

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 2, 2023



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Mt 10:37-38

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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.

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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 - 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.*



Happy July Fourth Weekend!

As we celebrate the 4th of July this week, this is a good time to reflect on the true meaning of freedom. I would like to share with you a reflection by Bishop of Robert McClory (Diocese of Gary, Indiana) on Christians understanding of freedom:

“True freedom should empower us to do what we ought to do, not just anything we may want to do. As Christians, we have a deeper understanding of freedom. Freedom makes us responsible for our own actions. Our actions should be in accord with what is good and right. The more we choose to do what is right, the freer we become.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. ... The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." (CCC 1731, 1733)

When we turn away from God's perfect will, we become less than the people God wants us to be. We become freer when we follow His plan. There is a lightness in our step and a goodness that cascades forth. The alternative is a downward spiral into sin and despair.

The beauty of our faith is that we are not alone, and God gives us a remedy when we turn away from His will, when we lose our true freedom. Jesus came to set us free from sin. He forgives us and draws us into a loving relationship with God the Father. Baptism and the sacrament of reconciliation are pathways to freedom from sin.

We can grow in true freedom by growing as disciples of Jesus. We can immerse ourselves in His Word. We can treat others as we should – with dignity, respect, love, and compassion. We can use our freedom to do what is right and good. In so doing we become truly free.

May this time of celebrating our freedom led us to reflect more deeply on how God is calling us to use our freedom in our daily lives. May He set us free so that we can do what is good and right.”

Happy Independence Day!

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Pastor

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by Joseph and Kathy Murphy
Sunday, July 2nd-Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Sister Immacolata (D)** by the Manion Family

9:30 a.m. **Margaret Mary Calligaro (D)** by Eric and Pat Vogel

11:00 a.m. **Sandi Oliver (D)** by Sharon Bell
Monday, July 3rd -Weekday-Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:30 a.m. **John Robert Kaddis (D)** by the Kaddis Family
Tuesday, July 4th-Independence Day-

7:30 a.m. **Patricia McHugh (L) Birthday**
Wednesday, July 5th-Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:30 a.m. **Lisa Giuntoli (L)**
Thursday, July 6th-Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 a.m. **Shirley Petrino (H)** by her Daughter
Friday, July 7th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Jane Lillibridge (D)**
Saturday, July 8th-Weekday-

9:00 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son



There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during July and August. It will resume on Weds. in September, after Labor Day (Sept. 6th);
 However, one can come at any time to the Adoration Chapel and the door will be opened.

Eucharistic Miracle-Blanot, France March 31, 1331

At Communion, a host fell to a cloth below the communicant's mouth. The host transformed into blood but in the same size as the host. That cloth is preserved to this day in the village of Blanot.

*****Effective July 5th, we welcome our new parish administrator, Tricia Wrynn. Tricia is a long-time parishioner and Weston resident who brings a wealth of experience to our parish office.***

We bid farewell to Dianna McHugh, also a parishioner, business owner, and Weston resident, as she pursues another career path. Good luck, Dianna, and thank you for your service to our parish!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: June 25, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$3,494.00

Online Giving: \$4,135.00

\$7,629.00

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

**Peter's Pence 2nd Collection this weekend*

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

Peggy Shaeffer

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 6/23/2023

ABA Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$63,797.00(70%)
Donors to Date:	108 Donors

We are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge to the Bishop's Appeal. We are at 84% of our \$8.1 goal. 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.

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.

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



Our St. Francis Youth Group had a blast for our end of the year Games and Giveaways event! They were joined by friends from Assumption in Westport as we continue to build community. We even welcomed some new members! Check your emails for local service opportunities at Malta House and Hall Neighborhood House.

If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, service and fun, please contact :

Youth Minister, Michele Harding

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

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\$500 donation and your business is on all publicity

Contact Sandra Jester at SJest2@aol.com or 203-247-2354



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 2 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Sunday Mass
Mon., July 3 7:30 a.m.	Offices Closed Daily Mass
Tues., July 4 7:30 a.m.	Offices Closed-Independence Day Daily Mass
Weds., July 5 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., July 6 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
First Fri., July 7 7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Sat. July 8 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Daily Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, July 9 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Mass Sunday Family Mass Sunday Mass
Mon., July 10 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., July 11 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., July 12 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., July 13 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., July 14 7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., July 15 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sanctity of Life Rosary Sanctity of Life Mass Adoration Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday Vigil Mass

**** Beginning Tues., July 4th, ALL WEEKDAY HOLIDAY MASSES WILL BE 7:30 A.M. , NOT 9:00 A.M.**

****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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