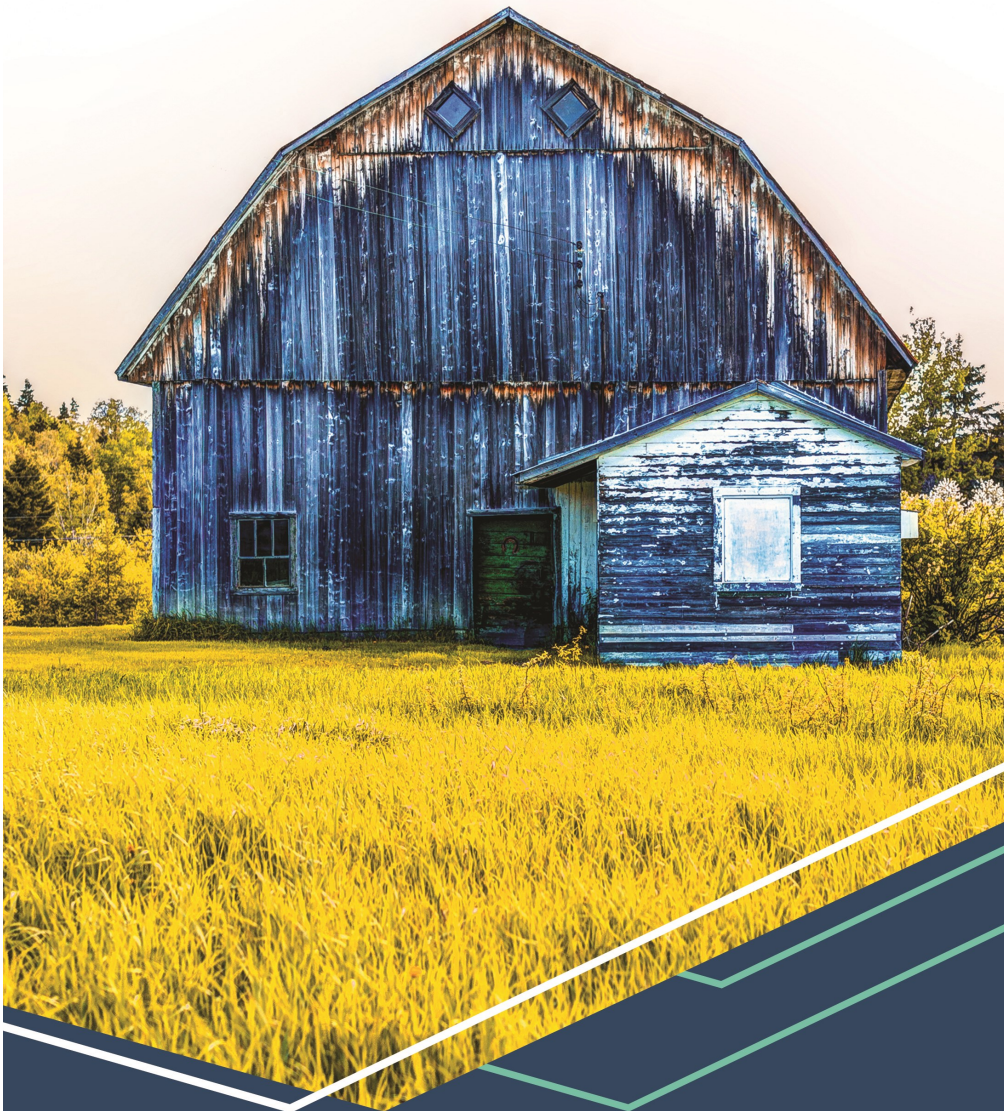


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 30, 2023



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world and he accumulated great wealth.

His story tells us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these? Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?

Wishing you a Blessed week!

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Pastor



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Michael J. Brocato (D)** by Joanne and Adam Daversa

Sunday, July 30th-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **George B. Fedorijczuk (D)** by the Galasinski Family

9:30 a.m. **Shane O'Neill (L)** Bday

11:00 a.m. **Thomas Rickenback (D)** by his Son

Monday, July 31st-Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30 a.m. **Sabina Kloczko (D)** by Daughter & Grandson

Tuesday, Aug. 1st-Saint Alphonseus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. **Ann Tully (D)** by the Major Family

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd-Weekday-Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:30 a.m. **Radzewicz Family (D)** by the Jankowski Family

Thursday, Aug. 3rd-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Mieczyslaw Kloczko (D)** by Daughter and Grandson

Friday, Aug. 4th-Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by Joseph and Kathy Murphy

Saturday, Aug. 5th-The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; BVM

9:00 a.m. **McAskill 45th Wedding Anniversary (L)**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: July 16 ,2023

Sunday Offertory: \$2,046

**Online Giving: \$2,050
\$4,096**

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 :

Linda DeMarco

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-La Rochelle, France, 1461

This miracle concerns a boy was paralyzed and mute since he was seven years old. When he received Holy Communion on Easter Sunday in 1461, he was completely healed of his paralysis and once again able to speak.

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

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

****Reminder:** Parish Office Hours are on a limited summer schedule.

10 a.m. -3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please plan accordingly so we may serve you during those hours.

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 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.

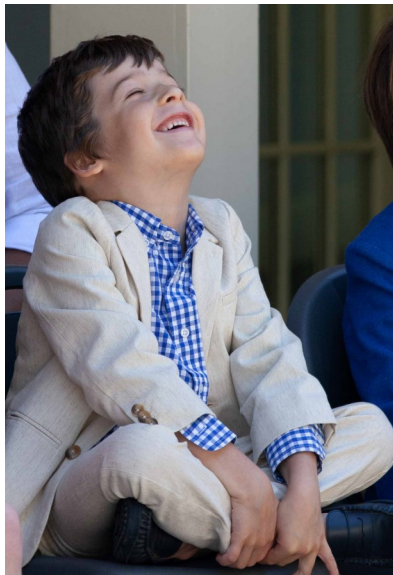
Catechists and Catechists Assistants are needed for 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. To be a catechist you do not need to be an expert teacher or a theologian. Catechists are ordinary people who generously give their time to share the Catholic faith, values, and traditions with the youngest generation 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



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

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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Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 30	Seventeenth 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 31	
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Tues., Aug. 1	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Aug. 2	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 3	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug. 4	
7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Sat., Aug. 5	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Aug. 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
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., Aug. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Aug. 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug.	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Aug. 12	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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