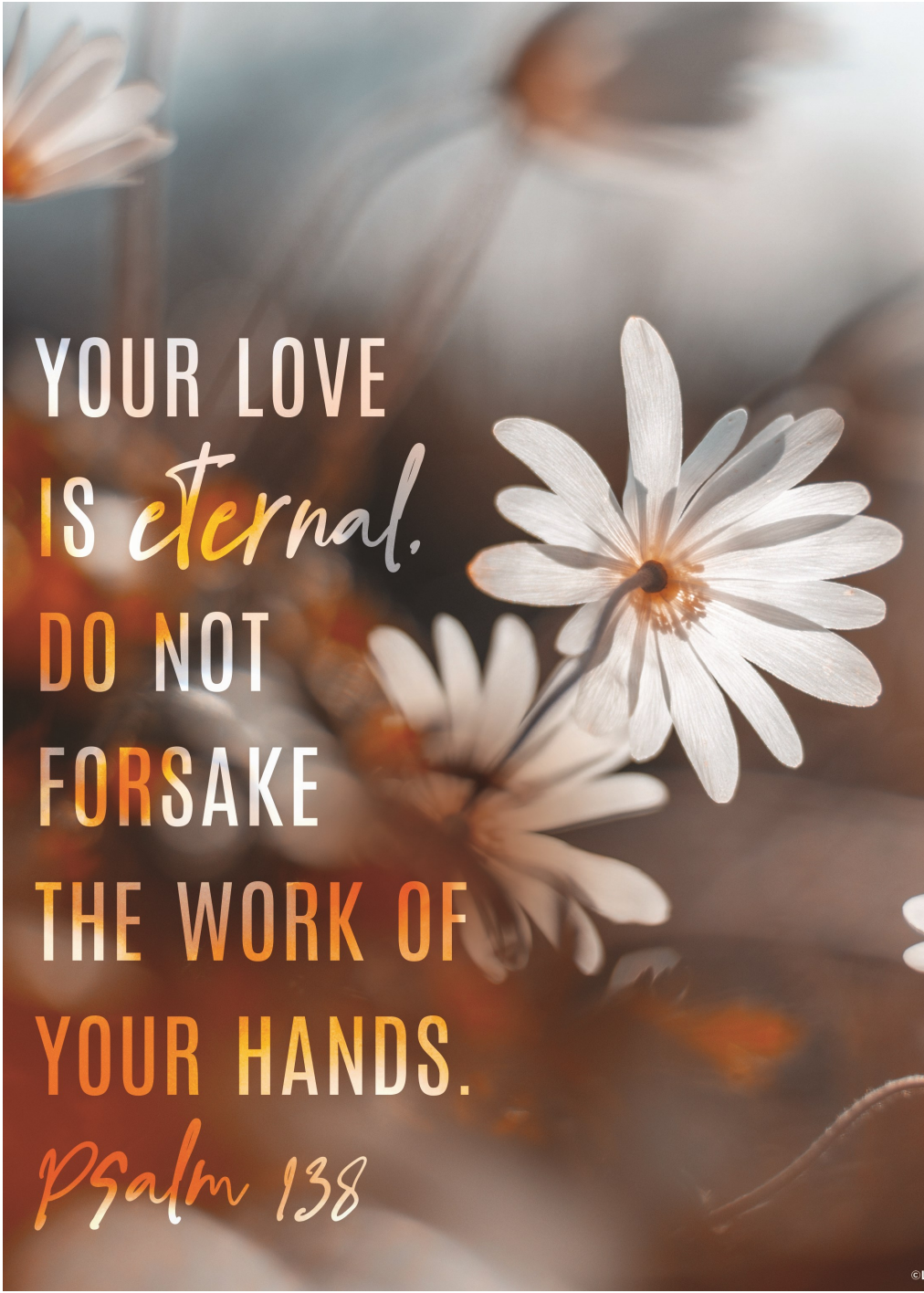


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

August 27, 2023



YOUR LOVE
IS *eternal.*
DO NOT
FORSAKE
THE WORK OF
YOUR HANDS.
Psalm 138

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.

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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,

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the GATES of hell would not win. Of course they won't; gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers.

Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of popes.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquer evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness? What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?

Have a blessed week!

Rev. Augustine Nguyen



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Thomas McNamara (D)** by the Morvillo Family
Sunday, Aug. 27th-The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Joe and Kathy Kaddis (L)** Anniversary

9:30 a.m. **Ernest F. Hodson (D)** by SFA Men's Group

11:00 a.m. **Carmine and Barbara Strange (D)** by Don and Louise Strong

Monday, Aug. 28th-Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (L)** by the Baines Family

Tuesday, Aug. 29th-The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:30 a.m. **Alfred Napoletano (H)** by Sharon Bell

Wednesday, Aug. 30th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Marek Galenek (D)** by the Karwowski Family

Thursday, Aug. 31st-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Dianna McHugh (L)** Birthday

First Friday, Sept. 1st-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Bryan McHugh (L)** Birthday

Saturday, Sept. 2nd- Weekday-

9:00 a.m. **Joanne Bonomolo (D)** by the Bonomolo Family



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-Buenos Aires, Argentina 1992

A Eucharistic Minister found fragments of a consecrated host. It took on a blood-like appearance. Several drops of blood were on patens during Communion.

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



Weekly Offertory: August 20, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 3,160

Online Giving: \$ 2,764

\$ 5,924

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

***Sept. 10th is 2nd Collection for Catholic Univ.**

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

Kieran Wrynn

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

Peggy Shaeffer

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/11/23

ABA Goal:	\$91,200.00
Total Pledged:	\$68,697.00 (75%)
Donors to Date:	116 Donors

The Bishop's Appeal supports the ministries of the Catholic Church throughout Fairfield County. If you have not yet given your support, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your support is critical to the continued success of the ministries.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at



2023 BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

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



A new school year is almost underway!

SFA Preschool welcomes 4 new staff members this year, who began their orientation/training this week:

- Ms. Lynne Santos joins Mrs. Claudia Laville in the Fours/PreK classroom.
- Mrs. Erin Tiska joins Mrs. Vanessa Capporino in the Fours/PreK classroom.
- Mrs. Francesca Egan joins Mrs. Bonnie Judkins in the Threes classroom.
- Mrs. Lara Lipof-Levine joins Mrs. Sara Samuels in the Twos classroom

Our staff looks forward to welcoming our new and returning families on Tuesday, Sept. 5th and Weds. Sept. 6th.

****There will be mandatory Parent Orientations held via Zoom and in person on the 5th and 6th.**

SFA Preschool is serving a community of Toddlers through Four year olds in an environment that strives to support and build the entire child inside and out through a hands on, multi-sensory environment. SFA believes in building the whole child through emphasizing character, strength, and resilience. Our programs are designed to prepare and establish the necessary skill set of your child's upcoming academic demands, while promoting the character within. We support our families through a series of workshops and support groups which are all designed to help educate and prepare you as a parent in your child's individual growth, emotionally, socially, and cognitively. Please call 203-454-8646 to schedule a tour or email mkeith@sfapreschool.com.



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 Brewer and Skidd Families for hosting last Sunday. The Boto Family will host this Sunday, Aug. 27th. Hosts are needed for September 24 and October 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



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED



Women's Guild Welcome Back Dinner Out

**Monday Sept 11, 6:30 pm
At Romanacci in Westport
46 Railroad Place**

Hear about spiritual, service and social events for the year

Cost \$35

Includes dinner, tax, tip | Cash bar

Seating is limited, so please reserve now

RSVP and pre-pay by noon on Thursday, Sept 8

RSVP to Jennifer Garvey at womensguildsfa@gmail.com

Make check payable to: Saint Francis of Assisi

Mail to: Jennifer Garvey, 3 Rivergate Woods, Wilton CT 06897

Or Venmo: @Jennifer-Garvey-2

If you want to carpool, meet at SFA parking lot at 6pm

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

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!

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

Annual St. Francis of Assisi Picnic



Welcoming all New Parishioners

Saturday, September 23rd...

After 5PM Vigil Mass



Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fries, Desserts,

BYOB... (water included)

Bouncy House for the Kiddies

All parishioners are invited... Free of Charge

Must RSVP by September 18th

Anne Federici – Cell: 203.644.4071

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 27	Twenty-First 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. 28	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 29	Faith Formation Offices Open
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Wed. Aug. 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 31	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Sept. 1	
7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Sat. Sept. 2	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Sept. 3	Twenty-Second 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., Sept. 4	All Offices Closed-Labor Day
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Sept. 5	First Day of Preschool
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Sept. 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Sept. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Sept. 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Sept 9	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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