

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 9, 2024

With the Lord  
there is mercy,  
and fullness  
*of redemption.*  
Psalm 130



**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  
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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

**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.*



Jesus came into the world and He was focused on His mission. He worked hard to communicate His message of salvation, to train His apostles, to heal the sick and comfort the troubled. In fact, He worked so hard to fulfill his mission that it was “impossible for [Him and His disciples] even to eat.”

But not everyone appreciated Jesus and His dedication to His mission. Even members of His own extended family, St. Mark's Gospel tells us, thought He was crazy. And the more popular and respected religious and cultural leaders of the time rejected Him. They actually accused Him, as today's Gospel passage makes clear, of being an instrument of the devil.

It must have been hard for Our Lord, to stay focused on His mission, to be faithful to what His Father had sent Him to do, when He ran into so much opposition, mockery, and misunderstanding. And yet, He persevered.

He didn't let criticism, rejection, jealousy, mockery, or persecution of any kind interfere with His loving fulfillment of God's will. Where did He get the courage to be true to His identity and mission even when those closest to Him were rejecting him? In His relationship with the Father – His heart was anchored not in the shifting sands of this fallen world, but in the everlasting love of the Lord, in doing God's will.

As today's Psalm puts it: “My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.” We too find it difficult to be faithful to our mission in life, to God's will for us, to His commandments and to the circumstances that He permits to trouble us. We too run into opposition, mockery, misunderstanding. We too need courage. And so, we too need to anchor our hearts in the Lord, so that we can persevere, be strong, and endure.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine



## The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m.      **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family  
**Sunday, June 9th-The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m.      **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family  
 9:30 a.m.      **Kaitlyn Vasquez (L)**  
 11:00 a.m.     **Florence Watts (D)** by Don and Louise Strange  
**Monday, June 10th-Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family  
**Tuesday, June 11th-Saint Barnabas, Apostle**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Richard L. Canel (D)** by the Canel Family  
**Wednesday, June 12th-Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Gerri Coughlin (D)** by the McHugh Family  
**Thursday, June 13th-Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Clementine Mazza (D)** by the Major Family  
**Friday, June 14th-Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Claire Dunn (D)** by Sandra Jester  
**Sat., June 15th-Weekday-**  
 9:00 a.m.      **Respect Life Mass Intentions**

### 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](mailto:redingglen2@optonline.net)

### Eucharistic Miracle-Lanciano, Italy-750

A priest doubted that our Lord was present in the consecrated host. When saying the words of consecration, he saw the host turn into flesh and the wine into blood. Everything was visible to those in attendance. The flesh and blood have been confirmed as a miracle and can be viewed today in Lanciano.

To read the full story, go to :  
[miracolieucaristici.org](http://miracolieucaristici.org)

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekend Collection for 5/25-5/26.....\$6,318.00  
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00  
 Total Difference..... (1,157.00)  
 (6/1 & 6/2 numbers not available at printing)

### **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.**



**ONE in Christ**  
 2024 Bishop's Appeal  
 DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

St. Francis of Assisi Parish As of 5/31/24	
Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$85,819 (94%)
Donors to date:	107 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](http://2024bishopsappeal.org)

*Learning...*  
*Loving....*  
*Living...*  
**CHRIST!**

# Faith Formation

*Learning...*  
*Loving....*  
*Living...*  
**CHRIST!**

### Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Forms are available at the Faith Formation Office. *Each child must register every year.* Our formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next. Grade 1 is required for First Eucharist preparation and Grades 3-7 are required for Grade 8 Confirmation.

Register before June 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid the \$100.00 late fee!



A heartfelt thank you to all Faith Formation Families and Parishioners for the love and support this year.

We wish you all a Blessed and restful summer.

May God continue to shower you with His abundant love and blessings!

*Love and Peace,*  
*Gina Fleming and*  
*Teresa Karwowski*

The Faith Formation Office is closed for the summer and will reopen on August 29<sup>th</sup>. I will be coming in the office, but I will not have set hours. If you need to register your child for Faith Formation Classes, please download the registration form on the website or pick up forms in either the parish office or in the faith formation front desk from 10am-3pm.

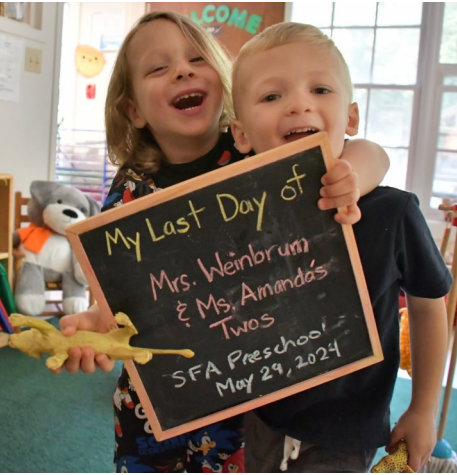
Catechists and Catechists Assistants are needed for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. To be a catechist you do not need to be an expert teacher or a theologian. Catechists are ordinary people who generously give their time to share the Catholic faith, values, and traditions with the youngest generation of Christians. Please prayerfully consider joining the Faith Formation team!

For more information on this beautiful and important ministry please email me at

[gffleming@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:gffleming@stfrancisweston.org) or call 203-227-8353



## Preschool News



*Another great year  
at SFA Preschool-  
See you in  
September!*



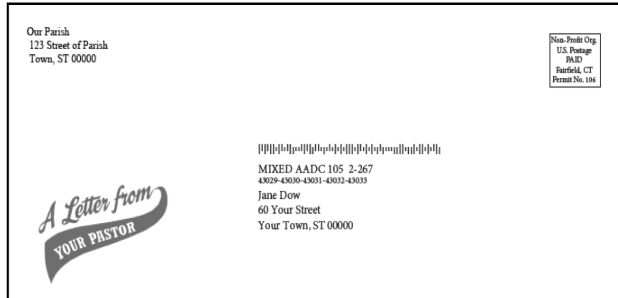
If you would like a tour of the Preschool over the summer, please contact our Director, Marianne Keith, to schedule the day and time at:

**mkeith@sfapreschool.com or  
203 454 8646**



## 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**

**&**

**Prizes 4-13 are \$1000 AMEX Gift Cards**

**DRAWING:** August 10, 2024 at 11pm  
Streamed live at [www.parishraffle.com](http://www.parishraffle.com)

## 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**

**No Coffee Social this 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](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com)**



Parish Office Summer Hours begin **Mon., June 17th**

Monday-Thurs., 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Closed Fri, Sat. **Sun.**



**ONE** in Christ

**2024 Bishop's Appeal**

DIocese of BRIDGEPORT

### Serving Our Community

*"Arriving in a new country, with unfamiliar customs and languages, can be overwhelming. Yet, from the moment I stepped into the Immigration Program at **Catholic Charities of Fairfield County**, I felt a weight lift off my shoulders. Their team walked alongside me at every step, guiding me through complex processes with patience and empathy. They were not just my advocates but my pillars of strength, ensuring I never felt alone in my journey. Today, I can proudly call this place my home, all thanks to the unyielding support of this wonderful organization."*

**– Miguel Hernandez, Stratford, CT**

***Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities through the Bishop's Appeal. Together, One in Christ, we can support our brothers and sisters who are new to calling our country home.***

Make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!  
Visit: [www.2024BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2024BishopsAppeal.org)

## *Parish Calendar*

<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family Mass
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., June 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., June 12</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., June 13</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 14</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., June 15</b>	
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
<b>Sunday, June 16</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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
<b>Mon., June 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., June 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. June 19</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., June 20</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 21</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., June 22</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Mike Byrnes, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco, Missy Iatesta,  
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

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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### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

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