

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 8, 2023



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

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.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This past Wednesday (Oct. 4) was the feast of our beloved Patron Saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. The Church throughout history offers us many saints as models for how to approach a myriad of issues, and St. Francis of Assisi may be, once again, a timely saint for 2023.

Some contend that St. Francis approximates the life of Christ more than any other person who has ever lived. He was a lover of God and really and truly a lover of men.

Poverty, obedience, prayer and mortifications were all done for the love of a God who humbled Himself to share in our humanity (c.f. Phil 2:8). This love continually poured out in service to his fellow man, no matter who they were (even his enemies). Because of this, Francis has been called “a second Christ” and the “mirror of Christ.” Indeed, his love was not simply a love for those who were easy to love but a sublime love that reached out to all with deep compassion and empathy.

Wherever Francis went, he sought to heal, to bind up and to meet everyone with mercy and compassion. When he encountered suffering and the misery of corruption, he did not flee. Indeed, he did not simply preach love, he lived that love and even sang of it.

The world of St. Francis in the 12th and 13th centuries was not much different than our own. There was violence, injustice, religious hatreds and hypocrisy. Francis encountered within his own Church simony, gluttony, nepotism and the entire range of vices throughout monasteries and other religious houses. Despite all of this, Francis always and in all ways chose love (and chose to love holy Mother Church).

The “lady” who guided him was lady of poverty. His poverty of life — both materially and in spirit — became the free means through which he could encounter all in love, truth and in purity of heart. Francis relayed to his brothers the virtue that brings us nearest and dearest to Christ: “Poverty, my brothers! Know that poverty is the special way to salvation, for it is the food of humility, and the root of perfection, the fruit of which is manifold, though hidden. Poverty is the treasure, of which we read in the Gospel, which was hidden in the field; to buy which you must sell all, and in comparison with which, all that can be given for its purchase, accounts as nothing.”

In the words of St. Francis, may we be an instrument of God’s peace. An instrument is something that creates beautiful sound. May our lives be like a song that leads others to the love and peace of God.

May we also be people of goodness who seek what is good, see the good in others and always strive for the good in society. St. Paul will say in his letter to the Galatians: “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness and faithfulness.”

Lord, we pray for peace, we pray for goodness — make us instruments of your peace and goodness. Where there is hatred, let us sow love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is sadness, joy. Where there’s despair in life, let us bring hope. And, where there is darkness, let us bring and be your light. Amen.



Have a Blessed Week- Rev. Augustine Nguyen

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **No Mass-Carnival**
Sunday, Oct. 8th-The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son

11:00 a.m. **Peggy Shaeffer (D)** by Sandra Jester
Monday, Oct. 9th-Columbus Day-Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**
Tuesday, Oct. 10th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Richard Gilroy (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Wednesday, Oct. 11th-Weekday-Saint John XXIII, Pope

7:30 a.m. **Alfred Napoletano (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Thursday, Oct. 12th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**
Friday, Oct. 13th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Harry Paul Engel (D)** by Nancy Engel
Saturday, Oct. 14th-Weekday-Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: October 1, 2023

Sunday Offertory \$1,824.00
Online Giving: \$2,259.00
\$4,083.00

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 and click on the Online Giving icon.

Thank you and may God bless you-Fr. Augustine

*If you would like to remember a loved one, please Call the Parish Office to book either candle.

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

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



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

Eucharistic Miracle-Herkenrope, Belgium-1317
A consecrated host that became blood stained in a pyx (holder), showed the crucified face of Christ with thorns in front of many viewers.

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

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/22/2023

ABA Goal:	\$91,200.00
Total Pledged:	101,897.00 (112%)
Donors to Date:	120 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 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



Help us be an even more welcoming parish

Sign up to be an Usher at Mass



Greet people as they enter and leave

Organize the gifts and the collection

You choose the Masses that work for you

Scheduling is done in advance so there are no surprises



For more information, contact Laurie Eidt at eidtl@optonline.net

Faith Formation News

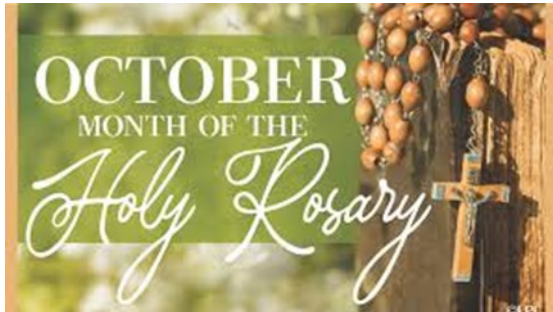


Faith Formation Office hours
Monday-Thursday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm



We have had a great start to our new Faith Formation year. All students were excited to be back, and the catechists and I are enthusiastic to share our Faith with them. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with lots of learning and some fun too!

Parents ask your child what he or she has learned this week!



October is the month of the Rosary. Our catechists are sharing this powerful devotion with your children.

May the Spirit of God move you to pray the Rosary together as a family and contemplate Christ with Mary.

Love and Peace
Gina Fleming

Important Upcoming dates:

Monday, October 16th MANDATORY
Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00pm in
Room 203

Tuesday, October 17th MANDATORY First
Communion Parent Meeting at 7:00pm in
Room 203

Sunday, October 29th Confirmation Rite of
Enrollment 9:30am Mass

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

Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



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.

Our St. Francis Youth Group kicked off the new season with fun, faith-building and an ice cream bar! If you would like your 6th-12th grader involved, please contact Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



Join our Community Outreach email list

There is no commitment

Signing up means you'll get direct information on
St. Francis food and clothing drives

To get emails, contact Missy latesta at missyj300@gmail.com



October 10 – 30

Warm clothes, coats and shoes for all ages, from baby to adult
Collection boxes will be set up in the back of Church

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

If you have any questions, contact Missy latesta at missyj300@gmail.com

Let us thank and pray for our Deacon Steve for all his dedication to our parish on this Deacon Sunday.

St. Stephen's Prayer for Deacons

Come to my assistance my Lord and my God; that I may do for You all that you ask. Strengthen me in adversity and do not let me succumb to my feelings of worthlessness. Help me to feel in my heart all that You speak to me, and help me to understand. May I be to others what they need: a body to work when others cannot; a heart to love those who are forgotten; a shoulder to console those whose soul is in need; a smile to brighten the most somber of Your children; a mouth to proclaim Your love. Let me be to You, as a brush is to a painter, worthless without You, but capable of transforming the human heart by the power of Your mercy. Send me, my Lord, if you need me, to touch others as You would touch them, to hold them as You would, to love them as only You can. Make my heart like Yours, that I may forgive everything and love beyond my own human frailty. Come to live within me, that I may die to myself so You may fill my very being. Let me serve others as You would serve them, that in doing so I may serve You. Do not let me fail, O Lord, or lead your people astray. Allow me to live in Your Presence today, that tomorrow I may die in Your hands and may You raise me one day that I may touch your face and live in Your Glory. Amen

St. Serra Vocations Ministry of Bridgeport

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors



JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



In the Parish Hall

After 9:30 Mass/ before 11:00 Mass

This is a great family event
Enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners

Thank you to the:

Rizzi Family for hosting last Sunday, September 24

St. Francis Women's Guild for hosting this Sunday, October 1

There will be no Coffee Social October 7-8 due to the carnival

Hosts are needed for Oct 15 & 22 and November 5 & 12

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED



Game Night

Monday Oct 16

7:00 pm

Parish Hall

Play scrabble, rummikub, sequence or learn mahjong

Enjoy a night of snacks, refreshments and fun!

No charge

Sign-up required for mahjong:



If you have questions, please contact
Kathleen O'Sullivan at kaosullivan721@gmail.com

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 8	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
12:00 p.m.	Carnival
Mon., Oct 9	All Offices Closed-Columbus Day
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Oct. 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Oct. 11	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Oct. 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Oct. 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Oct. 14	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Oct. 15	Twenty-Eighth 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., Oct. 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Oct. 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Oct. 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Oct. 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Oct. 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Oct. 21	
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

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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

Worship Ministries

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