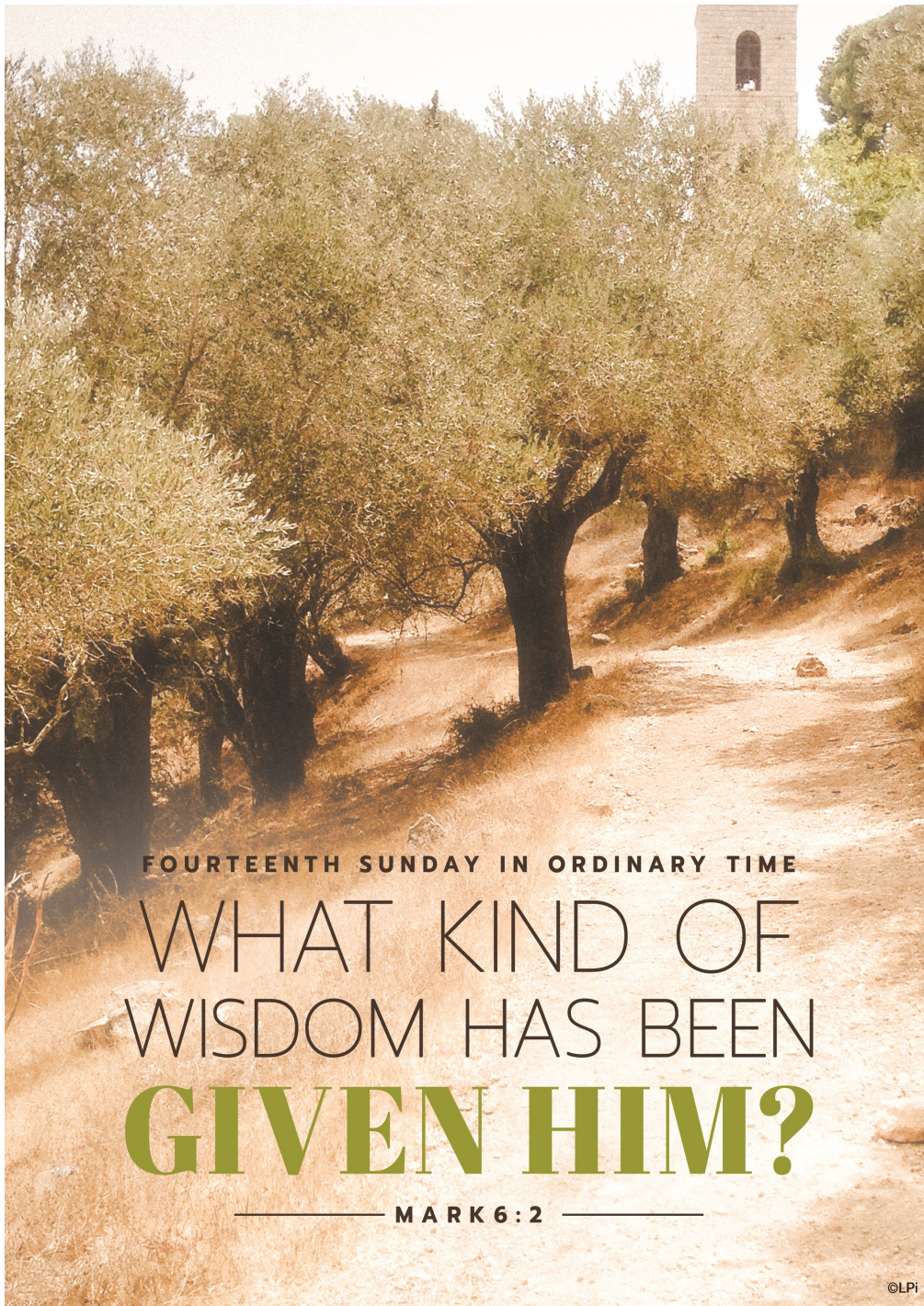


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 7, 2024



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT KIND OF
WISDOM HAS BEEN
GIVEN HIM?

MARK 6:2

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**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.

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Website: www.stfrancisweston.org
Facebook: Saint Francis of Assisi - The Catholic Community in Weston

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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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see the painful truth of what happens when we share our faith with those who knew us before we became so strong in our faith.

Like Jesus, we are rejected, misunderstood, and disbelieved by people who don't understand why we changed. They feel threatened by our example; they don't want to consider their own need to change. We sound like fanatics to them, and they use this as an excuse to remain uninfluenced by our testimony.

Jesus changed after He quit living an ordinary life in an ordinary town with an ordinary job to begin a ministry that would instigate persecution, and He invited everyone to follow his example. How crazy does that sound? Making matters worse, He was now spending all of his time trying to change the status quo of everyone's normal life and their normal ways of relating to others and their normal attitudes about religion – even affecting the status quo of those who did not want to follow Him and become like Him.

People don't like to be challenged, especially when it means giving up what's familiar and comfortable. However, this is not a reason for us to keep silent. We have been called by Christ to share the good news about Him. We must make it known that conversion is important, or else we are sinning against Him and against those who need to learn more about Him.

We fulfill this mission by sharing our personal conversion stories and our spiritual insights, and especially by making this an invitation rather than by demanding that others change.

If you're being rejected because of this, remember that Jesus understands how you feel. Let the sting of their rejection be replaced by an awareness that God is very pleased with you.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways has Jesus changed your life? Who are the people that misunderstand these changes? Now list those who do understand you: What can you do to enjoy their company more often?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

When have you been rejected because of your spiritual growth? What have you learned about how to lovingly respond to their objections? What are your frustrations in doing this? Have you ever walked away like Jesus did when He left his hometown?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Marilyn Kirchner (D)** by Sharon Bell
Sunday, July 7th-The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. **Consiglia Sarno (D)** by Margaret Sarno
 9:30 a.m. **Robert Guglielmetti (D)**
 11:00 a.m. **Patrice Schramm (D)** by Sharon Bell
Monday, July 8th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Tuesday, July 9th-Weekday-Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest
 7:30 a.m. **Joseph Rizzo (D)** by Judith McLaughlin
Wednesday, July 10th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Dan and Patti Lansing (L) Anniversary**
Thursday, July 11th-Saint Benedict, Abbot
 7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**
Friday, July 12th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son
Sat., July 13th-Weekday-Saint Henry ; BVM
 9:00 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

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-Rome, Italy-6th-7th Century

A woman doubted the presence of Christ in the Eucharist because she could not believe that bread made by her own hands could become the Body of Christ. Pope Gregory the Great declined to give her Communion, but particles of the host actually became flesh and blood. To this day, parts of the relic can be viewed in a Benedictine monastery in Andechs, Germany.

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

We welcome to God's Family:

Richard Dominick Fazio, Jr., son of Richard and Cara Fazio

*Ayleen Victoria and Ariana Giselle Dighero, daughters of
 Yarlín and Erin Dighero*

God bless Richard, Ayleen and Ariana!

Weekly Stewardship

Online Collection for 6/29/-6/30..... \$2387.00
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
 Total Difference..... (\$5,088.00)

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.



***This Sunday's 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence**

2024 Bishop's Appeal
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
As of 6/21/24

WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$105,409 (116%)
Donors to date:	117 donors

Thank you to everyone who donated to the
2024 Bishop's Appeal.

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

Faith Formation

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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 1st 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 29th. 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 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th 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 or call 203-227-8353

2024 Parish Raffle

Thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded totaling
\$40,000.00

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

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

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

AND Ten (10) additional
\$1,000 American Express Gift Card PRIZES!

DRAWING: August 10, 2024 at 11pm
streaming LIVE at
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

Thanks to the
Capellan Family for hosting last Sunday, June 23
Herman, O'Kelly and Palumbo Families for hosting July 7

There will be no Coffee Social this Sunday, June 30. We have no host

Hosts are needed for July 7, 14, 28 and August 7, 14, 28

For information or to volunteer, please contact:
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com



SFA Strategic Plan Update

We hope everyone shares our excitement to deepen our faith and be nourished with spiritual, service and social events to make our parish even stronger



In our first update, we thank Parish Council, Finance Committee, Ambassadors and Staff who worked 4+ months to develop this plan

Mike Byrnes
Chris Eidt
Anita Field
Thom Field
Gina Fleming
Pam Franco
Patrick Gallagher
Jenn Garvey
Michelle Harding
Deacon Steve Hodson

Missy latesta
Frank Infurchia
Marianne Keith
Elise Major
Leigh Meccay
Nancy Murgalo
Linda Nash
Danielle Porcello
Melissa Skidd
Tricia Wrynn

And thank you, Fr Augustine, for your support



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Wedding Jubilee Mass
For all those married couples
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries
are invited to gather at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport

on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

at 1:30 pm for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano
Space is limited to four guests

To register, contact Patricia Hansen at phansen@diobpt.org or 203.416.1342

We invite you to be part of the
future growth and vitality of our parish



A group of parishioners has been working over the last several months to develop a 3-year Strategic Plan

We are excited by these ideas to deepen our faith and nourish us with spiritual, service and social events to make our parish even stronger

As a small parish, it will take time to make this a reality
We can't do it without your help

Please look over the plan and let us know...

What gets YOU excited?

What do YOU want to be sure gets done?

Where could YOU be involved?

Go to our website for more
information about the
Strategic Plan and how to
respond... or scan the QR code



*I personally thank you in advance,
Fr. Augustine Nguyen*



Olive Wood Sale

George and Katherine Awwad from the Good Shepherds of Bethlehem will be visiting Saint Francis on the weekend of July 13th and 14th to sell hand carved religious items made of olive wood after all of the Masses!

Their passion lies in preserving the rich traditions and supporting our Christian neighbors, who are the skilled artisans that craft these exquisite hand carved items from genuine olive wood. Please support this ministry by purchasing a gift for you or a loved one!



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 7	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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., July 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., July 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. July 10	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., July 11	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., July 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., July 13	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, July 14	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., July 15	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., July 16	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., July 17	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., July 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., July 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., July 20	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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