

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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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.

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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 Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he left behind his old life and began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (one-hundred percent, he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the Son, who was also fully human, now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new purpose for our faith with a calling to do the Father's will in a wonderful new work of God's kingdom, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we know that our faith is strong enough for our daily needs? How would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference working for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that new growth isn't worth the aftermath. If we're going to be tested, and if we fear that we might lose our battle against evil, wouldn't it be better not to grow, not to partner with Christ in serving God's kingdom, not to aim for spiritual highs?

Well, there's another temptation!

Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to purify your life, become more like Jesus, and grow powerful in the faith.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How well do you recognize temptation? How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks? What temptation are you saying yes to right now? Are you willing to give it up as your Lenten sacrifice?

Wishing you a blessed week,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

The First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

- 5:00 p.m. **Al Palumbo (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette
Sunday, Feb. 18th-The First Sunday of Lent
 8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by Stephen and Mary Odierna
 9:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette
 11:00 a.m. **Carmelina Falbo (D)** by Anthony Falbo
 5:00 p.m. **William Smith (D)** by the McCarthy Family
Monday, Feb. 19th-Lenten Weekday-President's Day
 7:30 a.m. **Ellen Hagan (D)** by the Papen Family
Tuesday, Feb. 20th-Lenten Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Sidera Family (D)** by Fr. Joe Sidera
Wednesday, Feb. 21st-Lenten Weekday-St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 a.m. **John Menz (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
 12:00 p.m. **Marilyn Kirchner (H)** by Sharon Bell
Thursday, Feb. 22nd-The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 7:30 a.m. **Luigi Toffolo (D)** by Marissa Woodworth
Friday, Feb. 23rd-Lenten Weekday-St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Andrew Foertsch (L) Bday**
Sat., Feb. 24th-Lenten Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Kerri Reeves (D)** by Drew and Angela Zielinski

STEWARDSHIP


Weekly Offertory: Feb 11, 2024

Sunday Offertory **\$2,368.00**
Online Giving: **\$2,438.00**
 \$5,076.00

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-
Adoration-Main Church**

 Beginning Ash Weds., Mass at 12 p.m., followed by 2.5 hours of Adoration. All are welcome. As part of Adoration during Lent, The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung each Wednesday for 15 minutes prior to the Benediction. After Lent, The Chaplet will be sung on the first Wednesday of the month at the same time. Contact Anita Field at 203-938-0874 or redingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Walldurn, Germany-1330

During the Mass, a priest overturned sacred wine onto the corporal below. It then transformed into blood and formed an image of the Crucified Christ on the corporal. The relic of the corporal with the blood is preserved today in the Basilica of Wulldurn.

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Join us this Lent

FISH FRY FRIDAY



Adult: \$20
Child: \$15
Under 5: Free

BYOB

Menu

FRIED FISH
..... FRIED SHRIMP
CHICKEN FINGERS ...

[includes 12oz drink, coleslaw, french fries, coffee & tea]

Adult & Child Portions

Friday, MARCH 1

Open: 5 pm
 Kitchen Close: 8 pm
 Event Ends: 9 pm
 Walk-ins if space available





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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 203-227-1341 OR OFFICE@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

There will be no Coffee Social this Sunday, February 18

Thank you to the
 Boto family for hosting last Sunday, February 11
 Knights of Columbus for hosting next Sunday, February 25

Hosts needed for March 3, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

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



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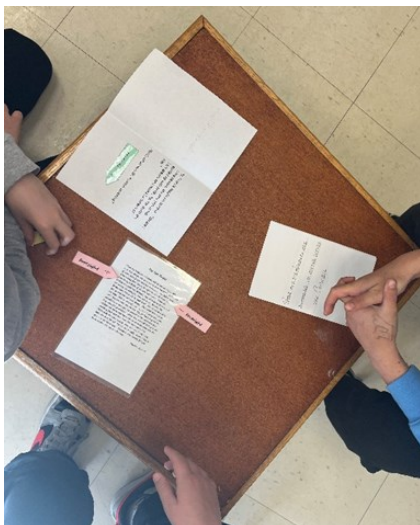
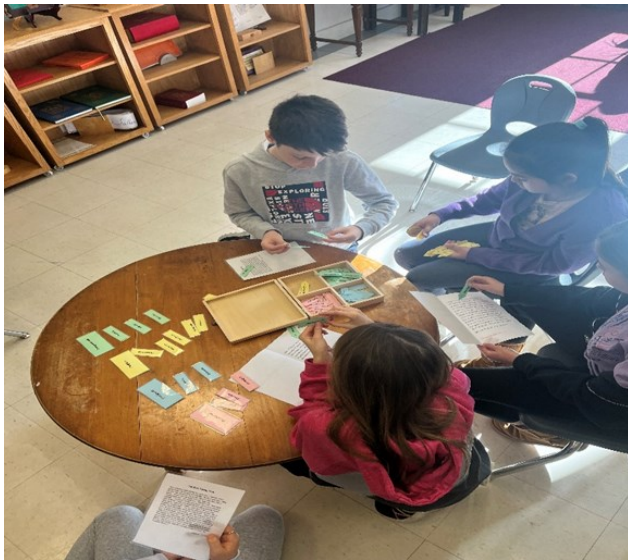
CHRIST!

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

No classes Sunday, February 18 – Monday, February 26. Classes resume Tuesday, February 27

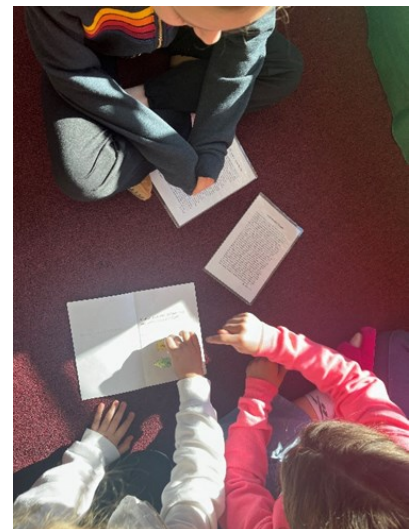
Confirmation Service – Thursday, February 29 6-7:15 (Diapers/milk bottles/ etc.)

Saturday, March 2 – First Communion Parent Retreat – MANDATORY – 9:30AM
12:30PM



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

*Love 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.



Cookie decorating for First Responders



Fours getting fresh air



Our St. Francis Youth Group spent a fun evening at our rescheduled Friendsgiving. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner, games and fellowship! We are building a community of young, caring teens who love to serve.

If you would like your 6th-12th grader to join for fun, fellowship and faith-building, please email Michele Harding at :

youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

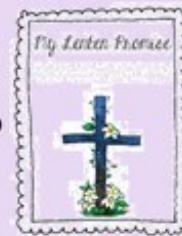
Every week during Lent

Make a Lenten Commitment: Corporal Works of Mercy

simple ideas on doing good for others ... see flyer or website for list of what you can do

Mass at noon, every Wednesday, followed by Adoration 12:30-3pm

Stations of the Cross, every Friday 7pm (except March 22, at 6:30pm)



Birthright Drive

Feb 18-Mar 18

collecting diapers and supplies for new moms
See email for more info



Spiritual Autobiography, every Tuesday starting Feb 20 for 8 wks, 7pm-8:30pm

individuals are led through exercises to discover the autobiography of their faith, led by Fr Joe
See email for more information



Journey around the world and deep into Catholicism with Bishop Barron

Sat Feb 24: The Life of His Love: Prayer & the Life of the Spirit

Sat Mar 9: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: Mystery of the Liturgy & Eucharist

Both following the Saturday 9am Mass, Parish Hall, breakfast is included

Filmed in 50 locations of sacred lands discovering the truth and richness of our faith



Healing service, Adoration, Reconciliation Sun Feb 25, 12:15 with Fr. Sean



Fish Fry Fri Mar 1, 5pm

Please sign up now!
See email for more info



St Patrick's dinner Sat Mar 16, 6:30pm

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Lenten Parish Mission: Last Words of Jesus

Wed Mar 20-Thu Mar 21, 6:30pm

Presented by Fr. Nielsen, includes Adoration and Reconciliation, in the Church



CantiamoCHOIR concert

Fri Mar 22, 7pm, Parish Hall
with Lenten reflections



Easter Egg Hunt

Sun Mar 24
after 9:30 Mass, outside



Diocesan Reconciliation, Mon Mar 25, 3pm-9pm, at Our Lady of Fatima



Mary's Way of the Cross

Good Fri, Mar 29, 7pm, Church



Blessing of Easter Food

Sat Mar 30, 12 noon, Church

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 18	First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
10:15 a.m.	NO COFFEE SOCIAL
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., Feb. 19	President's Day-Offices Closed
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Biography
Weds. Feb. 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass/Adoration
Thurs., Feb. 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Feb. 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Feb. 24	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Feb. 25	Second Sunday of Lent
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
12:15 p.m.	Healing Service
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., Feb. 26	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 27	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Biography
Weds. Feb. 28	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Daily Mass
	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Feb. 29	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Mar. 1	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry
Sat., Mar. 2	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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