

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 31, 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.*

**Rectory:** 203-227-1341  
office@stfrancisweston.org

**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.

LET US  
*rejoice*  
AND BE  
*glad.*  
PSALM 118

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Our Mission Statement: *In the spirit of Saint Francis, to know Jesus and make Him known.*



***Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!***

Today we celebrate the triumph of God's love over sin and death. It is a joyous occasion, because we not only celebrate what it meant for Jesus on that first Easter—over two thousand years ago—we also celebrate what it means for us today. All of us who are baptized are baptized into the death of Christ to sin and all the dark powers of the world. However, and more importantly, when we are baptized, the Holy Spirit is poured out on us, enabling us

to participate in resurrected life even here and now on this side of the grave. That means that whenever we are confronted with suffering, loss, illness, sadness, dying, sin, addiction—whatever our particular Cross is—we can be confident that the all-powerful God who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us along with Him. It is a present reality, and we need to live into it. We are a Jesus people and “Alleluia” is our song!

I want to enthusiastically thank every single person who was in any way involved in Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter. We celebrated glorious liturgies and participated well in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. None of this could be possible without an immense amount of work from many different people. I refrain from naming any, for fear that I will forget someone. But please know that if you were involved in any way with what we celebrated, whether you physically present at the liturgy or not, the entire Parish is grateful beyond words. Because of the loving labor of many, we all were able to participate richly. Thank you and may you enjoy the blessings of the Risen Lord.

Have a blessed and grace-filled Easter Season,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

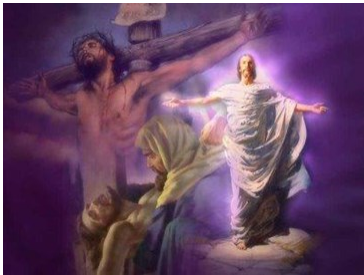
# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 p.m. **Kieran Wrynn (D)**  
**Sunday, Mar. 31st-Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by Stephen and Mary Odierna  
 9:30 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family  
 11:00 a.m. **John Bush (H)** by Barbara Melycher  
**Monday, April 1st-Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. **Peter Anthony (L)**  
**Tuesday, April 2nd-Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. **Joan Indellicati (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
**Wednesday, April 3rd-Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. **Peter Anthony (L)**  
**Thursday, April 4th-Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. **Camille Desantis (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
**First Friday, April 5th-Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. **Peter Anthony (L)**  
**Sat., April 6th-Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
 9:00 a.m. **Nicholas Desantis (D)** by Patrick Guerin

*The Sanctuary Lamp is in Honor of:*  
**Dr. Thomas Hicks (D)**

**\*Weds., Adoration - Main Church 12:00 pm\***  
 All are welcome.



*The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy* will be sung on the first Wednesday of the month.

**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 reddingglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Asti, Italy-1535

Real blood gushed forth from a consecrated host and numerous documents confirm what happened at the Church of San Secondo.

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

## Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 3/23-3/24.....\$7,546.00  
 Weekly Budget Goal.....\$6,500.00  
 Total Difference..... \$1,046.00

## 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 3/22/2024

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$67,950 (75%)
Donors to Date:	56 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024 BishopsAppeal.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:

**Russell, Michelle, and Daniella Carson**

## Faith Formation News

*Learning....*

*Loving....*

*Living...*

**CHRIST!**

**Faith Formation Office Hours**

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



*Learning....*

*Loving....*

*Living...*

**CHRIST!**

Thursday, March 28th through Sunday, March 31st – No Classes – Holy Week and Easter  
Classes resume Monday, April 1st

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Liturgy of the Light – Parents are invited to attend 9:30 – 10:45am



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.



May the resurrection of Christ  
ignite your faith and restore  
your hope!

Wishing you all a Blessed  
Easter Season!

*Gina Fleming and  
Teresa Karuowski*

## ***Preschool /Youth Ministry News***

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

This week kicked off "Music and Movement March"  
We've incorporated songs written by our own Ms.  
Marianne and brought them to life with stories and felt  
boards. We also had costumes, puppets and lots of fun!  
**\*Don't forget, no school Easter Monday, April 1st!**



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**Our St. Francis Youth Group Egg Hunt was great fun! Happy Easter!**



**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 Easter Sunday, March 31

Thanks to the  
Baines, Jankowski & Karwowski families for hosting next Sunday, April 7

Hosts are needed for May 12, 19, 26

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

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**



**Guided Rosary  
Apparitions of Mary  
Women's Guild General Meeting**

**Monday April 15 at 7pm**  
St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall  
35 Norfield Rd, Weston

Spend time meditating on the rosary,  
a chain of roses.  
Guided by Erlinda Zelaya

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

**Save the Date!**

**Foundations in Education's Gala April 25, 2024**

Foundations in Education invites you to join in celebration  
of Catholic education on **Thursday, April 25, 2024.**

Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano and celebrate our  
honorees – Michael Shea and M&T Bank.

Proceeds support Foundations in Education's mission to  
strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education  
in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition  
assistance to families in need, supporting innovation in  
academic programs, and fostering opportunities for the  
professional development of school leaders. To purchase  
tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information,

please call 203-416-1671 or visit  
[www.foundationsineducation.org](http://www.foundationsineducation.org)

**SAVE TWO DATES  
EVERYONE IS INVITED**



**Communion Breakfast**

with guest speaker

Kevin Ahern from Dorothy Day Center

**Saturday May 18, 9am**

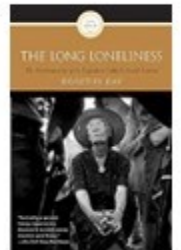
9:00 Mass followed by talk on Dorothy Day

More information to follow

**To learn more about Dorothy Day...**

**Join us for a book discussion  
Monday May 6, 7pm**

Read 'The Long Loneliness'  
Dorothy Day autobiography  
Get it now, read and come to discuss  
before the Communion Breakfast  
More information to follow

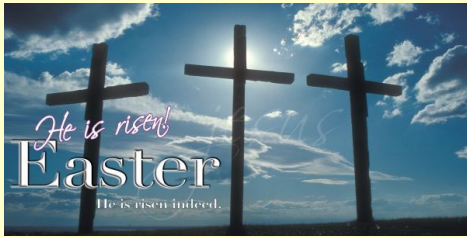


Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

**Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday, April 7, 2024. Please join us for the Chanting of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at the Holy Hour of 3:00 p.m. that afternoon in the church.**

**Jesus is CALLING you and me to trust and to heal, to be renewed and made whole.**





### **Parish Calendar**

<b>Sunday, Mar. 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass
10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., Apr. 1</b>	<b>Easter Monday-Office Closed</b>
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Apr. 2</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Wed., Apr. 3</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Apr. 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Apr. 5</b>	
7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
<b>Sat., Apr. 6</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Apr. 7</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
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
<b>Mon., Apr. 8</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Apr. 9</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Apr. 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Apr. 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Apr. 12</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., Apr. 13</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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**William Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

### **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)**  
quiddity@optonline.net

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Murgalo

Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

Ushers: Laurie Eidt and Mike Purdy (eidtl@optonline.net)

### **Spiritual Formation**

**Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)**

Religious Education: Gina Fleming (227-8353)

R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### **Community Outreach**

**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**

Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

Network of Care: Carina Silvestri (226-0884)

### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

**Coordinator: Rev. Augustine Nguyen, Pastor**  
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Anita Field  
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### **Communications Ministry**

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