

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 21, 2024



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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**35 NORFIELD ROAD  
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*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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Everyone in ministry feels overwhelmed by their calling from time to time. Whether it's the ministry of raising children, or caring for an elderly spouse or parent, or working a job in a way that reveals Christ, or volunteer work at church or pastoring a parish, it's necessary to take time out for ourselves – a vacation, a holiday – for nourishment and rest and recuperation. Jesus says so in this weekend's Gospel reading.

If we don't obey this commandment, we become cranky. We make selfish or poor decisions. We become like the evil shepherds of the first reading, who misled and scattered those whom they were called to serve. Why?

Because we become vulnerable to temptations when we try to give what we do not have.

It takes energy to reveal God's love. It takes energy to remain enthusiastic in serving others. But how can we get recharged with new energy if we don't take time to sit still, rest, and pray? How can we care about others when we don't take good care of ourselves? Jesus lives within us, but before we can give him to others, we must first let him give himself to us.

Daily we encounter people who are like sheep without a shepherd; they are seeking Jesus whether they realize it or not. They want the unconditional love that he has to give. They want the healing and peace that he offers. He wants to help them, but if we who are his hands and feet and voice are too weak and worn out from our hardships, what then?

We need to go to a deserted place with Jesus and rest awhile in his nourishing love. If we go away on a retreat or vacation and come back to our work and ministries still cranky (i.e., if the people we shepherd wish we'd go take a longer trip), we haven't rested enough. We've cut short the restoration process. Never-mind the pile-up of workload. Jesus is inviting us to "Come away by yourself and rest awhile longer with Me until you become more like Me."

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What work of the Lord has become unhappy for you? What stole your joy? How can you get it back? (You might need a spiritual director to figure this out.) What needs of yours must be met before you can feel enthusiastic about ministry? What will you do this week to let Jesus meet these needs?

Wishing you a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine



## The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m.      **Marilyn Mahar (D)** by Denise Robertson  
**Sunday, July 21st-The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 a.m.      **Salvatore Sarno (D)** by Margaret Sarno  
 9:30 a.m.      **John Quirk (D)** by the Eidt Family  
 11:00 a.m.     **Frances Manere (D)** by Billy and Diane Hodson  
**Monday, July 22nd-Saint Mary Magdalene**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Gary J. Vasquez (L)**  
**Tuesday, July 23rd-Weekday-Saint Bridget, Religious**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by the Boers Family  
**Wednesday, July 24th-Weekday-Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by Bogdan and Teresa Karwowski  
**Thursday, July 25th-Saint James, Apostle**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Comelia Toffolo (D)** by Marissa Woodworth  
**Friday, July 26th-Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:30 a.m.      **Parishioners (L&D)**  
**Sat., July 27th-Weekday-**  
 9:00 a.m.      **Bogdan Karwowski (L)** by the Karwowski 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](mailto:redingglen2@optonline.net)

### Eucharistic Miracle-Rome, Italy-1610

The imprint of a host on the step was left after the host fell from the hands of a priest who was taken by doubts of the Real Presence of Christ. It is still possible to view the miraculous blood imprint at Santa Pudenziana Church in Rome.

To read the full story, go to :  
[miracolieucaristici.org](http://miracolieucaristici.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 Yarlin and Erin Dighero*

*God bless Richard, Ayleen and Ariana!*

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection for 7/6/-7/7..... \$5,138.00  
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00  
 Total Difference..... (\$2,337.00)  
 (7/13-7/14 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.**



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

*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

# 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)

**\$1,000**

AMERICAN EXPRESS  
GIFT CARD PRIZES!

## DRAWING:

AUGUST 10, 2024 AT 11:00  
P.M. COPY AND PASTE  
THE FOLLOWING LINK TO  
PURCHASE TICKETS:

<https://raffler-ticket.vercel.app/raffle/52>

Avoid the hassle of  
traveling to visit  
neighbors, friends, and  
family to sell raffle tickets.  
Simply share this QR code  
(left) or URL (above) for  
convenient online ticket  
sales.





## 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

Hailey Sarno for hosting last Sunday, July 14

The Boto Family for hosting this Sunday, July 21

Hosts needed for July 28, August 11, 18, September 1, 8, 22, 29

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 Iatesta

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

**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*

## CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday Oct 5 – Sunday Oct 6**  
**12 noon-6:00 pm each day**

### FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Inflatables, games, live music, food & drink  
More information to follow

### CAN YOU HELP US PLAN?

The fun starts early if you help plan this exciting event  
Anyone and everyone has ideas and is invited!  
Contact Sandra Jester at [Sjest2@aol.com](mailto:Sjest2@aol.com) or 203-247-2354

### CAN YOU BE A SPONSOR?

\$500 donation and your business is on all publicity  
Contact Sandra Jester at [Sjest2@aol.com](mailto:Sjest2@aol.com) or 203-247-2354



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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](mailto:phansen@diobpt.org) or 203.416.1342

## *Parish Calendar*

<b>Sunday, July 21</b>	<b>16th 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., July 22</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., July 23</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., July 24</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., July 25</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., July 26</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. July 27</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	<b>17th 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., July 29</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., July 30</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. July 31</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., Aug. 1</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Aug. 2</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Aug. 3</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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**William Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

### **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)**

Religious Education: Gina Fleming (227-8353)

R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### **Community Outreach**

**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**

Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

Network of Care: Carina Silvestri (226-0884)

### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

**Coordinator: Rev. Augustine Nguyen, Pastor**

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Anita Field

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### **Communications Ministry**

**Coordinator: Leigh Meccay**

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### **Finance Council**

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