

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 4, 2024



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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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Facebook: Saint Francis of Assisi - The Catholic Community in Weston

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend begins the Bishop's Appeal. Last year, we increased the number of families who donated and we are so grateful to every one of you. This parish is our spiritual home and we are also part of a larger spiritual community, helping each other where there are needs. Just as the ancient Christians did.

The Bishop talked about how the Bishop's Appeal builds us up as a community. It provides for the needs of the poor and sick, helps educate our young people, cares for our retired priests and more. You will receive a letter from the Bishop asking you to participate in the Appeal. Please read it with a loving heart to help support our Catholic community and those it serves.

Our readings this week show us the way to serve God through others. In Psalm 147, we hear that the Lord gathers the outcasts, heals the brokenhearted, and binds their wounds. It is in doing for others that we, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, give a share in in the gospel.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus cured many, worked long days and spread the word of God. "For this purpose I have come." When Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, she became a model of service to others. As St. Francis told us, "Preach the Gospel always, when necessary, use words."

The Bishop's Appeal gives us the opportunity to reach huge numbers of people, more than any one parish could do, and preach the Gospel through our actions.

Thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you a blessed week,
Rev. Augustine Nguyen



Anointing of the Sick & World Day of the Sick Saturday, February 10 & 11

On February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. "Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying." (Loyola Press). In observance of this feast day, a Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, February 10th. We encourage you to invite any parishioner who may be ill, their caregivers, family, and friends to celebrate with us. Father Augustine will offer opportunity to those who would like to receive the anointing of the sick following all the Masses on Sunday (Feb. 11th). No need to reserve or call in advance.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Carol Rickenback (D)** by Don Rickenback

Sunday, Feb. 4th-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by the Crocitto Family

9:30 a.m. **Brian Davis (D)** by the Papen Family

11:00 a.m. **Gary Dewitt (D)** by Chris and Laurie Eidt

5:00 p.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Gloria Doino

Monday, Feb. 5th-St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 a.m. **Lillian Rivera (D)** by the Boers Family

Tuesday, Feb. 6th-St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 a.m. **James J. Connolly (D)** by Aline Weiller

Wednesday, Feb. 7th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Dominic Del Corso (L)**

Thursday, Feb. 8th-St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

7:30 a.m. **Joseph Krstulich (D)** by Cameron and Aline Weiler

Friday, Feb. 9th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Conor Poholek (D)**

Sat., Feb. 10th-Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 a.m. **Rebecca Saluk (D)** by Tom and Kathy Failla

STEWARDSHIP

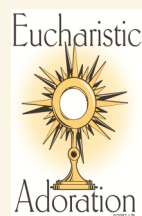
Weekly Offertory: Jan. 28, 2024

Sunday Offertory \$2,733.00

Online Giving: \$4,113.00
\$6,846.00

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-Kranenburg, Germany-1280

Known as the "Miracle of the Miraculous Crucifix", a sacred host was thrown by a tree by a shepherd who was not able to swallow it because of illness. Later the tree was cut in half and a perfectly formed crucifix fell to the ground. A church was built on the site and can still be visited today.

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

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.



**Feb. 14, 2024
Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living....

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

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



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Wednesday, February 7 – Catechists meeting @ 7:00pm

Sunday, February 11 – **NO Sunday EVENING classes** – Superbowl

Morning Classes in Session

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins



The Confirmands reviewed the Ten Commandments and the importance of following God's precepts. In the New Testament, Jesus confirmed their validity and summarized them into two Great Commandments, which teach to love God above all and to love one's neighbor as oneself. The first three commandments require us to revere and respect God's name, observe the Lord's Day, and prohibits the worship of other gods. The next seven deal with the relationship between people.

Our Program is rich in Scripture and Tradition, but for all of this to take root in the student's hearts it is vital for them to attend weekly Mass.

*Love and peace,
Gina Fleming and
Teresa Karwowski*

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.

- ♦ *We had a busy week at SFA Preschool! Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, we gathered in the Parish Hall for a fun Trivia Night to raise funds for a playground "makeover". We had great food, games, and a rousing trivia game, with emcee Ty Kepner and Three's Head Teacher, Jen Kepner. (Pics on Events Page).*
- ♦ *On Wednesday, Jan. 31st, we had our monthly "All School Read", presented by our Four's Teachers Ms. Claudia and Ms. Lynne.*



- ♦ *Mrs. Weinbrum and Ms. Amanda's Twos had some outdoor adventures and fun with friends!*



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 last Sunday, January 28
 Staehely family for hosting this Sunday, February 4
 Boto family for hosting next Sunday, February 11

Hosts needed for February 18, 25 and March 3, & 17

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

Thank you to our 2023 sponsors



SFA Preschool Trivia Night was a fun evening of laughter, games and friendly competition! Thank you to our Parent Committee, the staff of SFA Preschool and all our volunteers who made this event possible!



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, WESTPORT

Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm
March 6 – May 1

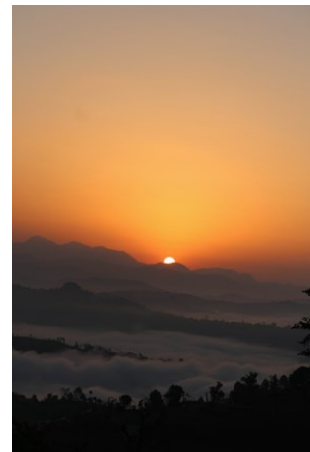
Your loss may be recent or long ago.
 We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Church of the Assumption is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program.

Please contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 to register.



**We will also have
 afternoon
 programs in:**

Brookfield

Darien

Greenwich

Stamford

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 4	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
5:00 p.m.	Youth Mass
Mon., Feb. 5	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Feb. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Feb. 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Feb. 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Feb. 10	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Feb. 11	Sixth 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., Feb. 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
Thurs., Feb. 15	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Feb. 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Feb. 17	
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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