

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

September 17, 2023



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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.*

**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

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 P.M.  
Sundays- 8:00a.m.,  
9:30 a.m. Family Mass  
11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Oct-May)  
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.*



### ***St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist-Feast Day Sept. 21st***

*Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alphaeus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.*

*According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me". With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.*

*From Matthew, we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel Account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.*

*Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 A.D., Matthew wrote his Gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and the His Kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.*

*It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 A.D.*

*According to various legends, he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.*

*Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, and the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."*

*Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron Saint of bankers.*

### ***St. Matthew Prayer:***

***"O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in Heaven. "***

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Have a blessed week!

Rev. Augustine Nguyen





## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Richard M. Kramer (D)** by the Kramer Family  
*Sunday, Sept. 17th-The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Consiglia Sarno (D)** by Margaret Sarno

9:30 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family

11:00 a.m. **Ernest F. Hodson (D)** by Jung Family/SFA  
 Men's Group

*Monday, Sept. 18th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Nancy Chapman (D)** by the Rudolph Family

*Tuesday, Sept. 19th-Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

7:30 a.m. **Tony Kiniry (H)**

*Wednesday, Sept. 20th-Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and  
 Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

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

*Thursday, Sept. 21st-Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

7:30 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by his Family

*Friday, Sept. 22nd-Weekday-Weekday-*

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

*Saturday, Sept. 23rd-Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

9:00 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Offertory: September 10, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory \$2682.00**

**Online Giving: \$1,503.00**

**\$4,185.00**

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

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

Peggy Shaeffer

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

Matthew Noonan



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Wednesdays from 12 Noon-3 p.m.**  
**in the Main Church**

**Eucharistic Miracle-Weiten, Austria 1411**

A thief stole consecrated hosts, but unknowingly dropped one. It was found days later, divided in two but united with threads of flesh.

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

**Sept. 24th is Priesthood Sunday !** Make sure that you pray for our priests this week and be certain to thank them for all they do, next Sunday. Here is a prayer you can pray this week:

***O God, You have constituted your only-begotten Son Supreme and Eternal Priest for the glory of Your Majesty and for the salvation of mankind. Grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His Mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.***

St. Serra Vocations Ministry of Bridgeport / Knights of Columbus Council #17166

### **One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal**

**Saint Francis of Assisi Parish**

***2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/8/23***

ABA Goal:	\$91,200.00
Total Pledged:	\$101,297.00 (111%)
Donors to Date:	119 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](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org)**, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

*Learning.....*

*Loving....*

*Living...*

**CHRIST!**

## Faith Formation



*Learning.....*

*Loving....*

*Living...*

**CHRIST!**

## Important Upcoming Dates

Classes begin Sunday, October 1

Sunday morning classes 9:30am – 10:45pm (Level I, II, III)

Sunday evening classes 5:45pm-7:00pm (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Monday classes 3:30pm -4:45pm (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Tuesday classes 3:30pm – 4:45pm (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Thursday classes 4:15pm – 5:30pm (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 227-8353 or [gffleming@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:gffleming@stfrancisweston.org)

We look forward to another great year!

*Peace and Blessings,  
Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski*

“Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

## Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



A new school year has begun!

### **SFA Preschool welcomes 4 new staff members this year:**

- 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 Levine-Lipof joins Mrs. Sara Samuels in the Twos classroom

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](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com).

Week of:	Session:
September 23-24, Sat and Sun	<b>KICK OFF WEEKEND! St Francis picnic after the 5 pm mass on Sat. Help needed at the Youth Ministry table. KICK OFF CELEBRATION SUNDAY 3-5 PM. Ice Cream Bar, Games!</b>
October 1, Sunday	<b>YOUTH SPONSORED SAVE THE SOUND CLEAN UP, 11AM-1 PM, COMPO BEACH PAVILION, WESTPORT</b>
October 7-8, Sat and Sun.	<b>ST. FRANCIS FAIR. TEEN HELP NEEDED! SIGN UP VIA SIGN UP GENIUS!</b>
October 17, Tuesday	<b>Study Break 6-7 PM, Youth Room! Dinner and service.</b>
October 21, Saturday	<b>SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK. Volunteers needed starting 8 AM, Sherwood Island State Park</b>
October 22, Sunday	<b>TENTATIVE LAKE COMPOUNCE FIELD TRIP.</b>
October 24, Tuesday	<b>Study Break 6-7 PM, Youth Room! Dinner and scarf making.</b>
November 8, Wednesday	<b>FRIENDSGIVING POT LUCK WITH OUR PALS FROM ASSUMPTION! ASSUMPTION CHURCH BASEMENT 6-7:30 pm.</b>
November 14, Tuesday	<b>Study Break, 6-7 PM, Youth Room. Dinner and Activity TBD.</b>
November 19, Sunday	<b>BACKPACK OUTREACH ASSEMBLY, ASSUMPTION CHURCH GYM, 3:30-5 PM. HELPERS NEEDED TO SET UP AT 2:30 PM</b>
November 23-26	<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>



### **SFA Youth Ministry**

**Our Calendar is here!**

**Join us for our Kick Off Weekend, Sept. 23-24th!**

If you would like your 6th-12th Grader to join for fun, service and faith-building, please email Michele Harding

[youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org)



**Join the Community Outreach Email List!** There is no commitment! It simply enables you to get direct info on St. Francis' food/clothing drives. Email me at missyj300@gmail.com to join. Our Community Outreach year starts as soon as the Carnival ends. I will be collecting clothes/coats/shoes for all ages from baby to adult for three weeks, **beginning October 10th.**

*"Let love and faithfulness never leave you, write them on the table of your heart." Proverbs 3:3*

Thank you for your support!



**Thank you to our 2023 sponsors**



**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 Field and Bucholtz Families for hosting last Sunday. The Staehely will host this Sunday, Sept. 17th. The Rizzi Family will host next Sunday, Sept. 24th. Hosts are needed October 15, 22 and Nov. 5, 12 and 19.

For information or to volunteer please contact:

Carol Palumbo at 203-227-3271 or

***candrpalumbo@gmail.com.***

**CARNIVAL**

**October 7-8**

**12 noon-6:00 pm each day**

**NEW THIS YEAR... Bingo!**

Plus inflatables, games, live music, food & drink  
More information to follow

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Can you help set-up, clean-up, or staff a Carnival booth for a few hours?**

Sign up after all Masses or contact Sandra Jester (see below)

**Can you help by donating some items?**

Bottles of liquor (vodka, gin, etc.)  
\$10/ \$15/ \$20/ \$25 gift cards to any store  
Candy in 6-8 bar packages (not Costco size, no minis)  
Drop off in Parish Office or at Religious Ed

**Can you help by being a sponsor?**

For a \$500 donation, your business is added to all publicity

**For more information or to offer help, contact**  
Sandra Jester, [SJest2@aol.com](mailto:SJest2@aol.com) 203-247-2354

**Annual St. Francis of Assisi Picnic**



**Welcoming all New Parishioners**

**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>...**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Anne Federici - Cell: 203.644.4071**

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, Sept. 17 Twenty-Fourth 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. 18

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Tues., Sept. 19

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Weds., Sept. 20

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration

### Thurs., Sept. 21

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Fri., Sept. 22

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Sat. Sept. 23

9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic

### Sunday, Sept. 24 Twenty-Fifth 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. 25

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Tues., Sept. 26

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Weds., Sept. 27

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration

### Thurs., Sept. 28

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Fri., Sept. 29

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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### Sat., Sept. 30

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

### **\*\*Mass Time UPDATE\*\***

Beginning, **Sunday, October 15th** we will resume 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday evenings.

This Mass will follow the Faith Formation Calendar and will not be held during the summer months.

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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### 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)**

quiddity@optonline.net

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Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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

### Spiritual Formation

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

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### Community Outreach

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

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### Pastoral Care Ministry

**Coordinator: Rev. Augustine Nguyen, Pastor**

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