

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

August 18, 2024



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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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.

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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.
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 weekend's Gospel reading, we hear the Great Eucharistic Command. Jesus says: "Those who feed on me will have life because of me." What kind of life? What's the difference between having his life and the one you were born with?

Jesus gives us his body and blood in every Mass so that we can consume him in his entirety – all of his humanity and all of his divinity. He wants us to be nourished abundantly by his love. He wants us to receive his strength when we endure trials, his healing when we suffer wounds, and most of all, his life, not just when we go to Heaven, but here and now on Earth.

Consuming Jesus should transform us into his likeness. If we truly believe that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus our Savior, then why would we leave Mass unchanged?

By consciously participating in the Penance Rite at the beginning of Mass, actively listening to the readings of the Word of God, sincerely praying with the priest, and trusting in the power of God when we say, "Lord, I am not worthy ... but say the word and my soul shall be healed," and then consuming the Eucharist with humility and awe, we become one with his body and blood.

Now we, too, are his body and blood on earth, ready for others to consume us, or to put it more accurately, giving them the opportunity to be nourished by the True Presence of Jesus within us.

When we give love to others, they receive God's love. When they fail to return that love, we are being consumed! We are giving more than we're receiving. Similarly, when we give of our time and talents for the sake of God's kingdom without being paid or rewarded, we are being Eucharist. We are one in body and blood with Jesus. Being consumed without being destroyed is possible only if we receive from Jesus what others fail to give to us. This is why the Eucharistic celebration of Mass is our true nourishment. It needs to be the source and the summit of our lives.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How similar to Jesus are you? What in God's personality do you need to consume more of so that you can become more like him? Ask for it whenever you go to Mass!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Elizabeth Sue Canel (D)** by the Canel Family
Sunday, Aug 18th-The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **John Crocitto (D)** by the Crocitto Family
9:30 a.m. **Paul McAskill (L) Bday**
11:00 a.m. **Teresa Postiglione (D)** by Don and Louise Strange
Monday, Aug. 19th-Saint John Eudes, Priest
7:30 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Pam Mancinelli
and Gina Fleming
Tuesday, Aug. 20th-St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
7:30 a.m. **Jay Ferreira (L) Bday** by the Karwowski Family
Wednesday, Aug. 21st-Saint Pius X, Pope
7:30 a.m. **David B. Carter (L) Bday**
Thursday, Aug. 22nd-The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 a.m. **Nicolas Crocitto (L) Bday** by his Family
Friday, Aug. 23rd-Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Sat., Aug. 24th- Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
9:00 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Karwowski Family

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will return on Weds. Afternoons beginning in September and Divine Mercy will also resume in the church on a weekly basis in September during the last 15 minutes of Adoration. Questions?

Adoration-Martin Tubridy mtubridy@optonline.net

Divine Mercy-Anita Field reddingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Volterra, Italy-1472

A warring Florentine soldier stole a precious ivory ciborium with many consecrated hosts inside. In a fit of anger, with the sacramental Jesus, he flung it at an external wall of the cathedral of Volterra. All of the hosts came out and were illuminated by a mysterious bright light and elevated themselves. They remained suspended in the air for a long period of time and were viewed by a great number of eyewitnesses

To read the full story, go to :

miracolieucaristici.org

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 8/10-8/11.....\$4,594.00
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
Total Difference..... (\$2,881.00)

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.



All children are invited
August 25 at the 9:30 Mass

BACK TO SCHOOL

Bless these backpacks

Come with backpacks and/or school supplies for a special blessing to start the school year

A graphic illustration showing a group of diverse children standing in a line, each holding a backpack. Above them is a banner that reads 'BACK TO SCHOOL'. The entire graphic is enclosed in an orange border.

September 8 at all Masses
Come celebrate...

Grandparents

September 8 is Grandparent's Day
If you can, sit with your grandchildren
Or bring grandparents to Mass
A blessing will be given at all Masses

A graphic illustration featuring a large, ornate banner with the word 'Grandparents' in the center. Above the banner, it says 'September 8 at all Masses' and 'Come celebrate...'. Below the banner, it says 'September 8 is Grandparent's Day', 'If you can, sit with your grandchildren', 'Or bring grandparents to Mass', and 'A blessing will be given at all Masses'. The background is decorated with colorful streamers and confetti.

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 1st to avoid the \$100.00 late fee!

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 gfleming@stfrancisweston.org or call 203-227-8353



Look who made the paper! Two of our SFA Youth Group members, Olivia Skidd and Calvin Mariana, were pictured in Fairfield County Catholic! They took time out of their summer vacation to spend time building faith while serving at Norwalk's Malta House. The teens helped put on a carnival for the little ones so the moms could take a break and enjoy the barbecue!

If you would like your 6th-12th grader to join for fun, fellowship, faith-building and service, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at

youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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SFA Preschool is gearing up for a fantastic year!

As we enter our 25th year of operation, we are thrilled to be welcoming back our staff, current families and our new families.

Our first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 3rd and we will be ready to welcome you all.

Space is very limited, so if you would like a tour, please contact our Director to schedule it.

Marianne Keith

mkeith@sfapreschool.com

203 454 8646



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wanted to help at St. Francis, but are unable to make a big time commitment?

Here is the perfect opportunity for you!

Fr. Augustine has started a Volunteer List for occasional requests for help, as various parish needs arise.

If you are willing to be contacted, please provide your contact information and your best availability to:

Kathleen O'Sullivan: kaosullivan721@gmail.com (203) 984-8838

Elizabeth Crocitto: niccro22@aol.com (203) 918-0788

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

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, August 11
The Skidd and Atienza Families for hosting this Sunday, August 18
The Kaddis and Failla Families for hosting next Sunday, August 25
Hosts needed for September 29 and October 13, 20, 27

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



Promote your business while supporting our Parish

- Make your neighbors your customers
- Printed bulletins are also available digitally, reaching up to 1100 families
- Full color ads with graphic support to help you design the ad
- \$516 for one year



To place your ad (or get help with the ad), contact
Christopher Guldager at cguldager@4LPI.com or 800-477-4574 x6829

We appreciate your support
Together we can continue to grow the vitality of our parish

CARNIVAL

October 5-6

12 noon-6:00 pm each day

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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



Can you help by donating some items?

Prizes for the silent auction
Bottles of liquor (vodka, gin, etc.)
Gift cards to any store/restaurant for \$10/\$15/\$20/\$25
Candy in 6-8 bar packages (not Cotsco size, no minis)
Drop off in Parish Office or at Religious Ed

Can you help by being a sponsor?

\$500 donation and your business is on all publicity

For more information or to offer to help, contact
Sandra Jester at SJest2@aol.com or 203-247-2354



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



We are excited by the many ideas
in the Strategic Plan to deepen
our faith and be nourished with
spiritual, service, social events
to make our parish even stronger

What gets YOU excited?

What do YOU want to be sure gets done?

Go to our website for more information about the
Strategic Plan and how YOU can be involved

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Invites You to the Annual 2024

PICNIC AT THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE 11AM MASS (12PM-3PM)

FOOD & DRINKS | FAMILY FUN | KIDS BOUNCE
HOUSE | ENTIRELY FREE |

Let's Welcome our New and Old Parishioners for a great outdoor
picnic and spend time with each other!
Together we can create the best community!



Please Contact Co-Chairs with any questions or to see how you can help!
Monica Staehely (Monica.Staehely@yahoo.com) or
Melissa Skidd (Melissaskidd@yahoo.com)

Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. -3 p.m.
(Closed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)

Regular Hours resume Tues., Sept.3rd

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 18	Twentieth Sunday In 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., Aug. 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Aug. 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug. 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Aug. 24	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Aug. 25	Twenty-first 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., Aug. 26	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Aug. 27	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Aug. 28	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Thurs., Aug. 29	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Aug. 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Aug. 31	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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