

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

August 25, 2024



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Scriptures from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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- 8:00a.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 St. Francis of Assisi Community,

I am writing to share information regarding the well water quality in our school and parish buildings.

As you may know, the well water at St. Francis is routinely monitored to ensure compliance with public safety standards. This year, the state required a new test to screen for PFAS, also known as the “forever chemical.”

Unfortunately, the test results showed levels above the minimum standard. Here is a brief summary of this issue:

- 1) Newly required water testing revealed that the water supply in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School buildings has detectable levels of PFAs. Test results were received on July 31, 2024.
- 2) What are PFAS? PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals that have been used in a variety of products, including non-stick cookware, food packaging, upholstered furniture, clothing, and firefighting foam. They have been made and used in the United States since the 1940s. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals.
- 3) Immediate steps were taken to address the situation including informing staff and parish leadership, speaking with appropriate authorities, and engaging a contractor to design a remediation plan.
- 4) At no time was the well water in the preschool used for consumption. The preschool already had protocols in place so that only bottled water was used for consumption. Regardless, all water fountains are turned off and bottled water will continue to be provided to students and staff while this issue is addressed. The water used throughout the campus is safe for washing. Appropriate signage will be posted as well.
- 5) We have engaged a contractor to design a remediation plan that meets state guidelines. The details and timeline of this plan will be shared as soon as possible. This process could take several months but we are underway.
- 6) It is my understanding that this problem with PFAS in our well water may be pervasive throughout wells in Weston.

The health and safety of our parish family is of utmost importance and our number one priority. We continue to work with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Aspetuck Health District on this issue and will update you as more information becomes available. For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>.

We will be holding a town hall meeting on **Wednesday, September 04, 2024 at 7:00pm in the parish hall** to discuss this matter further. In addition to the leadership from the parish, there will be members from the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the operator from Foley's Pump Service be present to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to address this important issue.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Augustine Nguyen

Pastor



## *The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Charles Griffeth (D)** by Don Rickenback  
**Sunday, Aug 25th-The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. **Marianne Keith (L)**  
9:30 a.m. **Ted and Eleanor Huminski (D)**  
11:00 a.m. **Carmine and Barbara Strange (D)** by Don and Louise Strange  
**Monday, Aug. 26th-Weekday-**  
7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Karwowski Family  
**Tuesday, Aug. 27th-Saint Monica**  
7:30 a.m. **Garrett and Ana Vasquez (L) Anniv.**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 28th-St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming  
**Thursday, Aug. 29th-The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
7:30 a.m. **Pete Franco (D)** by the Mancinelli Family  
**Friday, Aug. 30th-Weekday-**  
7:30 a.m. **Vazken Alexanian (D)** by AgostinVukaj  
**Sat., Aug. 31st-Weekday-**  
9:00 a.m. **Jack Weston (H)** by Bill and Louise Brady

### 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-Tixla, Mexico-2006

On October 21st, a Eucharistic Minister had a pyx (container) with a consecrated host that exhibited a red substance. She immediately showed it to the the two priests that where distributing Holy Communion. After extensive scientific tests during 2009-2012, it was determined that the substance was real human blood with type AB-similar to the host in Lanciano, Italy and the Shroud of Turin.

To read the full story, go to :

[miracolieucaaristici.org](http://miracolieucaaristici.org)

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection for 8/17-8/18..... \$6,102.00  
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00  
Total Difference..... (\$1,373.00)

### **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.**



### **Parish Office Summer Hours**

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Closed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays)

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***Regular Hours resume Tues., Sept. 3rd***

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

[office@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:office@stfrancisweston.org)

203 227 1341



We welcome to God's family:

Dean Russell Carlson, son of Russell and Michelle, baptized here on Aug. 17, 2024.

God Bless Russell!

*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!

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 [gfleming@stfrancisweston.org](mailto: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

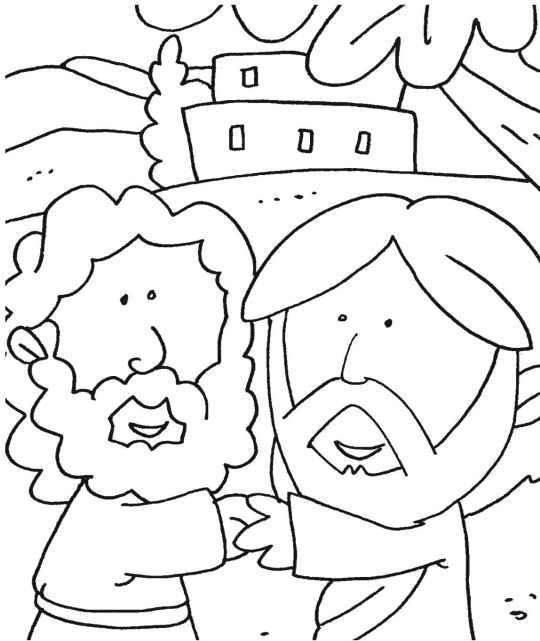
[youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org)

## Preschool News/Volunteer Opportunities



# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:60-69

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](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com)

203 454 8646

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### 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](mailto:kaosullivan721@gmail.com) (203) 984-8838

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!



*We invite all women to join  
the Women's Guild*



**What is the St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild?**

Organization to enrich our social, service and spiritual lives  
Monthly meetings to socialize, engage in fun activities, hear speakers  
And we sponsor the Annual Scholarship Fund for a graduating senior

**Annual membership fee \$25**

For more info, contact Jane LaCorte at [janetravel@hotmail.com](mailto:janetravel@hotmail.com)

Or download/mail the membership form from the  
SFA website, go to Community, then click Women's Guild and scroll down

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED**



**Women's Guild  
Welcome Back  
Dinner Out**

**Wednesday Sept 18 at 6pm**

**at Zucca GastroBar  
30 Charles St, Westport  
We'll have private section**

**Cost \$29.95 plus tax and tip  
Each person pays their own bill**

**RSVP by noon Sept 18**  
to Kristin Kreuder at [kristinkreuderoverton@gmail.com](mailto:kristinkreuderoverton@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the  
St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

**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**

## 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 Costco 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](mailto:SJest2@aol.com) or 203-247-2354

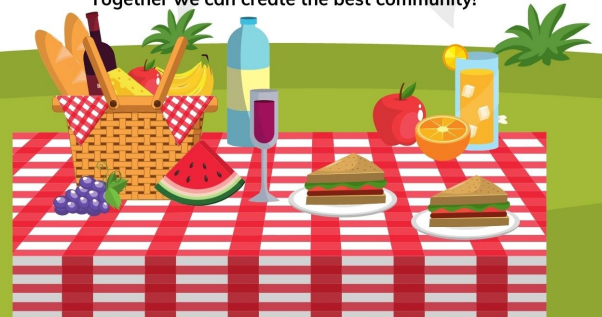
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Invites You to the Annual 2024

## 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](mailto:Monica.Staehely@yahoo.com)) or  
Melissa Skidd ([Melissaskidd@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissaskidd@yahoo.com))

## *Parish Calendar*

<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday of 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., Aug. 26</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Aug. 27</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Aug. 28</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., Aug. 29</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Aug. 30</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Aug. 31</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Sept. 1</b>	<b>Twenty-Second 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., Sept. 2</b>	<b>Labor Day/Offices Closed</b>
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Sept 3</b>	<b>First Day of Preschool</b>
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Sept. 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting-Parish Hall
<b>Thurs., Sept. 5</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Sept. 6</b>	
7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
<b>Sat. , Sept 7</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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*The Catholic Community in Weston*

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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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**Coordinator: Leigh Meccay**

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### **Finance Council**

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