

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

May 26, 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.



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

Dear Friends in Christ,

All of us are very special to God. You and I belong to God — *all* of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The reason why it's so important to be baptized in the name of the full Holy Trinity, as Jesus instructs in this week's Gospel reading is because God in his fullness – all three Persons of the triune nature of God – wants to have a personal relationship with you and me, a true friendship.

Are we aware of living in a special love relationship with each Person of the Trinity? Can we sit and chat with God as Father, God as Savior, and God as Holy Spirit? When we're feeling hurt, can we sit in the Father's lap and receive His comfort? When we're fighting temptation, can we feel the strength of Jesus coming to your rescue? When we're worried or confused or struggling to have faith, are we aware of the Spirit's gentle guidance? The Father of Jesus is our own, very special "Abba" (the childlike Jewish word for "Daddy" in the reading from Romans). Is He a fearsome punishing authority who barely understands us? No, He gladly adopted us during our baptism, because He's a loving daddy who provides for our needs.

The Holy Spirit assures us of this. God's Spirit embraces us and comforts us and teaches us everything we need to know so we can live in the joy of a life that's full of love. And in that love, Jesus sacrificed Himself for us so that we can be free from the punishment of sin and live holy lives with the help of his Holy Spirit.

God is a trinity of helpers, healers, strengtheners, and faith-builders. He wants us to live in the fullness of his divinity! He wants us to benefit from all that He is.

As baptized Christians and as sacramental Catholics who have God's presence fully available in the Eucharist, we lack nothing that really matters!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who is the easiest Person of the Trinity for you to feel close to? Why do you not feel as close to the other two? What will you do to remedy this? (Hint: ask the Holy Spirit to help you with it!)

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How does the Holy Spirit help you know that Jesus is with you always, just as he promised he would be? And how does this help you understand the goodness of being adopted by God the Father? (In your answers, be careful not to refer to the Father as "God", because Jesus is also God and so is the Holy Spirit. To prevent confusion, say "the Father" when talking about the Father.)

God bless,

Fr. Augustine

The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Marilyn Kirchner (D)** by Mike and Kay Byrnes
Sunday, May 26th-The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 a.m. **Richard Prackup (D)** by George Prackup
 9:30 a.m. **Katherine Mihm Hill (D)** by her Daughter
 11:00 a.m. **Kathleen McElroy (D)** by Kathleen O'Sullivan
 and Grazi D'Aquilante
 5:00 p.m. **William and Kathleen Brennan (L)** 57th
 Wedding Anniversary
Monday, May 27th-St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop;
Memorial Day
 7:30 a.m. **Richard Prackup (D)** by George Prackup
Tuesday, May 28th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Roberta Proulx (H)**
Wednesday, May 29th-Weekday-Saint Paul VI, Pope
 7:30 a.m. **Nanda Boers (D)** by the Family
Thursday, May 30th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Kelly Lemoult (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Friday, May 31st-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
Sat., June 1st-Saint Justin, Martyr
 9:00 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family

The Sanctuary and Adoration Candles:
Peggy Shaeffer (D)

Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 5/18-5/19.....\$5,679.00
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
 Total Difference..... (1,796.00)

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.

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-Florence, Italy-1230

At the Church of St. Ambrose, a distracted priest left several drops of consecrated wine in the chalice after Mass. Returning the next day to say Mass, he found drops of living blood in the chalice. While still in the chalice, the priest showed the blood to Mass attendees, the bishop, local priests and nuns and the local Florence population!

To read the full story, go to :
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welcome

We welcome our new Parishioners to our SFA Family:

The Cruz-Dighero Family: Erin and Yarlín and their children, Edwin, Margary, Ariana, Ayleen and Angel.



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2024 Bishop's Appeal

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish As of 5/17/24	
Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$83,174 (91%)
Donors to date:	105 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!



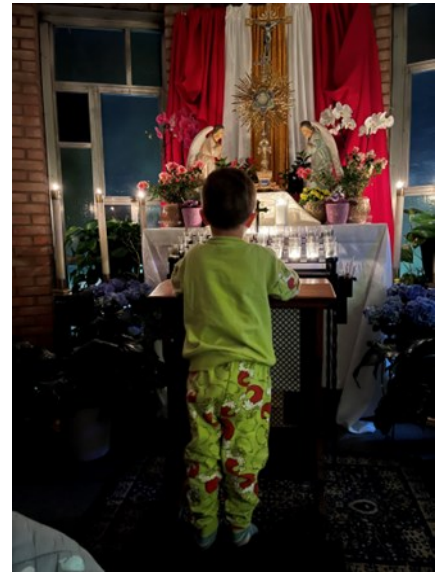
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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Faith Formation registration is open! Forms are available at the Faith Formation Office. Each child must register every year. Formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next. 1st grade is required for First Reconciliation and First Communion and 3rd through 7th grade are required for Confirmation.

\$100 late fee for registrations received after June 1st.

40 Hour Adoration



SFA hosted a 40-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, during which prayers continued uninterrupted for an approximate total of 40 hours. Heartfelt thanks to all Adorers, young and old.

We could not have done it without each one of you!

Love and Peace
Gina Flening and Teresa Karwowski

Preschool News/Youth Ministry 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 pre-school 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

SFA Field Day Fun!



Our St. Francis Youth Group joined teens from Assumption in Westport and elsewhere to help out Malta House/Connecticut Food Share distribution in Norwalk. As always, they served with a smile! If you would like your 6th-12th grader involved for service and faith-building, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



BACCALAUREATE MASS
 Sunday June 2 at 11:00 am

**HONORING OUR
 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**WOMEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED
 AND HONORING YOUTH WITH THE
 SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS AWARD**

Reception to follow

We thank all parishioners who made this possible
 by contributing to our events over the past year

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

**Join us in the
 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
 Monday May 27**

Line up at School Rd at 10:15am, parade starts at 10:45am

We invite all young children and moms in the parish,
 pre-school, religious education, altar servers, Youth Group
 Come walk with us or bring strollers/wagons and have a great time



Forty hours of Adoration in our chapel was well attended by all ages. Over 100 people prayerfully joined the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

Special thanks to the Ambassadors, Knights of Columbus, Women's Guild, Choir, Altar Servers, RCIA team, Communicants, Confirmants, Weston Police Dept. and everyone who took part in this very memorable event .



Lobster Bake
 June 8, 6-9pm
 RSVP by June 2

Kick off summer, reconnect with friends, enjoy a delicious meal!

Gift basket * 50/50 * Kids games * Music

Adult \$56 Choose 1 entrée: Lobster Beef tenderloin Salmon Chicken breast	Child \$15 (12 & under) Choose 1 entrée: Hamburger Hot Dogs Chicken fingers	Sides: Steamers Coleslaw Corn on the cob Roasted potatoes Garden Salad Rolls Watermelon
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Appetizers, Water and Dessert provided... BYOB

Tickets on sale after Mass
 Payment received by June 2 to guarantee reservation
 Send payment to 35 Norfield Rd, Weston CT 06883
 For questions or to RSVP call 203-227-1341 or email:
office@stfrancisweston.org



Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 26
 8:00 a.m. Holy Trinity
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
 10:15 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Social
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass
 Last Youth Mass for Summer

Mon., May 27 Memorial Day-Office Closed
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., May 28
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds., May 29
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

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

Fri., May 31
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. June 1
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, June 2 Corpus Christi
 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 10:15 a.m. Coffee Social
 11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass

Mon., June 3
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., June 4
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds., June 5
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., June 6
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., June 7
 7:30 a.m. First Friday Mass

Sat. June 8
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass
 6:00 p.m. Lobster Bake

**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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Worship Ministries

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Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)

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Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)

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