

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 14, 2024



Let your
face shine
upon us.

PSALM 4

**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.

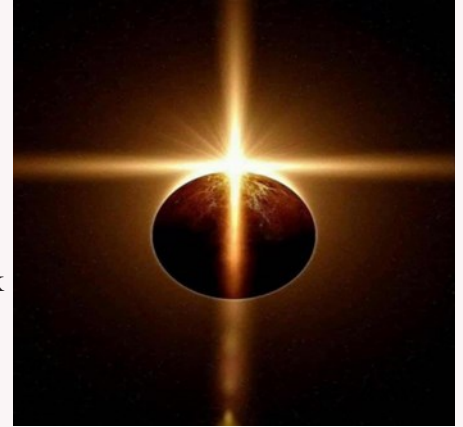
SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
Communal anointings of the sick are celebrated. Individual anointings may be celebrated anytime by request.

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

The solar eclipse yesterday was short but it was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences for most of us. You may have realized that the Feast of the Annunciation was transferred to yesterday from March 25th due to the Holy Week. In art, the Blessed Virgin Mary is often betrayed as the moon and Jesus as the sun. As I reflected on what it was like to be in the "Path of Totality," I am moved to want my life to be in complete alignment with Jesus' will and Mary's "Yes" at the Annunciation. I hope and pray that each one of us is aligned here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish where we can walk together fully united and always doing God's will together.



The scriptures at Mass this weekend remind us of the stark difference between living a redeemed life and living in sin. The first reading for this weekend says: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The second reading says: "Those who say, 'I know him', but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them."

And the Gospel reading says: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name...."

We are all liars in some way every day, professing our faith with our lips but not always in our behaviors. Our actions often say that we don't truly believe what we say about Christ's love. Our worries might be saying that we don't truly believe that God cares about each and every situation.

Our decisions say that we don't truly believe that Jesus knew what he was talking about when he commanded us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us. Our moral relativism says that we don't truly believe he was smarter than us when he gave us his commandments.

How loudly do your actions preach the truth about Jesus?

Many of us undervalue what Jesus has done for us, thinking that his death and resurrection is enough to get us into heaven; we neglect the need to humble ourselves under the reality of the need for daily redemption. God's not expecting perfection from us on this side of heaven's gate. What he does want, however, is our desire to become more and more like Christ every day. As long as we're continually examining our lives and educating ourselves about how we can improve, and following that up with doing what is necessary to produce changes, God is very pleased with us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sinful tendencies still enslave you? What will you do this week to turn these over to Christ and his redemptive power?

Wishing you a blessed week,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

The Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 p.m. **Frank Michels (D)** by Mike and Kay Byrnes

Sunday, April 14th-The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)**

9:30 a.m. **Paul and Shirley Wargo (D)** by Sharon Bell

11:00 a.m. **Frank and Marie Michels (D)** by Sharon Bell

5:00 p.m. **Peter Anthony (L)**

Monday, April 15th-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Brooke (L)**

Tuesday, April 16th-Easter Weekend-

7:30 a.m. **Jack Fleming (L) Bday** by Dave and Gina Fleming

Wednesday, April 17th-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Brooke (L)**

Thursday, April 18th-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Lena Latorre (D)** by Patrick Guerin

Friday, April 19th-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Brooke (L)**

Sat., April 20th-Easter Weekday-

9:00 a.m. **Matt and Fran Johnson (D)** by Sharon Bell

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.

Contact Anita Field: 203-938-0874 or
reddinglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Bolsena, Italy-1263

A German priest was celebrating Mass and at Consecration, the host was transformed into flesh. This miracle was inspected by Pope Urban IV and St. Thomas Aquinas, and led to the establishing of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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

***Mass Schedule ***

Updated 4/9/2024

Daily Masses: 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Saturday : 9:00 a.m. , 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

***PLEASE NOTE: As of June 1st, there will be no**

Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass

Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 4/6-4/7..... \$4,792.00
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
Total Difference..... **(\$2,683.00)**

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 in-
come gap.

Scan our QR code to access our Online Giving.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
As of 4/5/24

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$72,111 (79%)
Donors to date:	94 donors



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the
2024 Bishop's Appeal. If you haven't, please
consider making a contribution to support the
many people it helps through Catholic
Charities and other services.

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

Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

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



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Sunday, April 14 – Thursday, April 18 – No Classes – School Spring Break (we follow school schedule)

Classes resume Sunday, April 21



This week the students participated in the Liturgy of the Light, which parallels what happens at Church at the Easter Vigil. We began by turning our attention to the Paschal Candle and the symbols that are placed upon it. Next, we heard the Exultet, which is a hymn of praise to God, followed by readings that remind us of God's promise to send His Light into the world. Lastly, the children received the Light of Christ, lit from the Paschal Candle, and we witness the Light spread throughout the room

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.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter Season!

Gina Fleming and

Teresa Karwowski

Preschool News



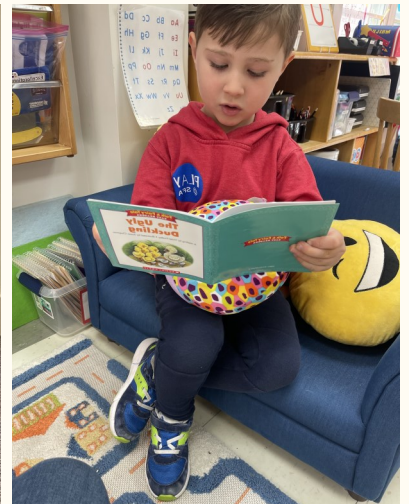
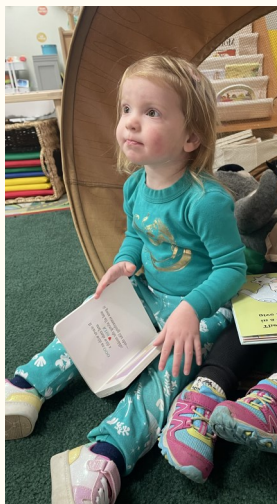
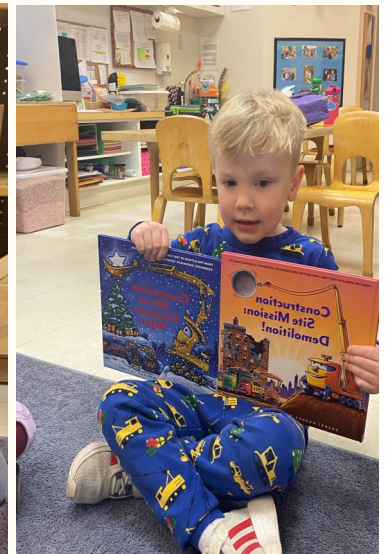
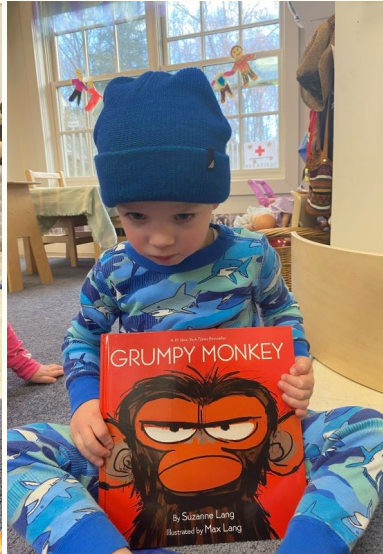
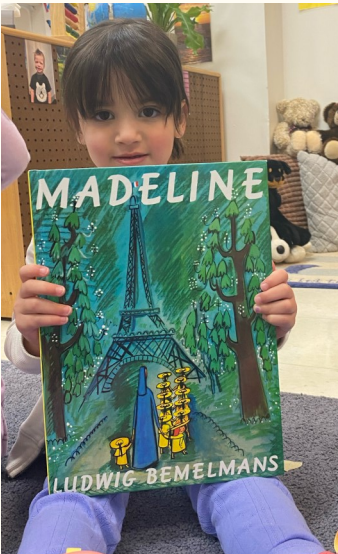
SFA's Tiny Tot's Program

Come join the SFA Preschool Tiny Tots Program for children 18-24 months.

This program offers an experience for your child who is not eligible to start preschool, a time to stretch their creativity, socialize amongst their peers and experience an educational environment before they begin a two's program. This class is taught by our wonderful Two's teacher who will nurture your child's world before they enter the preschool years. This is a drop off program running 8:45-11:45 Mon., Weds. and Fridays and you can choose a two or three day option.

Spots are limited so contact 203- 454-8646 for registration information!

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



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
Baines, Jankowski & Karwowski families for hosting last Sunday
Sanchez family for hosting this Sunday, April 14
Rizzi family for hosting next week Sunday, April 21

Hosts are needed for May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

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

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild



Communion Breakfast

with guest speaker

Kevin Ahern from Dorothy Day Center

Saturday May 18

9:00 Mass followed by talk on Dorothy Day

More information to follow

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



We welcome to God's family: Nello Albert Parciasepe,
child of Anthony and Lauren Parciasepe, baptized here
on April 7th. God Bless Nello!



Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 14	Third Sunday of Easter
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. Apr. 15	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	Guided Rosary
Tues., Apr. 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Apr. 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Apr. 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Apr. 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Apr. 20	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter
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.m	Youth Mass
Mon., Apr. 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Apr. 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Social
Weds. Apr. 24	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Apr. 25	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Apr. 26	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Apr. 27	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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Frank Infurchia, Jeanine Lombardi, Elise Major,
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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

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