

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

TAKE IT; THIS IS
MY BODY.

— MARK 14:22 —



**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 - 8:00 a.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.

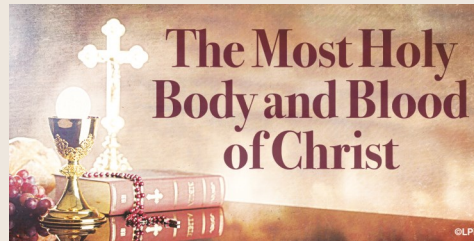
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson
dnhodson@diobpt.org
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

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 Friends,

This weekend we are coming together to celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi. There are two words that come to mind when referring to the Body and Blood of Christ.

The readings speak to us of the Eucharist: "the blood of the covenant" and "the cup of salvation". What does the Eucharist mean to you?

Christ came to earth to serve us as our high priest. Unlike the Jewish priests of the Old Testament, who atoned for the people's sins with the blood of goats and calves, Jesus absolved our sins with his own blood. He said: "This is my blood of the covenant, shed for many." This is the *new* covenant. With it he achieved what no other high priest could do: He obtained for us eternal redemption.

Only the blood of God himself could accomplish this, because no matter how good our intentions are, and no matter how holy a priest might be, we all fall back into sin again and again. Only Jesus, the perfectly holy human whose divinity conquered death, could open the doors to eternal life.

Jesus paid a very high price to atone for our sins. What if we come to Mass with unrepented sins? We know we've done wrong, yet our desire to avoid the hard work and humility of changing is larger than our desire to let Jesus transform us. It's larger than our desire to enjoy all the benefits of the Eucharist.

To receive his body and blood in the Eucharist without letting it atone for our sins is to snub and reject the terrible price that Jesus paid when he died for us. To avoid his presence in the Sacrament of Confession because it makes us feel uncomfortable is highly disrespectful of the suffering that he endured for us.

If we accept the on-going atonement provided for us in the Eucharist without accepting the need to repent of any sin, we are insulting Jesus while denying ourselves an opportunity to let him save us that sin.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ has the power to "transubstantiate" us into his likeness. We should always leave Mass different than when we arrived. This is God's plan! His work as our high priest isn't yet finished.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sins have been most difficult for you to overcome? Why? Who or what is replacing Jesus as the god you imitate? What will you do this week to give Jesus the opportunity to save you from these sins?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Billy (H)** by the Crocitto Family
Sunday, June 2nd-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 8:00 a.m. **Anna Kostick (D)** by Margaret Sarno
 9:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
 11:00 a.m. **Rita Pesche Kwasegroch (D)** by Sharon Bell
Monday, June 3rd-Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
 7:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
Tuesday, June 4th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Jill Fisher (D)** by the Fontaine Family
Wednesday, June 5th-Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
Thursday, June 6th-Saint Norbert, Bishop
 7:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
Friday, June 7th-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7:30 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family
Sat., June 8th-The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 a.m. **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will not be held during the summer months of June, July, and August; however, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung on the first Weds. of June, July, and Aug. at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. (June 5th, July 3rd, and Aug. 7th). It will resume in church on a weekly basis beginning in September during the last 15 mins. of Weds. Adoration at 2:45 p.m.

Questions? Anita Field redingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Gruaro (Valvasone) Italy-1294

A young maid was washing altar linens of the Church of St. Giusto in a public washhouse. Suddenly, she noticed that the altar cloth was tinged with blood. Looking closer, she noticed that the blood was flowing from a particle of consecrated host remaining among the folds of the cloth. The linen can be viewed today in a Valvasone Church.

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekend Collection for 5/25-5/26.....\$6,318.00
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
 Total Difference..... (1,157.00)

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 5/24/24

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$84,086 (92%)
Donors to date:	106 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.

Join me in prayer and congratulations for our newly Confirmed:

Baker, Liam
Bievenour, Chloe
Bradbury, Luke
Brewer, Amiya
Cassidy, Anya
Chomik, Eric
Dolce, Beckman
Drummey, Edward
English, Leigh
Forte, Emma
Geraghty, Bryce
Judge, Declan
Jung, Isabella
Lemmis, James
Lemmis, Elizabeth
Mahoney, Kelley
Martin, Brady
Martin, Victoria
Monsalve, Luisa-Maria



Monsalve, Mariana
Moskal, Natalia
Olsen, Jack
Overton, Katherine
Rivera, Madison
Rivera, Tyler
Rizzo, Massimo
Robinson, Natalie
Ryan, Theo
Skidd, Olivia
Stonier, Nolan
Tas, Jax
Thompson, Drew
Tria, Aniela
Updegrove, Harrison
Vasquez, Caitlyn
Walker, Alexandra
Young, Isabella

Love and Peace
Gina Fleming 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!



Preschool Moving Up Photos to come!



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



EVERYONE IS INVITED
Baccalaureate and Youth Volunteer
Mass and Reception
Sun June 2, 11:00 Mass, followed by Reception

**HONORING
OUR GRADUATES
AND VOLUNTEERS**

Women's Guild Scholarship will be awarded
 Youth Spirit of St. Francis awards announced

RSVP to jgarvey4@gmail.com by May 31

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild
 We thank all who supported our events, making the scholarship possible!



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

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

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
 O'Brien and Brewer families for hosting last Sunday, May 26

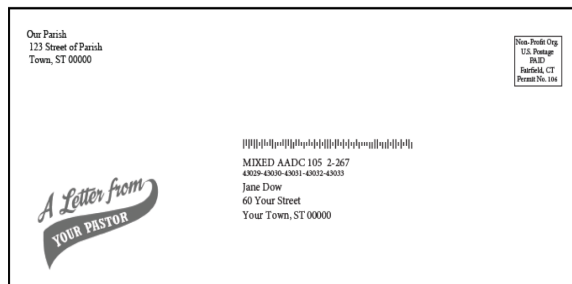
There will be no Coffee Social this Sunday, June 2 due to the Baccalaureate Mass Reception after the 11:00 am Mass

No Coffee Social next Sunday, June 9. We have no host.

Hosts are needed for June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21, 28
 For information or to volunteer, please contact:
 Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com

Welcome to the 2024 Parish Raffle!

Your tickets have been sent by mail. Please keep an eye out for them. The envelope may resemble junk mail, so please be cautious. Below is an example of the outer envelope:



thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded, totaling \$40,000

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

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Prizes 4-13 are \$1000 AMEX Gift Cards

DRAWING: August 10, 2024 at 11pm
 Streamed live at www.parrishraffle.com



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 2	Corpus Christi
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
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
Sunday, June 9	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., June 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., June 11	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., June 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., June 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., June 14	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., June 15	
8:30 a.m.	Sanctity of Life Rosary
9:00 a.m.	Sanctity of Life 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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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)

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

Community Outreach

Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)

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