

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 21, 2024



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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

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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.*

One Flock, One Shepherd

I have joked a few times over the past two years that when Bishop Frank sent me from Saint Luke in Westport to Saint Francis, that he sent me out to pasture. :) Of course I love the people of Saint Francis, our beautiful church, and the rural, pastoral setting. They are all conducive to welcoming and raising sheep... pasturing God's flock.

Are there any shepherds among us today? Maybe not in the strict sense of the term, but we are all called to shepherd someone in the faith at one time or another.

When asked what we do, we might say: I care for my children or my aging parent, I am a teacher, priest . . . I am a supervisor at my job, or I help organize food drives for Merton House or a scholarship fund to help educate our young adults. What is essential to all our individual vocations and spreading the Gospel, is that first: we must make a choice to make the effort; and second, the effort has to be rooted in love and compassion for it to bear fruit, such as Peter healing the cripple in Jesus' name.

Jesus says: "I have other sheep that are not a part of this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." Jesus would like **us** to extend His healing and shepherding of souls to others, who might not be a part of our close circle of friends or acquaintances. This takes prayer and action, with, at times, prayer being the only action that we can take.

God gives us the grace to build and form new relationships, in person or through prayer, with those that may not be a part of our inner circles or yet a part of His flock. Imagine what it would be like if we each brought someone new to Mass each week. What if we extended consistent invitations to strangers, or someone who has been away from the faith, to one of the many social or spiritual events at Saint Francis? It takes some courage, a gift of the Holy Spirit, to invite others. It also takes time to get to know people on a deeper level by building rapport and trust by asking questions about their lives and listening with an open heart. You can see in peoples' eyes and demeanor some of what they are going through and pray: "Lord, what shall I say to this person right now?" The Holy Spirit will give us the right words to say.

Sometimes I think if I put half the effort into building new relationships based on the Gospel, that I put into my business, the church would be full each week, not out of obligation, but out of love. There would be 20 greeters before and after each Mass getting to know newcomers, all would sing as a prayer, kids would cry at the 9:30 am Mass and run down the aisles, those who are downcast would receive smiles, those who are confined to their homes would have visitors, and all would come to know the Lord.

Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I will lay down my life for the sheep." When our lives are deeply rooted in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, those who hear our kind and gentle invitations will hear the voice of Jesus and follow. Saint Paul urges us on, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." To paraphrase Saint Augustine: Love and you will do it!

God's grace & peace,

Deacon Steve



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Frank Latorre (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Sunday, April 21st-The Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Anne, Lois, Marissa & Nancy
 9:30 a.m. **Brooke (L)**
 11:00 a.m. **Fran and Cap Marlin (D)** by Sharon Bell
 5:00 p.m. **Ralph Palumbo (L)** by Peter and Eve Barna
Monday, April 22nd-Easter Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Radzewicz Family** by the Jankowski Family
Tuesday, April 23rd-Easter Weekday-St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Kelly Lemoult (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Wednesday, April 24th-Easter Weekday-St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Brooke (L)**
Thursday, April 25th-Saint Mark, Evangelist
 7:30 a.m. **Dr. Thomas Hicks (D)** by Sharon Bell
Friday, April 26th-Easter Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Crocitto (L) Bday** by Mom, Dad, Sarah and Rebecca
Sat., April 27th-Easter Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Thomas Tamiolakis (L) Bday** by his Mother

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-Cascia, Italy-1330

A parish priest, visiting a gravely ill peasant, was brought a host, and very irreverently, placed it in a prayer book. When the priest opened the book, the host was transformed into a clot of blood and the pages were marked with blood.

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



Altar Server News!

Thanks to Grace Cornell and Victoria Abreu for serving as our Altar Server Ministry Youth Co-Leaders! They are among our

most dedicated and experienced altar servers and they've been busy this winter training new servers.

Please welcome our newest servers to the ministry:

Juliet Mariska

Maggie Farrington

Alec Tria

Maisie Kraus

Audrey Infurchia

If your child is interested in serving and is enrolled in our Faith Formation program, please contact Pam Franco at
pamffrg@gmail.com

Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 4/14-4/15.....\$4,836.00
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
 Total Difference..... (2,369.00)

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.

Scan our QR code to access our Online Giving.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/12/24

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$91,200
Total Pledged:	\$90,026 (99%)
Donors to Date:	98 Donors

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call 203-416-1470 or scan this code:



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

Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

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



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, April 28 – Moving up Ceremony- Sunday Atrium Classes @ 9:30am Mass

Monday, April 29 – First Communion Rehearsal

3:30pm- 4:45pm (A-L)

5:00pm – 6:15pm (M-Z)

Friday, May 3 – White Garment Ceremony (First Reconciliation)

Drop off @3:30pm

Ceremony @ 6pm promptly

Saturday, May 4 – First Communion Ceremony

10:30 am Mass - drop off 9:45am (A-L)



We are all watching the eclipse in awe of the wonders of God.
We all enjoyed the beautiful sunny day!

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter Season!

Gina Fleming and

Teresa Karwowski

Preschool News



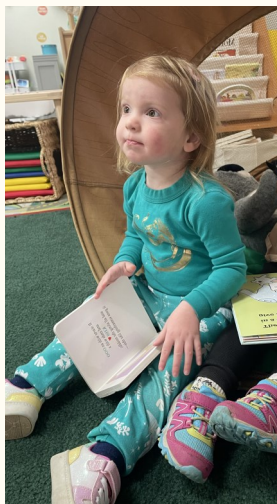
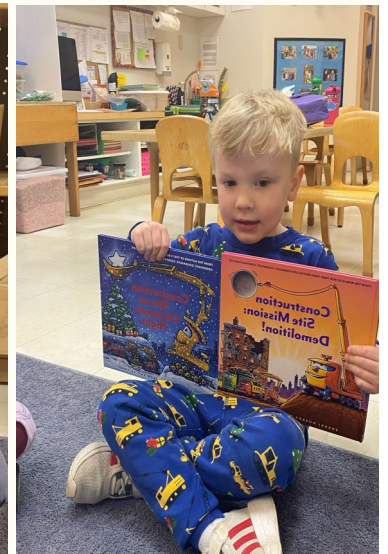
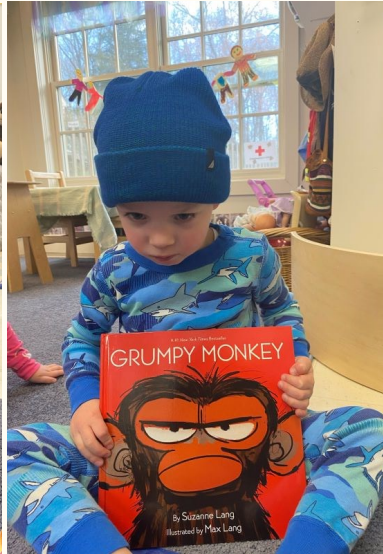
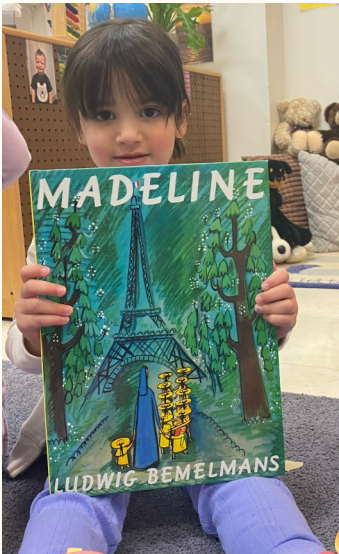
SFA's Tiny Tot's Program

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@sfpreschool.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
Sanchez family for hosting last Sunday, April 14
Rizzi family for hosting this Sunday, April 21
Faith Formation for hosting next week Sunday, April 28

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 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS CAN APPLY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1



For more information, and to
apply, download application
here or from the website
(scroll down home page)



Questions? Contact Kathleen O'Sullivan: kaosullivan721@gmail.com

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

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EVERYONE IS INVITED



BOOK DISCUSSION
on Dorothy Day

Monday, May 6 at 7pm
at St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
35 Norfield Rd, Weston

'The Long Loneliness', Dorothy Day autobiography
Read in advance and join us for a discussion before
our Communion Breakfast presentation on May 18

IMPORTANT: Women's Guild members

General Meeting: Monday, May 6 at 6:15pm

in the Church, before the book discussion
Election of Board Officers for 2024/25

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EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED!



Sat May 11, 9am – 2 pm

Stay for 30 minutes or a few hours... whatever works for you

Let's come together as a community

Join the Knights of Columbus for light, easy-to-do projects
Bring the whole family

Snacks provided by the Women's Guild

Music provided by Fr Augustine

If possible, please bring (and mark) your tools:

Garden tools | Gloves | Rakes | Buckets | Leaf blowers
Wheel barrels | Push brooms | 1-2 trash bags
Cultivators | Small tarps | Water bottle for yourself

IMPORTANT!

RSVP by **Wed May 8** to Noel Lafayette so we know how many
helpers and how much mulch, etc, we need to buy:

nlafayette@shrenergy.com

COAST TO COAST EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL

To emphasize the true presence, the US Catholic
Church is planning 4 pilgrimages across America
with the Eucharist traveling 6000 miles in 60 days

It will arrive in our Diocese May 19 and process
through 6 towns, 15 parishes, in 4 days

We are not on the official route
but we are planning many events

More info to follow

Bishop Caggiano will celebrate an
inaugural Mass on Sat June 1 at 11am
at the Fairfield University Mahoney Arena

Over 3500 are expected
We have 20 tickets, first-come-first-serve

If you would like to attend, please call the
Parish Office this week, 203-227-1341

Maximum 2 tickets per family, 18 or older
Limited bussing available



Parish Calendar

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. 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
 Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday, April 28 **Fifth 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

Mon., Apr. 29
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Apr. 30
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. May 1
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 9:30 a.m. Preschool Crowning of Mary
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., May 2
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

First Fri., May 3
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. May 4
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

**Mass Schedule **

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

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