1</b> 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday Vigil Mass

**\*\*Parish Office Summer Hours-Beginning June 20th  
Mon-Thurs.  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

office@stfrancisweston.org  
203 227 1341, ext. 127

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**\*\*Our next Special Collection will be on Sunday, July 2nd for Peter's Pence. (Don't forget you can always contribute in Online Giving)**

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### 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

### Parish Trustees

Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

### Worship Ministries

Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)

quiddity@optonline.net

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Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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### Spiritual Formation

Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### Community Outreach

Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)

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