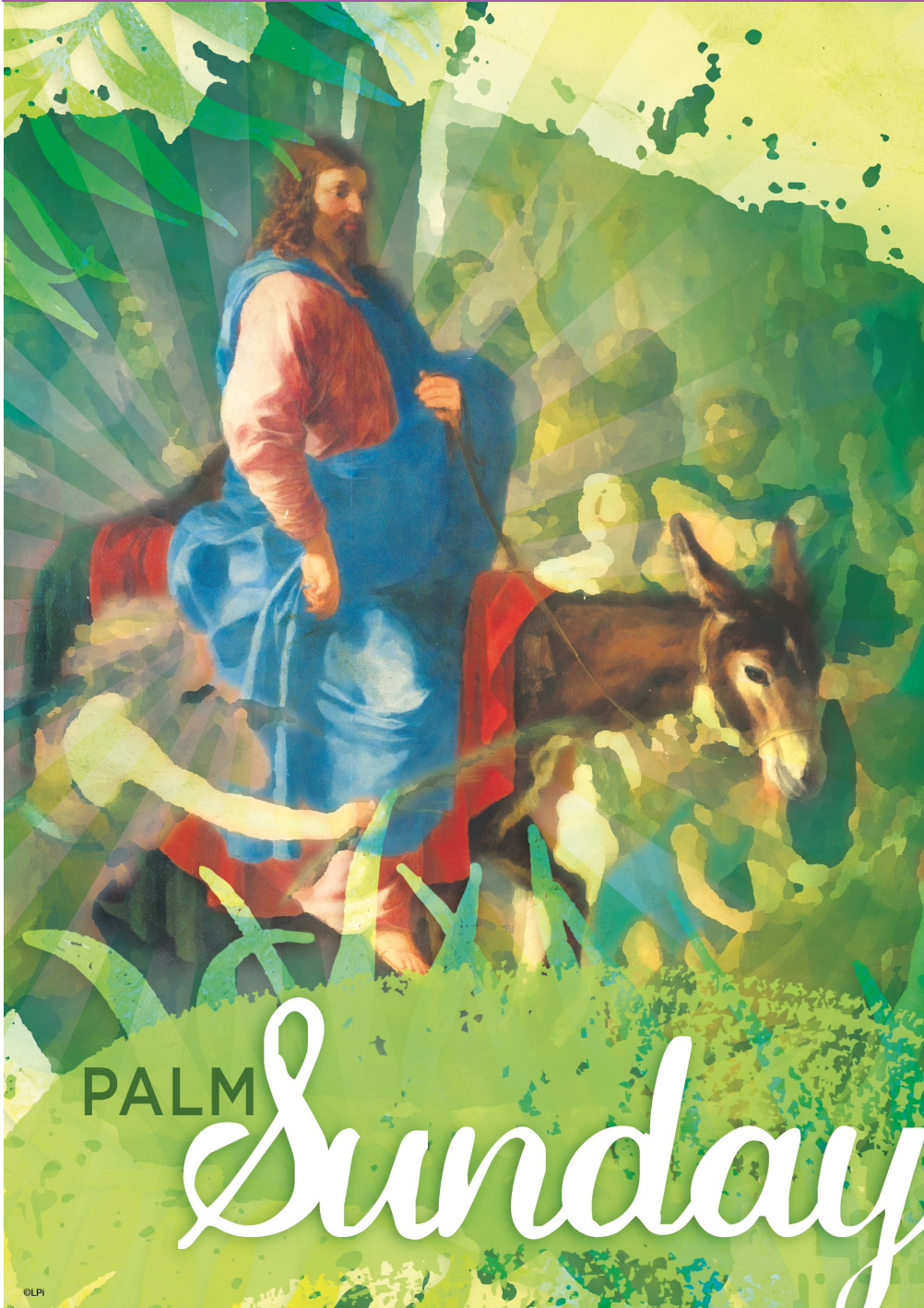


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 24, 2024



**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.*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The Holy Week is here! The most important week of the year. And so I present you with a very simple question: how do you intend to spend this week?

We cannot go about the activities of the next seven days as if it were just another week. The events of Holy Week transformed human history, and it should transform our lives as well. Today we begin with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. May I suggest that you take the Passion Narrative that you will hear at Mass today and carry it with you in your heart all week. This is such a rich text filled with so much salvific drama.

Depending on where we are in the spiritual life, each verse of today's Gospel may speak to us or tug at us in a different way. As I glanced over the Gospel earlier this week as I wrote this column, there were two verses that jumped out at me immediately. The first was Peter's stating, "I do not know the man (Matthew 26:72)," as he denied Jesus. The second is "Truly, this was the Son of God (Matthew 27:54)!" The first line was uttered by one of Jesus' closest friends. The second line, a line of faith, was uttered by a stranger and pagan. In our relationship with Jesus, how often do we walk the fine line between friend and stranger?

This Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper where we will have the traditional Washing of the Feet and Eucharistic Procession to the Altar of Repose which will take place in the parish hall. On this day, we commemorate the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. Two central realities of our faith that make us uniquely Catholic. The altar of repose will be open until Midnight.

On Good Friday, we observe a day of fasting as we focus on the death of our Lord. The cross is presented to us as a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death. We will be invited during the liturgy to come forward to venerate the cross and stare at Christ's broken body. Broken for our offenses. Broken so that we may live! After the last liturgy of the day, we will have a Mary's Way of the Cross at 7pm in the church--A truly somber and moving experience where we invite everyone to join us.

Holy Saturday marks a day of silence as we stare upon the reality of the tomb and anticipate what is to come that evening at the Great Easter Vigil at 8pm. I say it every year: if you have never been to an Easter Vigil, join us as we celebrate the most beautiful liturgy of the year. We live for this night! We begin in darkness and slowly build towards the celebration of Christ's resurrection! There is nothing like hearing the Gloria sung during the Easter Vigil. It is the night of all nights. And if I may tempt you to come in a very practical way: if you wish to avoid the big crowds of Easter Sunday, come to the Easter Vigil.

Yes, this is a week like no other. Let us treat it as such. The detailed schedule for Holy Week is printed in this bulletin. Join us for the Holy Triduum. May we walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary and wake up on Easter morning renewed by the Risen Christ!

God Bless you All,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Frank Fusillo (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Sunday, Mar. 24th-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family
 9:30 a.m. **John Mumbach (D)** by Carolyn Driscoll
 11:00 a.m. **John Bush (H)** by Jackie Tannenbaum
 5:00 p.m. **Robert R. Fitzroy (D)**
Monday, Mar. 25th-Monday of Holy Week
 7:30 a.m. **Ken McConnell (H)** by Richard Kramer
Tuesday, Mar. 26th-Tuesday of Holy Week
 7:30 a.m. **Theresa Albanese Fusillo (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Wednesday, Mar. 27th-Wednesday of Holy Week-
 7:30 a.m. **Peter Anthony (L)**
Thursday, Mar. 28th-Holy Thursday-
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer-No Mass
 7:00 p.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by Stephen and Mary Odierna
Friday, Mar. 29th-Good Friday-
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer-No Mass
 3:00 p.m. Passion Service
 7:00 p.m. Marian Stations of the Cross
Sat., Mar. 30th-Holy Saturday
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer-No Mass
 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
 8:00 p.m. **Kieran Wrynn (D)**

The Sanctuary Lamp is in Honor of :
Brooke (L) by the Barna Family

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. **Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated on April 7th. At the request of our Lord, in preparation for that day, **The Divine Mercy Novena** will be incorporated in all Masses, beginning on Good Friday and ending April 6th. Contact Anita Field: 203-938-0874 or reddinglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Assisi, Italy-1240

St. Clare of Assisi turned back an invading army of Saracen soldiers who invaded their convent cloister by showing the Sacred Host. They departed immediately.

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 3/16-3/17.....\$7,327.00
 Weekly Budget Goal.....\$6,500.00
 Total Difference..... \$827.00

From the Finance Committee

Fr. Augustine and The Finance Committee are so grateful for your generous financial support.

"Remember, God will not be outdone in generosity!"

Consider a financial gift to the parish.

The Parish relies entirely on good-will donations to cover its operating expenses.

A One-Time gift gives the parish a financial boost to meet our current income gap.



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/15/2024

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$63,790 (70%)
Donors to Date:	44 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



We welcome to God's Family:

Gabriel Manuel Paradis

Parents are Roberto and Melanie Paradis

We welcome our new parishioners:

Daniel, Katherine, Jack and Nula Kinney

Cheryl Allen

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, March 24 – No Classes – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 through Sunday, March 31 – No Classes – Holy Week and Easter

Classes resume March, April 1



So they took
branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him,
shouting, "Hosanna!
Blessed is the one
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!"

John 12.13



*Wishing everyone a Blessed Palm Sunday
Gina Fleming and
Teresa Karwowski*



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.

Preschool /Youth Ministry News

If you would like a tour of SFA Preschool, please contact our Director, Marianne Keith at mkeith@sfapreschool.com or call 203 454 8646



This week we kicked off Book Week! Our students, teachers, staff and their families kept a log of what books and how many they read and every morning, we had an awesome story time, complete with costumes, songs and laughter all around!



SFA Youth Group

Our SFA teens recently joined teens from Assumption at St. Aloysius for a special teen Adoration. If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, fellowship and service, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

Monday-Wednesday

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 every Wednesday at 12 noon (in addition to 7:30 Mass every day),

Adoration (12:30-3)

Divine Mercy Chaplet (2:45-3)

(No Stations of the Cross on Good Friday)



Easter Egg Hunt, Sun Mar 24 after 9:30 Mass

Behind the Church in the preschool area with an appearance by the Easter Bunny
Refreshments will be served



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



Mary's Way of the Cross

Good Fri, Mar 29, 7pm, Church

See Jesus' walk to Calvary through Mary's eyes

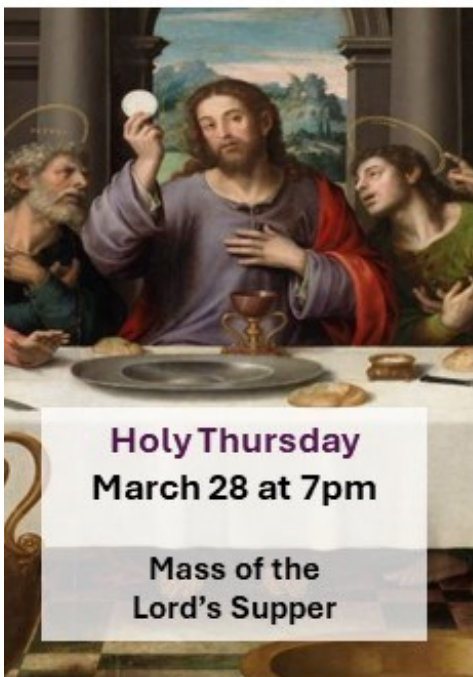


Blessing of Easter Food

Sat Mar 30, 12 noon,
In the Church

TRIDUUM THROUGH EASTER

Morning Prayer: Thu/Fri/Sat Mar 28-30, at 8am in the Church



Holy Thursday
March 28 at 7pm

Mass of the
Lord's Supper



Good Friday
March 29 at 3pm

The Lord's Passion



Easter

Vigil, Sat March 30, 8pm
Easter Sunday March 31
8am, 9:30am, 11am

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Mar. 24

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 25

7:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 26

7:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Weds. Mar. 27

7:30 a.m.

Thurs., Mar 28

8:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 29

8:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 30

8:00 a.m.

8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 31

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Mon., Apr. 1

7:30 a.m.

Tues., Apr. 2

7:30 a.m.

Wed., Apr. 3

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Thurs., Apr. 4

7:30 a.m.

Fri., Apr. 5

7:30 a.m.

Sat., Apr. 6

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday Mass

Sunday Family Mass

Sunday Mass

Youth Mass

Daily Mass

Diocesan Reconciliation-OLF Wilton

Daily Mass

Spiritual Autobiography w/Fr. Joe

Daily Mass

Holy Thursday-Office Closed

Morning Prayer

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday-Offices Closed

Morning Prayer

Passion Service

Marian Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday Mass

Sunday Mass

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday Mass

Easter Monday-Office Closed

Daily Mass

Daily Mass

Daily Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Daily Mass

Daily Mass

Daily Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday Vigil Mass

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

Thanks to the
Corbo family for hosting last Sunday, March 17

There will be no Coffee Social
Palm Sunday, March 24
Easter Sunday, March 31

Hosts are needed for May 12, 19, 26

For information or to volunteer, please contact:
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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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