

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

January 7, 2024



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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.

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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 sisters and brothers in the Lord,

This weekend we are celebrating the solemnity of Epiphany, and in a most special way the day of the three kings who brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense.

Epiphany celebrates the many ways through which Jesus has revealed himself to us and our world. These include the three events that bring to light his mission and divinity: the visitation of the three kings or Magi (Mt 2, 10-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mk 1, 9-11), and the miracle at Cana (Jn 2, 1-11).

So, today God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life from which we ourselves must get our own light and reflect it unto others. Today, Christ further demonstrates the extent of his love by allowing himself to illumine the darkness of our lives.

The lesson in all of these is that we must also make our lives better and allow the goodness that flows from us to help and illuminate the ways and lives of others. We must shine our light so that others can see with it, as Christ illuminated our way and life this New Year with his own light, life, divine presences and counsel.

One lesson we can learn from the three wise magi is that we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty handed. So, we must ask ourselves today, what will I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace, and the gift of sacrifice. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings were to Jesus.

Another lesson that we must learn from the wise kings is that, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the many Herod's of this world.

Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. Any time we are confused, or come to the cross road of life, we must seek and wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must follow.

Today, we must ask God as the church prays: Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, and welcome him with love, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen!

Peace and Happiness to you and your families,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen

The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Robert Iatesta, Sr. (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette

Sunday, Jan. 7th-The Epiphany of the Lord-

8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by the Fleming, Manion, Marfia, and Mattera Families

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

11:00 a.m. **Peggy Shaeffer (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

Monday, Jan. 8th-The Baptism of the Lord-

7:30 a.m. **Janet Church (L) Bday**

Tuesday, Jan. 9th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Faith Ohms (D)** by Sandra Jester

Wednesday, Jan. 10th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by the Franco Family

Thursday, Jan. 11th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Clif Woodmansee (D)** by Will and Judy Oakes

Friday, Jan. 12th-Weekday-St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (OBL)

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

Sat., Jan. 13th-Weekday- St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. **Margaret Creagh (D)** by the Jung Family

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: Dec. 31, 2023

Sunday Offertory \$3,668.00

Online Giving: \$3,761.00
\$7,429.00

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



**Wednesdays
12 Noon-3p.m
Main Church**

**Eucharistic Miracle-Paris, France-
1290**

A non-believer who harbored animosity toward the church gained access to a consecrated host. He burned it, but it miraculously came out of the fire. He then placed it in boiling water, but it rose out of the water. He ultimately gave the host to a neighbor, who then brought it to her pastor.

To read the full story, go to :
miracolieucaristici.org



We welcome to God's Family all those recently baptized:

Rose Marianela Cordero Archer Wyatt Andersen

Hank Jon O'Sullivan Grace Mei Zielinski

Paige Helen Sherriff Brayden Parker Cavaliere

Francis James Dimaria IV William Robert Distasio

John Michael Lamorte Bonnie Morena Boto

If you would like to purchase a remembrance candle for your loved one, please call the Parish Office at 203 227 2341 and speak to Tricia.

Two candles are available:

The Sanctuary Candle and the Adoration Candle

The cost is \$15 per candle.



Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living....

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 11:00 am -6:00 pm



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CHRIST!

Sunday and Monday January 14 and 15 – No Faith Formation Classes - MLK -Classes resume January 16

Thursday, January 18 – Confirmands and Parents meet with Bishop Caggiano at 6:45pm Assumption Church in Westport

Sunday, January 21 – Atrium Family Mass



The students began the second half of the year meditating on the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. They learned that Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem after 40 days to offer a sacrifice for Him since He was their firstborn son. They learned that Simeon told Mary, our Blessed Mother, that she too would be sharing closely in Jesus' redemptive mission by suffering at the foot of the Cross with her Son, Jesus Christ.

God's blessings and peace

Gina Fleming and

Teresa Karwowski

Preschool/Youth Ministry News

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool registration has opened to the general public.

In-house registration began in November. If you are a returning family and you have made your decision for your child's enrollment, please contact the office with your Registration and deposit to ensure your child has the spot you wish to have for 2024/25 school year. Due to the change in the Kindergarten eligibility age, we have had to leave room for returning students, so classes are filling quickly. Call the office at **203 454 8646** or email **mkeith@sfapreschool.com** for more information.



Our St. Francis Youth Group welcomed our friends from Assumption Westport for a special Christmas viewing of "The Shepherd" with Deacon Steve. The group then enjoyed a gift swap and fun! Please consider having your 6th-12th grader join us after the holiday break for plenty of service opportunities here in the parish and out in the community.

Contact Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



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
Pioli family for hosting this Sunday, January 7
Dunnigan, Herman & Palumbo families for hosting next Sunday, January 14

Hosts needed for January 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18, 25

For information or to volunteer, please contact:
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED



Women's Guild

Dinner Out

Thursday Jan 18, 6:00 pm

at Lombardi's Trattoria in Georgetown
22 Main Street

Cost \$35

Includessalad, dinner, dessert, coffee, tax, tip | Cash bar
Seating is limited, so please reserve now

RSVP and pre-pay by Sun Jan 14

RSVP to Kristin Kreuder at kristinkreuderoverton@gmail.com

Make check payable to: Saint Francis of Assisi

In the memo, please write: Women's Guild Jan dinner

Drop off or mail to: St Francis of Assisi, 35 Norfield Rd, Weston 06883

On the envelope, please write: Women's Guild

If you want to carpool, meet at SFA parking lot at 5:40 pm

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED

Breakfast Social

Tuesday January 23 at 10:00 am
in the Parish Hall, no charge

Invite a friend... invite a few friends

To help us plan, RSVP by Jan 21 to
Carol Palumbo: candrpalumbo@gmail.com

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild



Family Potluck Supper

Saturday, Jan 13, 6:00 to 9:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

No charge

Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share
(appetizer for 10-15 or entrée for 8-10)

BYOB

Coffee/Tea/Water and Dessert provided

Reservations taken after Masses starting Dec 30

For information or to help, please contact
Carol Palumbo, candrpalumbo@gmail.com 203-227-3271 or
Gina Fleming, gflaming@stfrancisweston.org 203-227-8353

EVERYONE IS INVITED



Pasta Dinner

Saturday February 3
6:00pm – 9:00pm, Parish Hall

Proceeds fund the Women's Guild Scholarship
given to a deserving high school senior in our parish

Dinner includes regular or gluten free pasta, choice of sauces,
green salad, garlic bread, desserts, water and BYOB

Adults \$15, Children 10 and under \$10
Families (2 adults + 3 or more children) \$50

RSVP by January 31 to:

Kathleen O'Sullivan, kaosullivan721@gmail.com or 203-984-8838

Tickets sold after Masses or by check payable to:
St Francis of Assisi, in the memo write WG Pasta Supper
Drop check in collection basket or mail to Parish Office

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, Jan 7

8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Social
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass

Mon., Jan. 8

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Tues., Jan. 9

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Weds. Jan. 10

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

Thurs., Jan. 11

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Fri., Jan. 12

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Sat., Jan. 13

9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.	International Potluck Dinner

Sunday, Jan. 14

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
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass

Mon., Jan. 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parish Office Closed

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Tues., Jan. 16

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Weds., Jan. 17

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

Thurs., Jan. 18

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
6:00 p.m.	Women's Guild Dinner Out

Fri., Jan. 19

7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
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Sat., Jan. 20

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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Worship Ministries

Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)
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