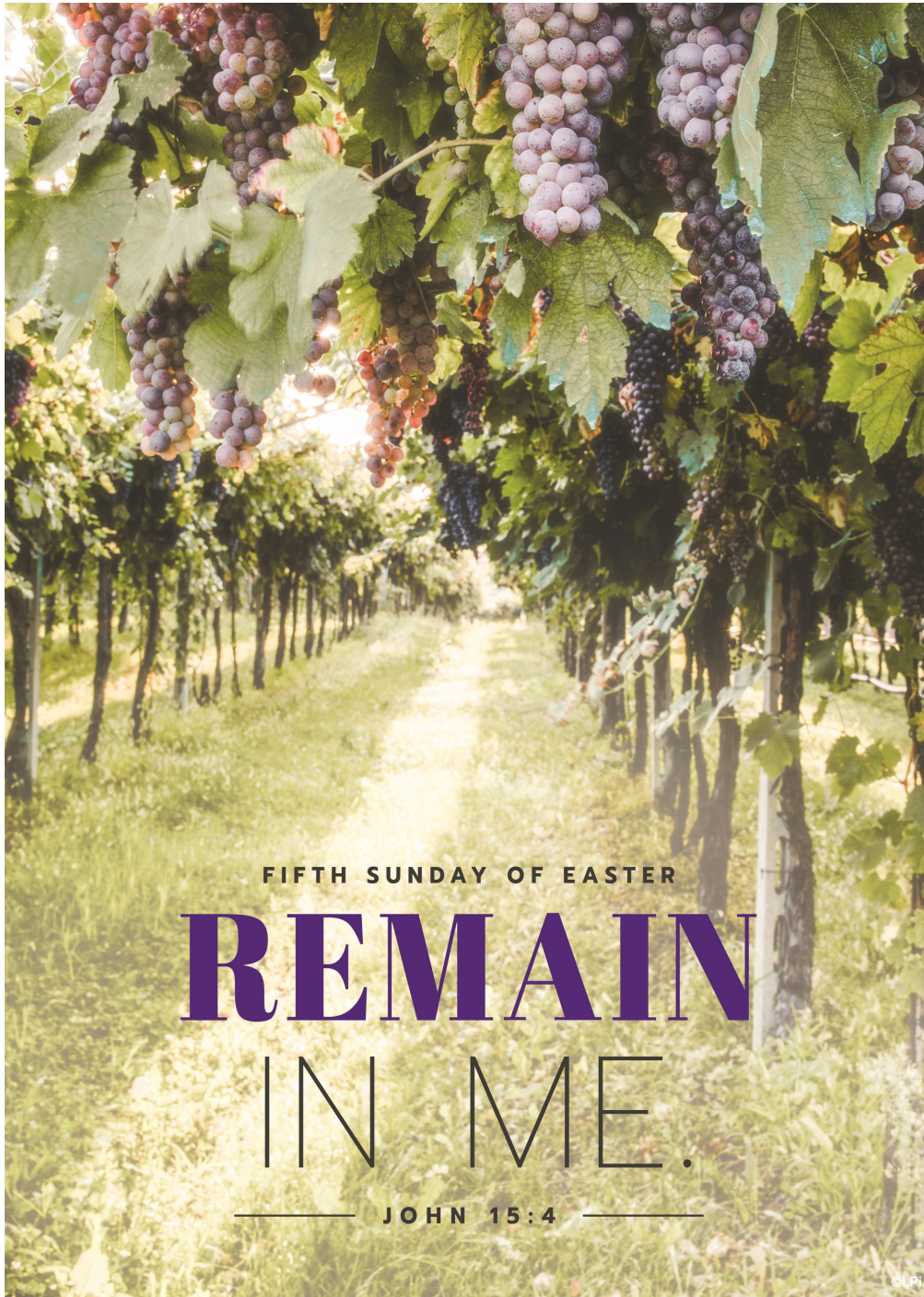


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 28, 2024



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REMAIN IN ME.

JOHN 15:4

**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 of Saint Francis,

As we see in this weekend's Gospel reading, all of us who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to Him, we share the same calling: to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

However, most of us underestimate how important this is! Stop underestimating how necessary it is for YOU to produce Christ's fruit – and more of it – today. Today too many Christians are settling for mediocrity. As long as we get some personal satisfaction from being Christian, we feel all too easily satisfied. As long as we're helping some people with our kindness or generosity or love, we think God is satisfied with the good fruits we're producing.

Have you ever asked why there's so much evil in the world? Why doesn't God raise his almighty hand against war, against corruption in government, against the greed of high-salaried managers who lay off their employees while giving themselves huge bonuses, against the perpetrators of physical and emotional abuse, against legislation that discriminates against Christian faith, against rising crime rates, or against any evil that's corrupting our world?

Why doesn't God do something?

Actually, *He does!* However, he does it the same way he grows grapes. The life-force of the vine (Jesus) travels through the vine to the little twigs (you and me and all Christians) that hold the grapes. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Christ, the more fruit Jesus produces through us. But the grapes are not supposed to stay there!

We're nourished by Christ in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world. We must grow strong and healthy, branch out, and use everything we've received from Christ for the sake of others.

Evil is stopped to the extent that we Christians continue Christ's earthly ministry. Victory over evil comes from Christ, that is, *through us* from Christ. Holiness in the world comes from Christ's Holy Spirit actively transforming it through our holiness.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you doing everything you can to grow the best grapes on your branch of Christ's vine? How healthy is your connection to Christ? What in your life needs to be pruned off because it's not producing full, abundant fruit?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the things we do that fertilize the vineyard. What has helped your branch grow stronger and bear more fruit? How does ignoring the need to prune ourselves hinder the growth of good fruit – evil-defeating good fruit?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Marilyn Kirchner (D)** by Sharon Bell
Sunday, April 28th-The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)**
 9:30 a.m. **Nancy Murgalo and Anne Andersson (L)**
 11:00 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son
 5:00 p.m. **Ralph Palumbo (L)** by Peter and Eve Barna
Monday, April 29th-Saint Catherine of Siena-
 7:30 a.m. **Sarah Crocitto (L) Bday** by her Family
Tuesday, April 30th-Easter Weekday-Saint Pius V, Pope
 7:30 a.m. **Danuta Tamiolakis (L)** by the Karwowski Family
Wednesday, May 1st-Easter Weekday-St. Joseph the Worker
 7:30 a.m. **Jean-Michel (L) Bday** by his Wife
Thursday, May 2nd-St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 a.m. **Karen Cornell (L) Bday** by Don Rickenback
Friday, May 3rd-Saints Philip and James, Apostles
 7:30 a.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Sat., May 4th-Easter Weekday-
 9:00 a.m. **Christine Chickneas (H)** by Barbara Ferravente

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

reddingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Cava dei Timeni, Italy-1657

The Feast of the Castello has been celebrated since 1657, recalling a devastating plague that was stopped by a religious procession of the Corpus Christi.

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 4/20-4/21.....\$7,550.00
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
 Total Difference..... \$75.00

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.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

As of 4/19/24

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| Bishop's Appeal goal: | \$91,200 |
| Total pledged: | \$76,164 (83%) |
| Donors to date: | 97 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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Loving....

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Important Dates

Monday, April 29 – First Communion Rehearsal

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

5:00pm – 6:15pm (M-Z)

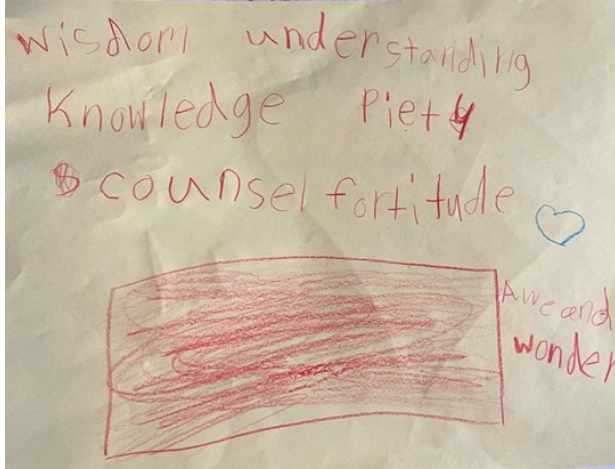
Friday, May 3 – White Garment Ceremony (First Reconciliation)

Drop off @3:30pm

Ceremony @ 6pm promptly

Saturday, May 4 – First Communion Ceremony

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



Love and Peace, 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



*Channeling
our inner
artist in the
inspirational
outdoor
classroom!*



*Some of our photos
from STEAM Week--
More to come!*

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
Rizzi family for hosting last Sunday, April 21
Faith Formation for hosting this Sunday, April 28
Capellan family for hosting next Sunday, April 5.

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

EVERYONE IS INVITED



Communion Breakfast

*A Eucharistic Pilgrimage:
Dorothy Day's Quest for Holiness*

Guest speaker Prof. Kevin Ahern, PhD
Director of the Dorothy Day Center at Manhattan College
and Co-Chair of the Dorothy Day Guild

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 Mass

Followed by breakfast and presentation on Dorothy Day
at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 35 Norfield Rd, Weston

Tickets \$20 (limited availability)

sold after Masses or contact Kathleen O'Sullivan

RSVP by May 13 to Kathleen: KAOsullivan721@gmail.com

Sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

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

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

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

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| 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. | First Friday Mass |
| 6:00 p.m. | First Reconciliation |
| Sat. May 4 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 10:30 a.m. | First Communion |
| 4:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Vigil Mass |
| Sunday, May 5 | Sixth 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., May 6 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Book Discussion |
| Tues., May 7 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Weds., May 8 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 12:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Adoration |
| Thurs., May 9 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Fri., May 10 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| Sat., May 11 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 10:00 a.m. | Spring Cleanup-SFA Campus |
| 4:00 p.m. | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Youth 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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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

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Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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

Spiritual Formation

Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

Community Outreach

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