

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 22, 2023



GIVE
THE LORD
GLORY
AND HONOR.

PSALM 96

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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203-227-8353

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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,

As we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Diocese of Bridgeport this weekend, our Mass Readings will reflect Jesus' wonderful plan to have Peter and the Apostles carry out the mission of bringing salvation to all people. The growth of our Catholic Church has never been easy, and this is also true of Catholicism in Connecticut and Fairfield County where there was state-sanctioned discrimination for many years.

The first Catholic Mass celebrated in Fairfield County took place on Sunday, July 1, 1781, while the first Catholic Church in Connecticut was established in Hartford in 1829. Because of its population, Bridgeport was selected as the location for the first church in Fairfield County.

In her book, *One Family in Faith*, Beth Longware Duff notes that the debt accumulated to build the first Bridgeport church was about \$1,500. In 1835 there were only approximately 125 Catholics in Bridgeport & Norwalk combined, which became missionary bases in Fairfield County. Mrs. Duff also notes that as the amount of faithful grew in Fairfield County so did the number of financial challenges. She writes, "The majority of the Catholics were poorly educated and impoverished. The Diocese desperately needed priests and funds to staff and build churches and schools to carry on the faith. Unable to contribute financially, the immigrants donated their labor to build churches and schools reminiscent of what they had left behind in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe."

In 1872, the Diocese of Hartford was split from Rhode Island, and covered the entire State of Connecticut. Seventy years' ago, our Diocese of Bridgeport was founded. Our own parish of Saint Francis was started as the Weston Catholic Society with the first Mass being celebrated on Christmas Eve in 1958.

We know that the church is really the people of God with Jesus at the center. So many miracles take place in the hearts of the faithful within the walls of our local churches. The number of prayers said within these hallowed walls over the years is incalculable. Jesus invites us to come to Mass, learn from Him, receive Him, and offer our very selves as living sacrifices for the Body of Christ, His Church.

It is so important to pray deeply for peace, at this time. Please consider fasting on Fridays as an offering and praying the rosary with others for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine. Several parishioners come to pray the rosary on Saturday mornings at 8:35 am and stay for the short 9 am Mass.

In 1 John 5: 13-14 we read, "I write these things to you so that you may know that you have eternal life, you who believe in the name of the Son of God. And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." And Jesus reassures us saying, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." It is in this communion that the Church exists, and our Lord's Gospel is proclaimed.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and each other.

Deacon Steve

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Kayla Baines (L) Bday** by her Family
Sunday, Oct. 22nd-The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **India Rani (D)** by Zachary Galasinski

9:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Serafin (D)** by the Fonaine Family

11:00 a.m. **Kevin McHugh (L)** by his Family

5:00 p.m. **Alfred Napoletano (D)** by Bill and Louise Brady
Monday, Oct. 23rd-Weekday-St. John of Capitrano, Priest

7:30 a.m. **Joanne Killinger (D)** by the Mancinelli Family
Tuesday, Oct. 24th-Weekday-St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Nicole Albert-Lebrun (D)** by Kim Del Corso
Wednesday, Oct. 25th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Patricia Carter (L)**
Thursday, Oct. 26th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **John Robert Kaddis (D)** by the Kaddis Family
Friday, Oct. 27th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Mike Hanna (L)**
Saturday, Oct. 28th-Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

9:00 a.m. **Georgia Carter (L)**



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

Eucharistic Miracle-Tumaco, Columbia 1906

A tsunami wave approached the small island of Tumaco, but stalled and moved away while other areas of the island were devastated. A priest had raised the Blessed Sacrament at that moment on the beach with all the people praying for safety.

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: October 15, 2023

Sunday Offertory	\$2,774.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$1,805.00</u>
	\$4,579.00

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
***Second Collection 10/22-World Mission Sunday**

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

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal	
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish	
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/13/2023	

ABA Goal:	\$91,200.00
Total Pledged:	103,697.00 (114%)
Donors to Date:	123 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 eidt1@optonline.net

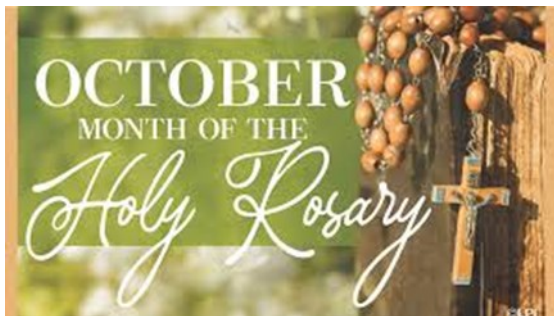
Faith Formation News



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



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:

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

Sunday, November 5th First Communion Rite of
Enrollment – 9:30am Mass

Saturday, November 11-Sunday, November 12
Bake Sale at all Masses

Saturday, November 18 Confirmation Retreat/
Parent and Child from 10am – 12pm

Sunday, November 19th Confirmation Service
Project – Rock-a-thon 6-8pm

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

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool

Last week, we enjoyed a visit from the Weston Fire Department! Firefighters Jon and Dave brought Engine #3 and explained to the children and teachers all about what to do if you see a firefighter in full gear coming to rescue you and to not be afraid of them! Our children were fascinated and were able to have their picture taken in the truck and to see all of the different equipment firefighters use in various situations. Thank you to the Weston Fire Department for visiting!



Our St. Francis Youth Group is busy making scarves that will be included in our Backpack Outreach Program. The packs, filled with toiletries, socks and cold weather gear will be distributed to those in need at Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport. The group also wrote encouraging and prayerful notes to be included in the packs, BUT...We need your help! We are collecting used backpacks/duffle bags for the project. If you have one or more gathering dust, please bring it to the Youth Room!



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



Clothing Drive

October 10 – 30

Coats, warm clothes and shoes for all ages, from baby to adult

Donated to Cornerstone Ministry in Norwalk

Known for their open hearts and open doors, they work 7 days a week
to help 300 families each month and their shelves are bare

Collection boxes are 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 questions, contact Missy latesta at missyj300@gmail.com

****This Sunday, Oct. 22nd, we will take a second
collection for World Mission Sunday (SPOF)**



I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the 200 plus volunteers who worked at our parish carnival on the 7th and 8th, to all those who made any type of donation-big or small which helped us to defer the cost of this event, and to everyone who came out and attended the carnival, especially Saturday, getting soaked and muddy, but still smiling and having a great time.

A special thank you also to William Smith, our wonderful custodian, and to all the carnival committee members for their continued dedication, unending support, and extreme generosity and help with this amazing community event that brings so many people together from not only our parish, but surrounding communities as well. You are all appreciated so much and I never take anything for granted, as I know how much of your time this event takes up and I am so grateful to each and every one of you.

Last, thank you to all those who spoke a kind word to me over the weekend or sent me a note. That means so much to me and nothing made me happier than all of the joy and laughter that I was witness to at our carnival. Thank you, again, to all and we hope to see you on Oct. 5 and 6, 2024!

Warmest regards,

Sandra Jester

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:

Dunnigan, Herman and Palumbo families for hosting last Sunday

Llaza family for hosting this Sunday, October 22

Confirmation families for hosting next Sunday, October 29

Hosts are needed for November 5, 12, & 19

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

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

2023 FALL FEST

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

When: Friday October 27, 2023

Time: 5pm-9pm

Join us as we celebrate Autumn with an Oktoberfest event hosted by the St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus!

The grill will be setup and the Knights will be serving and selling ***Bratwurst*** ***Sauerkraut*** ***Pretzels*** ***Sausage and peppers*** ***Hot dogs*** and ***Hamburgers*** and your favorite ***Beverages***.

**FRIDAY
OCT 27TH**

@5PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT KOFC
AND SFA CHARITIES

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 22 Twenty-Ninth 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
 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

Mon., Oct. 23

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Oct. 24

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Oct. 25

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 11:00 a.m. Preschool Halloween Parade
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Oct. 26

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Oct. 27

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat., Oct. 28

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

Sunday, Oct. 29 Thirtieth 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
 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

Mon., Oct. 30

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Oct. 31

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Nov. 1 All Saints Day-Parish Office Closed

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

Thurs., Nov. 2 All Souls Day

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Nov. 3

7:30 a.m. First Friday Mass

Sat., Nov. 4

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

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