

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 16, 2023



PSALM 65

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  
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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 - 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,

Every summer we see the miracle of life in the gardens around our homes. We plant seeds and if conditions are right, the seeds do all the rest. In this Sunday's gospel Jesus takes this image to the spiritual level.

Crowds of people fill the shore along the Sea of Galilee. From a boat Jesus sows the word of the gospel. Will the crowds receive the word and allow it to grow within their hearts? It is up to them. In a parable, Jesus describes different responses to the word. Only the last one is ideal. But hearing about the less-than-ideal responses may give the people in the crowd the advantage they need to make the right choice.

Some seed falls on a path and birds immediately eat it up. In a similar way, some people hear God's word but never take it into their hearts. They are too interested in the enticements of this world to even care about things spiritual; the prince of this world has already won their devotion. Readers of the gospel might be reminded of the royal house of Herod as they read about this seed.

Some seed falls on stony ground with little soil. Since the roots hardly have a chance to grow the sun soon withers any growth. In a similar way some people willingly accept God's word but do little to nourish it. When adversities come along, their loyalties vanish. Readers might be reminded of those followers of the Lord who drifted away because they found his message too challenging.

Some seed falls among thorns that eventually choke off any life. In a similar way some people hear God's word but later lose their devotion to God in favor of worldly interests. Readers might be reminded of the apostle Judas who betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver.

At last, some seed falls on rich soil and yields fruit. In a similar way some people hear God's word and make every effort to nourish it within their hearts. Reader may be reminded of the apostles, the blind man Bartimaeus, the Roman centurion Cornelius, and so many others in the New Testament.

Isaiah would probably not have needed to ask for an explanation of the parable as the apostles did. As we can see from the first reading, this prophet spoke about the word of God in language very similar to the Lord's. Isaiah understood the power of God's word. He knew it would never fail to nourish people to life, just like the rain from heaven brings life from fields on the farm. But Isaiah also understood the resistance people gave to God's word. Earlier in his oracles, Isaiah included the image of a vineyard that failed to yield good grapes. This disappointing vineyard represented the people of Isaiah's day who chose to ignore God's word because their own pride got in the way. Their choices resulted in death and violence (Isaiah 5:1-7).

In his letter to the Romans the apostle Paul uses harvest imagery to describe the life of the faithful when he says they enjoy "the first fruits of the Spirit." He understands that like himself his communities face suffering and hardship because of their devotion to the Lord Jesus. But Paul assures his readers that such hardships amount to nothing when compared to the glory they have as children of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Pastor





## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Daniel Gilbert, Sr. (D)** by Dan and Sharon Gilbert

*Sunday, July 16th-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Linda DeMarco (D)** by the McCarthy Family

9:30 a.m. **Linda DeMarco (D)** by Penny Sorrentino

11:00 a.m. **Christine Watts (D)** by Don and Louise Strange

*Monday, July 17th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Meghan Cavanaugh Raveis (D)** by Monica Staehely

*Tuesday, July 18th-Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

7:30 a.m. **Blasch Wedding Anniversary (L)**

*Wednesday, July 19th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Kieran Wrynn (D)** by the Wyrnn Family

*Thursday, July 20th-Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

*Friday, July 21st-Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Blessed Francis Jordan, Priest and Religious Founder*

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

*Saturday, July 22nd-Saint Mary Magdalene*

9:00 a.m. **Gary J. Vasquez (L)**

### STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offertory: July 9, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory: \$2,436**

**Online Giving: \$1,975**  
**\$4,411**

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  
*\*2nd Collection this Sunday-Co Op Mission Sunday*

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

Peggy Shaeffer

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

Kieran Wrynn



**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-Dijon, France 1430**

A woman purchased a monstrance which by mistake contained a sacred host. When the host was removed, it started to drip living blood that dried immediately, leaving the image of our Lord. The host remained in tact for 364 years until destroyed by French Revolutionaries in 1794.

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

### Divine Mercy 2023

Open yourself to God's gift of Grace and Mercy and present your intentions to Him



**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**  
is a form of devotion to His Mercy,  
revealed by Our Lord to Sister Faustina

*"My delight is to act in a human soul and fill it with my mercy"... Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska, Diary 1784*

**Chaplet is sung the first Saturday of each month**  
**after 9:00 Mass for 25 minutes**

You don't need to know the chaplet or even sing along...  
be present to follow silently or recite it

**August 5: Our Lady**

God does not want the world to suffer  
He wishes it to be healed

**\*\*This weekend, we will take a second collection (SPOF) Co-Operative Mission Sunday.** This very important ministry aids our evangelical ministries in teaching our faith to underserved communities world-wide.

## 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!

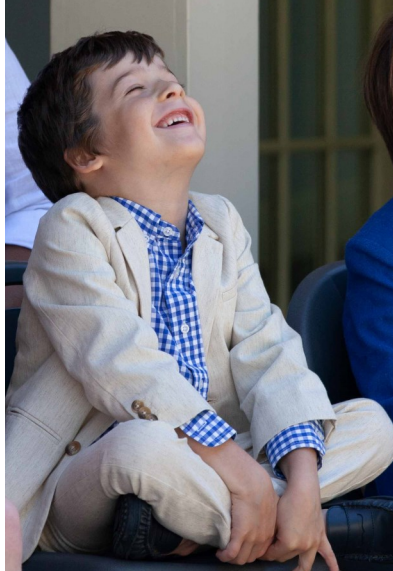
For more information on this beautiful and important ministry please email me at

[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.

**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](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com).

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### Youth Ministry News

Local teens from all over Fairfield County got together for a day of service at St. Matthew's Church in Norwalk and at Malta House, a home for young single mothers in need. The teens also went to Mass, prayed the rosary together throughout the day, and participated in a service project for Filling the Blanks, which feeds hungry children year round. Keep an eye on your emails for more service opportunities at Malta House this fall and at Hall Neighborhood House from July 24th-28th. The Sign Up Genius has been sent!

If you want your 6th-12th grader involved, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at:

[youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto: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](mailto:SJest2@aol.com) or 203-247-2354

### CAN YOU BE A SPONSOR?

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## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., July 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., July 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., July 19</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., July 20</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., July 21</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., July 22</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., July 24</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., July 25</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., July 26</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., July 27</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., July 28</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. July 29</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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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

### Parish Trustees

Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

### Worship Ministries

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

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Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Murgalo

Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

Ushers: Laurie Eidt and Mike Purdy (eidtl@optonline.net)

### Spiritual Formation

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

Religious Education: Gina Fleming (227-8353)

R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### Community Outreach

**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**

Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

Network of Care: Carina Silvestri (226-0884)

### Pastoral Care Ministry

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