

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 25, 2023



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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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.*

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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
*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.*

A Summer Prayer

On Wednesday, June 21, we celebrated the Summer Solstice. Now that Summer is here, I pray that during these months, you and your family will slow the pace down, relax more, spend more time with loved ones and friends, and recreate, that is re-create! Also, if you're traveling, please make sure that you find a local church to attend one of their weekend Masses. In addition, please help us to make your weekly contribution online to help the parish to maintain our budget and cover all the expenses.

Have a blessed and restful Summer. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of Summer.

Under the warmth
of the summer sun
the world awakes and blossoms
into every imaginable colour.
You created a garden for us to enjoy
and within it planted
the most magical of flowers and trees.
You needed no horticultural training
to plan your colour scheme
no gardening expert
to recommend variety or design.
Your garden is perfect
its colours harmonious
its scale immense
spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.
Creator God
who breathed this world into being
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature
the perfection of a butterfly's wing
the grandeur of a mountain range
the soaring eagle and humming bird
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love
sustaining this world
your garden. —*John Birch, Kidwelly, Wales*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Sarah Biscelglie (D)** by Sharon Bell
Sunday, June 25th-The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Helen Pagano (D)** by Eileen Cahill

9:30 a.m. **Diane Walsh (D)** by the Jung Family

11:00 a.m. **Chris and Laurie Eidt (L)** 25th Wedding Anniv.
Monday, June 26th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Betty McGrath (D)**
Tuesday, June 27th-Weekday-St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Ana Luiza Fonseca (L)** Bday
Wednesday, June 28th-St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 a.m. **Beth Foertsch (L)** Bday by the Crocitto Family
Thursday, June 29th-Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:30 a.m. **Karen Tatarka (L)** by Helen O'Kelly
Friday, June 30th-Weekday-The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:30 a.m. **Joan McHugh (L)**
Saturday, July 1st-Weekday-St. Junipero Serra, Pries

9:00 a.m. **Shelly Sherako (L)**



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-Avignon, France, Nov. 30, 1433

A small church exhibited a Consecrated Host for perpetual adoration. Days of rain flooded the city and Avignon was submerged. By boat, two friars arrived at the church and found rivers of water were divided, leaving the center altar and sacrament perfectly dry.

To read the full story, go to : www.carloacutis.org



We welcome to God's Family:
Margaret Claire Regan

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: June 18, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$2,955.00

Online Giving: \$2,153.00

\$5,108.00

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 :

Peggy Shaeffer

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

Kerry Gorassi

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/16/2023

ABA Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$63,697.00(70%)
Donors to Date:	107 Donors

We are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community.

If you have not responded yet to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount which reflects your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with fellow parishioners, will enable the Diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational and human needs throughout Fairfield County.

Any over goal funds received by June 30th will be returned back to your parish—please help your parish make its goal!

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 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 1st 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 29th. 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 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th 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 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 the Knights of Columbus for hosting last Sunday. The Palumbo and Herman Families will host this Sunday, June 25th.

There will be no Coffee Socials during the month of July due to maintenance work being done in the Parish Hall. We will resume Coffees in August. If you could help by hosting, it would be very much appreciated. Hosting with another family or two works really well. It's easier and more fun!

Hosts needed for : August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 10, 17, and 24

The Coffee Social 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.

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



CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday Oct 7 – Sunday Oct 8
12 noon-6:00 pm each day

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Inflatables, games, entertainment, food and drinks
More information to follow

CAN YOU HELP US PLAN?

The fun starts early if you help plan this exciting event
Anyone and everyone has ideas and is invited!
Contact Sandra Jester at SJest2@aol.com or 203-247-2354

CAN YOU BE A SPONSOR?

\$500 donation and your business is on all publicity
Contact Sandra Jester at SJest2@aol.com or 203-247-2354

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 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
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Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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., June 26
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., June 27
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds., June 28
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., June 29
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., June 30
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat., July 1
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Mon., July 3 **Offices Closed**
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., July 4 **Offices Closed-Independence Day**
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds., July 5
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., July 6
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., July 7
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. July 8
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

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

***Offices will be closed on Mon., July 3rd and Tues., July 4th.**



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