

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 29, 2023



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

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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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.*



## All Saints Day



## All Souls Day



Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting on Wednesday this week, we are entering into the month of November and on the first two days of November each year, the Church commemorates two feast days: All Saints (Nov. 1, a holy day of obligation) and All Souls (Nov. 2).

On All Saints we remember all those who lived heroic holiness and are in heaven (whether the Church has canonized them or not). On All Souls we pray for all those who have died, manifesting the communion of the Church on earth with the Church suffering in purgatory, and the Church triumphant in heaven. The Catholic tradition of praying for the dead is the first and foremost a sign of our hope in the resurrection and, secondarily, a reminder of the saving grace of purgatory, the opportunity after death to be purified of all our faults and weaknesses not worthy of eternal damnation.

There is a “Roll of Remembrance” paper available in the sanctuary for you to write down the names of your deceased loved ones, friends or someone you knew who died recently. Note that we automatically include the names of those from our parish who have died this past year. In addition, we have envelopes in the back of the church for you to write down names of those who have died that you want to pray for them. Please fill out their names and place the envelope in the Offertory basket or bring it to the parish office. These envelopes then will be placed on the altar so that we remember them at Masses during the month of November.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen



## The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

5:00 p.m. **Scott O'Hara (D)** by the O'Hara Family  
*Sunday, Oct. 29th-The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. **Michelangelo & Rosina Falbo (D)** by Anthony Falbo  
 9:30 a.m. **George D. Carter (D)**  
 11:00 a.m. **James & Shirley Petrino (L)** 57th Wedding Aniv.  
 5:00 p.m. **Robert Feito (D)** by Phil and Beth Corsentino  
*Monday, Oct. 30th-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**  
*Tuesday, Oct. 31st-Weekday-*

7:30 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Gina Fleming and Cheryl Bryant  
*Wednesday, Nov. 1st-All Saints Day-*

7:30 a.m. **Dana Leech (L)**  
 12:00 p.m. **George Nagel (D)** by Joanne and Adam Daversa  
 7:00 p.m. **John Robert Kaddis (D)** by the Kaddis Family  
*Thursday, Nov. 2nd-The Commemoration of all the Faithful  
 Departed-All Souls Day*

7:30 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Karwowski Family**  
*Friday, Nov. 3rd-Saint Martin de Porres, Religious*

7:30 a.m. **Robert Dziekonski (D)** by the Baines Family  
*Sat., Nov. 4th-Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

9:00 a.m. **Thomas Pettit (D)** by his Wife

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Offertory: October 22, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory**      **\$2,239.00**  
**Online Giving:**      **\$3,041.00**  
**\$5,280.00**

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

\*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 :  
 Charles Bartholomae

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

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

#### **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish**

#### **2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/20/2023**

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| ABA Goal:       | \$91,200.00       |
| Total Pledged:  | 103,802.00 (114%) |
| Donors to Date: | 124 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](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



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

#### **Eucharistic Miracle-Ludberg, Croatia-1411**

A doubting priest consecrated the wine and it turned into blood. Today, this precious relic still draws thousands of the faithful and has resulted in many cures.

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

## Faith Formation News



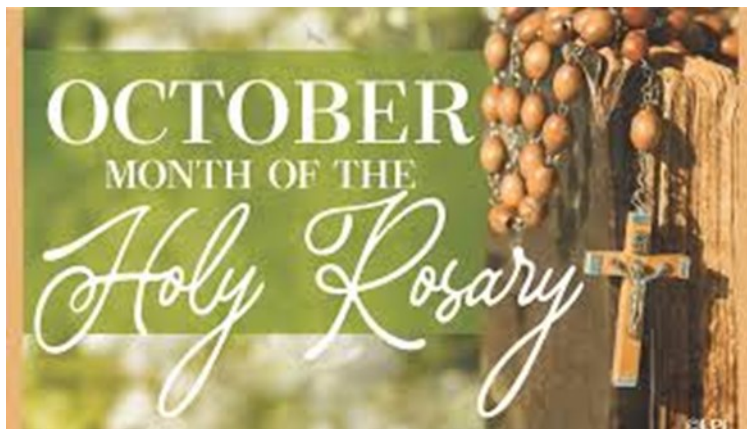
Faith Formation Office hours  
Monday-Thursday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm



On Sunday, October 29, the Confirmation Candidates made their official commitment to enter the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Prior to the Rite of Enrollment, the candidates were all asked to think seriously and prayerfully about what will be required of them during this time of preparation. They all agreed and signed a commitment promising to follow through with all the requirements of Confirmation and to continue to grow closer to Jesus and His Catholic Church.

Please join me in praying for these young men and women as they continue with their Faith Formation until they receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in spring of 2024.



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, November 5<sup>th</sup> Rite of Enrollment @ the 9:30am Mass for our First Communion Candidates ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND.**

**Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12 – We will have our Bake Sale after every Mass. If you can, please support our Faith Formation Program!**

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> MANDATORY Confirmation Retreat –10:00am -12:00pm. If your child does not attend, he or she will have to go to another retreat within the Diocese.**

**ROCK-A-THON SERVICE PROJECT BY THE CONFIRMATION CLASS – Please support our mission (more to follow).**

**\*\*\*Please Note: One cannot be Confirmed without attending a Retreat \*\***

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)



## Preschool News/Youth Ministry News

Dear Preschool Families,

Due to the recent State of CT ruling that makes the cut off date for Kindergarten September 1st rather than Dec 31st, we have delayed our in house November registration until January.



Sharing is caring in Ms. Sara's Twos



Ms. Bonnie and Ms. Francesca's Threes ready for the Halloween Parade.

Our St. Francis Youth Group joined with teens from the Assumption and St. Luke's Youth groups for a fun and spooky field trip to Lake Compounce for the Fall Phantom Fest! Boo! If you want your teen involved for faith building, service and the occasional outing, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at [youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto: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](mailto:missyj300@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:missyj300@gmail.com)

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:

Llaza family for hosting last Sunday, October 22

Confirmation families for hosting this Sunday, October 29

First Communion families for hosting next Sunday, November 5

Hosts are needed for November 12, 19 & 26, December 3 & 10

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or [candrpalumbo@gmail.com](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com)

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

**Create your own  
Thanksgiving centerpiece**

**Monday Nov 20**

**7:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall**



Example only

We will provide instructions and  
everything needed. Please bring  
your own scissors. Bring accents if  
you want (egg gourds or pumpkins)

**COST:**

\$25 for non-members of the Women's Guild

\$20 for members

Seating is limited... RSVP by Nov 17  
to Chris Purdy at [purdymc@optonline.net](mailto:purdymc@optonline.net)

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild



ALL  
SAINTS

**November 1, 2023**

**All Saints Day-Holy Day  
of Obligation**

**MASS TIMES**

**7:30 A.M.**

**12:00 P.M.**

**7:00 P.M.**

*\*All Parish Offices will be closed. Main office reopens  
on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m.*



## Parish Calendar

### 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

### Sunday, Nov. 5 Thirty-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  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

### Mon., Nov. 6

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

### Tues., Nov. 7

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

### Weds. Nov. 8

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

### Thurs., Nov. 9

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

### Fri., Nov. 10 Veteran's Day-Observed

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

### Sat. Nov. 11

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

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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)

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Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)

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### Community Outreach

Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)

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