

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 9, 2023



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

cerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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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Catholic Community in Weston

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203-227-8353

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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.*

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do you feel weighed down or lifted up by accepting the yoke of Jesus? His yoke – as his life revealed – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.

However, we have so many personal struggles, so many of our own crosses to carry, so many people needing our attention, that the yoke makes us feel weighed down and exhausted. So why, in next Sunday's Gospel reading, does Jesus tell us that his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens that he asks us to carry are light?

How can sharing in the ministry of Jesus be restful?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has given to us. Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: “Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!”

If it leads to anger and resentment, God's showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is making our lives actually more difficult.

We have to take care of our own needs before we can be useful to Jesus while yoked to his ministry. The yoke of Christ is burdensome only if we continue to give out more to others than we allow Jesus to give to us. He will give us what we need so that in our partnership with him (the yoke), together we can give to others what they need. Then our anger and resentment disappear and we experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the goodness and the energy and the strength of Jesus himself.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you doing that seems like a good idea but is wearing you out?

What part of it is not God's idea for you?

What can you do to slow down, simplify, make a change, and feel the strength of Jesus?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Hanna/Chen Family**
Sunday, July 9th-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. **Salvatore Sarno (D)** by Margaret Sarno
 9:30 a.m. **Joseph Rizzo (D)** by Patricia Mudrak
 11:00 a.m. **Peter Cooper (D)** by Eric and Pat Vogel
Monday, July 10th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Howard Appell (L) Bday**
Tuesday, July 11th-Saint Benedict, Abbot
 7:30 a.m. **McHugh Family (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Wednesday, July 12th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Joseph DiPietro, Sr. (D)** by the Ford Family
Thursday, July 13th-Weekday-Saint Henry
 7:30 a.m. **Ernest F. Hodson (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Friday, July 14th-Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
 7:30 a.m. **Special Intention (L)**
Saturday, July 15th-Weekday-St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
 9:00 a.m. **Paul Washicko & Family (L)** by Nancy Engel



There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during July and August. It will resume on Weds. September 6th, after Labor Day

However, one can come at any time to the Adoration Chapel and the door will be opened.

Eucharistic Miracle-Bordeaux, France-1822

At a public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for a period of 20 minutes, the apparition of Jesus appeared imprinted on the exposed host.

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

*****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: Not available at printing

Sunday Offertory:

Online Giving:

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 :

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

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



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 9	Fourteenth 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 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.	Sanctity of Life Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Mass
	Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, July 16	Fifteenth 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 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., July 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., July 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., July 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., July 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., July 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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