

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 7, 2024



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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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**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.*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we are entering into the Second Sunday of Easter. The first eight days of Easter is called the Octave of Easter and this Sunday completes the Easter Octave. Throughout all the fifty days of Easter Time, we rejoice as we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we extol the mystery of sharing in His life; as one of the Prefaces for Easter reminds us, "...by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life."

Alleluia!

Each year on the Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the Doubting Thomas. It is a rough day for the Apostle. Not only does the poor fellow miss out on Jesus' first appearance to His Disciples, but he tells them that they must have dreamed it, and the only way he will believe Jesus has risen is to put his fingers into the wounds of Calvary. A week later, the Lord embarrasses him with just that invitation, "Trace My wounds" and he came to believe.

The story of Doubting Thomas is a great witness to us and for us. We couldn't be there in the upper room when the risen Christ appeared to the disciples. But someone much like us was. Thomas with all his questions and conditions and needs to touch found resurrection that he could hold onto. My Lord and My God. May fearless, joyous resurrection today be every bit as real and compelling for each of you. May we recognize the risen Christ in those around us and may they recognize the risen Christ in us by words and deeds.

St. John Paul II gave the additional title to the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." This title does not connote a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather it leads us more deeply into the continuing celebration of God's mercy today and throughout all of Easter Season. At Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, we will be participating in special devotions to mark the day. Please plan on joining us at the Hour of Divine Mercy, 3:00pm on Sunday with the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and we'll end with the Benediction at 4pm.

Have a blessed and merciful week,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen

## Second Sunday of Easter

### MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 p.m. **Diana Palmer (D)**  
**Sunday, April 7th-Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by Stephen and Mary Odierna  
 9:30 a.m. **Aleksander & Jadwiga Jankowski (L)** 60th Wed.  
**Anniv.** by their Children  
 11:00 a.m. **Biagio Scrivo (D)** by Gina Fleming  
 5:00 p.m. **Francois Boers (L)** Bday by the Family  
**Monday, April 8th-The Annunciation of the Lord**  
 7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Sue Canel (D)** by the Canel Family  
**Tuesday, April 9th-Easter Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Stella Fusillo (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
**Wednesday, April 10th-Easter Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Sophie Serafin (D)** by the Fontaine Family  
**Thursday, April 11th-Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**  
 7:30 a.m. **Armand Indelicati (D)** by Patrick Guerin  
**First Friday, April 12th-Easter Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Anne Lawton (L)**  
**Sat., April 13th-Easter Weekday-Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr**  
 9:00 a.m. **Salvatore Billante (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 every Wednesday, 15 minutes prior to the Benediction.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated this Sunday, April 7th.

Contact Anita Field: 203-938-0874 or  
 reddingglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Bagno de Romanga, Italy-1412

A priest, while celebrating Mass, was assailed with doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He had just pronounced the words of Consecration of the wine when this was transformed into the Living Blood and began to flow from the chalice and fell onto the corporal below it.

To read the full story, go to :  
[miracolieucaristici.org](http://miracolieucaristici.org)

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekend Collection for 3/30-3/31.....\$12,829.00  
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00  
 Total Difference..... \$5,354.00

### **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 [2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://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:

**The Xuya Family: Carmen, Loira, Kaylee and Edwin**



## 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 28 through Sunday, March 31 – No Classes – Holy Week and Easter  
Classes resume March, April 1

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 Karwowski*



## ***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

Last 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!



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





**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**



**Coffee Social**


**Tuesday April 23 at 10:00 am**  
at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall  
35 Norfield Rd, Weston  
No charge

Invite some friends

To help us plan, RSVP by April 20 to  
Carol Palumbo: candrpalumbo@gmail.com

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**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**



**Guided Rosary**

**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

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***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

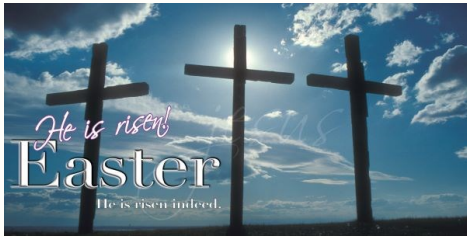


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**Divine Mercy Sunday is this Sunday, April 7, 2024. Please join us for the Chanting of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at the Holy Hour of 3:00 p.m. that afternoon in the church.**

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





### **Parish Calendar**

<b>Sunday, 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
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
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>	
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
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</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. 15</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Apr. 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Apr. 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Apr. 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Apr. 19</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Apr. 20</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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### **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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