

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

August 13, 2023



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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.

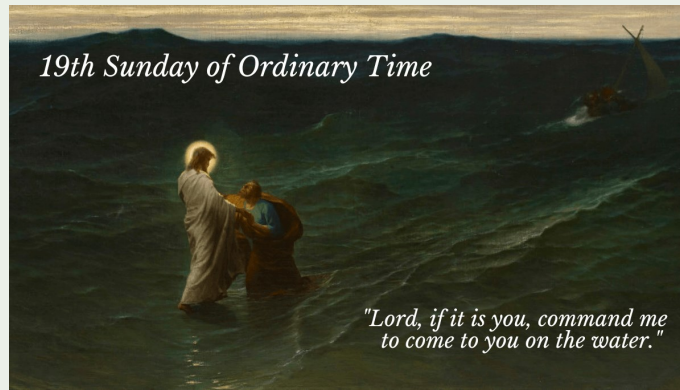
SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

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,

In the Gospel reading for next this weekend, the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus finishes with the miracle of multiplying a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people and then goes off by himself to pray.

When you host a huge dinner party or complete a large project or overcome difficult obstacles, do you give yourself time to recuperate and let God minister to you?

After spending time alone with his Father, Jesus was so uplifted by the experience that he walked on water!

Jesus frequently spent time in prayer. He probably went off by himself to pray a lot more often than what is written in scripture. So why did Matthew mention it here? What was significant about this particular prayer time?

Through Matthew, God is showing us how to achieve a well-balanced faith.

We need periods of prayer-filled solitude to restore our energies and renew our vision of what God is inspiring us to do. We all have work to do for God in our families, in our workplaces, in social gatherings, in our parishes and in every problem that arises. Giving of ourselves to others will always drain us; to thrive and grow in our usefulness to God, we must allow him to replenish us often.

Prayer helps us to prepare for whatever lies ahead, even when we don't know what we're walking into. What we gain from the Lord in our time alone with him is a gift designed for our benefit and for responding to the needs of others. It strengthens our faith, teaches us how to walk on water, and sends us to the next shore where people who need God's help are waiting. God wants to minister to them through us. Are you prayed up and ready?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much time do you spend in quiet aloneness with the Lord? Is it enough to restore the inner peace that comes from staying in touch with God? Or do you feel drained and unprepared to continue?

Wishing you a Blessed week!

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Pastor



The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Linda DeMarco (D)** by Penny Sorrentino
Sunday, Aug. 13th-The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Julia Kostick (D)** by Margaret Sarno
9:30 a.m. **Harry Paul Engel (D)** by Nancy Engel
11:00 a.m. **Peggy Shaeffer (D)** by Tom and Kathy Failla
Monday, Aug. 14th-Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:30 a.m. **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (L)** by the Baines Family
Tuesday, Aug. 15th-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. **Jennifer Ingallinera (L)** by Gina Fleming
12:00 p.m. **Shirley Petrino (H)** by her Daughter
7:00 p.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**
Wednesday, Aug. 16th-Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:30 a.m. **Molly McHugh (L)**
Thursday, Aug. 17th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Sue Canel (D)** by the Canel Family
Friday, Aug. 18th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Shirley Petrino (L) Bday**
Saturday, Aug. 19th-Weekday-Saint John Eudes, Priest;BVM

9:00 a.m. **Sally Ruscoe (L) Bday**



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-Marseille-en-Beauvais, France-1533

In 1533, some thieves stole a ciborium containing some consecrated hosts. The thieves discarded the hosts in a field. A strong snowstorm occurred, but the hosts were recovered in perfect condition. Many healings have been attributed to these hosts.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: August 6, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$3,326

Online Giving: \$1,754
\$5,080

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 :

Linda DeMarco

ASSUMPTION *of the blessed virgin Mary*

Tuesday, August 15th

Mass Times

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p. m.

7:00 p.m.

****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 Office reopens Aug. 29th and **Preschool Office** reopens Aug. 24th

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.

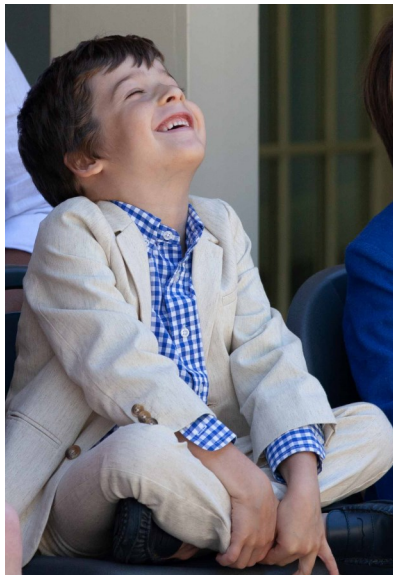
Catechists and Catechists Assistants are needed for 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. To be a catechist you do not need to be an expert teacher or a theologian. Catechists are ordinary people who generously give their time to share the Catholic faith, values, and traditions with the youngest generation 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. This is a great opportunity to enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners. It's a great family event.

Thanks to the Mumbach and Tubridy Families for hosting last Sunday. Hailey Sarno will be hosting this Sunday, August 13th and the Brewer and Skidd Families will host Sunday, August 20th.

Hosts are needed for September 3, 7, 24 and October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th.

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

Our SFA Youth Group is gearing up for the fall! Schedules will be out soon. We will have many service and faith building opportunities here at SFA, as well as out in the community. We plan to work with Malta House, which provides housing and care for young single mothers in need, as well as the Open Door Shelter, Operation Gratitude, and much more!

Most recently, teens from SFA and our friends at Assumption in Westport, had an opportunity to spend a week helping out at Hall Neighborhood House, a Bridgeport Community Center. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience. If you would like your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, fellowship and service, 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

NEW THIS YEAR... Bingo!

Plus inflatables, games, live music, food & drink
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!
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Parish Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 13 Nineteenth 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., Aug. 14

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Aug. 15

Solemnity of the Assumption

7:30 a.m. Mass
 12:00 p.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mass

Weds., Aug. 16

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Thurs., Aug. 17

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Aug. 18

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat., Aug. 19

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, Aug. 20 Twentieth 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., Aug. 21

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Aug. 22

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds., Aug. 23

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Thurs., Aug. 24

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Aug. 25

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat., Aug. 26

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

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