

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

September 8, 2024



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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.

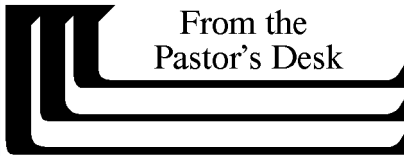
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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.*



## Ephphatha – Be Opened

Have you ever thought about how your life would change if you ever lost your hearing or your ability to speak?

One of the most beautiful prayers during our Catholic baptism rite is modeled after Jesus' healing of the man in today's Gospel. The priest or deacon touches the ears and the mouth of the child and prays, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God, the Father."

We are given our five senses so we might experience God's divine presence more fully and share what we have been given. The Gospel of John begins with, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus came in the flesh to open the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind and empower his apostles and us to do the same. Jesus tells us in John 14, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Roland Faley writes, "the 'era' of grace' is more than a spiritual experience; it has physical results, as well." God wants us to be whole - body and soul.

Jesus personally came to heal our bodies, souls and those inner wounds that may be not be visible to the naked eye nor spoken aloud. Most importantly, he came to heal the sin-sick soul.

During the worldwide Synod on Synodality, one of the most impactful lessons that I learned was that listening to another person with one's heart is a means of building a bridge that can enable meaningful communication, a conveyance of God's love, and a means for miraculous inner healing and conversion. Hearing and truly listening are two different things. We might hear someone but not necessarily listen to them with our hearts. True listening touches another's soul as the divine life of Jesus enters into the dialogue.

When we are attentive to God's voice in Scripture, the power of God's love and mercy flow from the divine Word and takes root in our hearts, if we are humble...acknowledging that every truly, fulfilling action in our lives comes from God. Inspired by this confidence, we become Jesus' healing hands to restore all who might be physically or spiritually impaired for the greater glory of God.

God's grace & peace,

Deacon Steve



## The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Marilyn Kirchner (D)** by Sharon Bell  
**Sunday, Sept. 8th-The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family  
9:30 a.m. **Terry Ali (L)**  
11:00 a.m. **Clara Dunn (D)** by Sharon Bell  
**Monday, Sept. 9th-Saint Peter Claver, Priest**  
7:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son  
**Tuesday, Sept. 10th-Weekday-**  
7:30 a.m. **Paula Minardi (D)** by Joanne Daversa  
**Wednesday, Sept. 11th-Weekday-**  
7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Crocitto (L)** by the Karwowski Family  
**Thursday, Sept. 12th-The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
7:30 a.m. **Carter J. Vasquez (L)**  
**Friday, Sept. 13th-Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor**  
7:30 a.m. **Luigi Toffolo (D)** by Marissa Woodworth  
**Sat., Sept. 14th-Weekday-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
9:00 a.m. **Sherri Nowicki (L)**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the Adoration Chapel on Sept. 11th, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet sung at 2:45 p.m. Adoration will be in the main church on Sept. 18th. Questions?

**Adoration-Martin Tubridy** mtubridy@optonline.net  
**Divine Mercy-Anita Field** reddinglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Amsterdam, Holland 1345

A consecrated host was preserved from flames. A gravely sick man could not help from keeping a host in his mouth. His maid threw it into a lit fireplace. The next day, the host was found completely intact and suspended in the air in the fireplace, many witnessing this miracle.

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

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection for 8/31-9/1..... \$ 4,780.00  
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$ 7,475.00  
Total Difference..... (\$2,695.00)

#### **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, Sept. 8th we will take a second collection:

**Catholic Univ. of America**

### **Children's Liturgy once a month**



"Let the children come to me" Mark 19:14

**Starting Oct 6 at the 9:30 Mass**

Future dates announced at Mass, in the bulletin and newsletter

**Children will be fully engaged...**

Child-friendly homily at the altar

Readers: **grade 5 and up**

Greeters: **grade 3 and up**

Passing collection basket: **Grade 3 and up**

Children's choir: **Kindergarten and up**

**And simple activities at the Coffee Social**

Training provided | Select dates that work for you

**Sign-up Sept 8 after 9:30 Mass**

or contact Caroline Neff at  
caroline.neff12@gmail.com

*We welcome to God's family:*

Antonia and Laura Ryzner, baptized here Sept. 1st  
Parents are Tomasz and Anna Ryzner

God Bless Antonia and Laura!

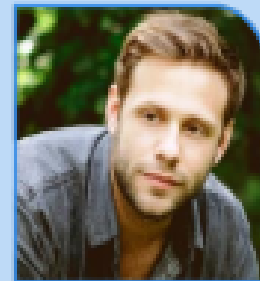
# "FOLLOW ME HOME"

A HOMECOMING  
TO THE FAITH  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

September 21 † 3–10 PM

St. Matthew Parish  
216 Scribner Avenue, Norwalk

Join us for Mass with Bishop Caggiano, fellowship, service, a Holy Hour with Lee Roessler and more!



3 PM	Check-in and ice breakers
4 PM	Vigil Mass with Bishop Caggiano
5 PM	Tailgate barbecue and games
6 PM	Keynote speaker: Bishop Caggiano
6:45 PM	Service project
7:30 PM	Small groups
8 PM	Holy Hour with Lee Roessler
9 PM	Marian Procession



## ***Preschool News/Youth Ministry News***

We had a fantastic first week of school! So many smiles and fun to be shared--Pictured below are Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Erin's PreK and Ms. Kristy and Ms. Ellen's Tiny Tots.

If you would like a tour and to learn more, please contact our Director, Marianne Keith, at [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com) or 203 454 8646



## **ASSUMPTION AND ST. FRANCIS YOUTH KICK OFF!!!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPT, 8, 5:00–7:30 PM**

**WHO: 6TH-12TH GRADERS**

**WHERE: ASSUMPTION CHURCH, 98 RIVERSIDE AVE,**

**WHY? TO HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, SERVE AND HEAR  
ABOUT OUR NEW **UNITED** GROUP!**

**JOIN US FOR 5 PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER, AN ICE CREAM  
BAR, GAMES AND PRIZES. STARBUCKS GIFT CARD GOES TO  
THE TEEN WHO BRINGS THE MOST FRIENDS! PLEASE RSVP**

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





## 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  
Sullivan Family for hosting last Sunday, September 1  
Knights of Columbus for hosting this Sunday, September 8  
St. Francis Women's Guild for hosting next Sunday, September 15

Parish Picnic September 22, no Coffee Social

Hosts needed for September 29 and October 13, 20

**For information or to volunteer, please contact:**  
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or [candrpalumbo@gmail.com](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com)

*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

## 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

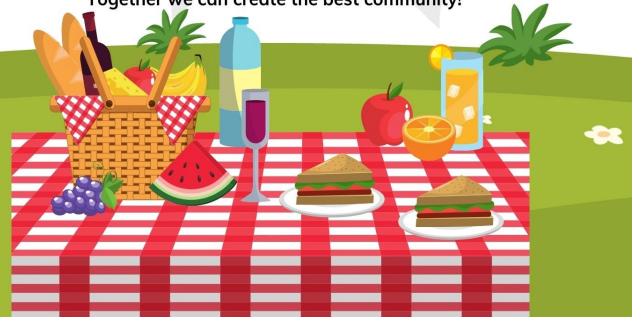
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Invites You to the Annual 2024

## 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*

### **Sunday, Sept. 8      Twenty-Third 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., Sept. 9**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Tues., Sept. 10**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Weds. Sept. 11**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass  
 12:00 p.m.             Eucharistic Adoration

### **Thurs., Sept. 12**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Fri. Sept. 13**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Sat. Sept. 14**

9:00 a.m.              Daily Mass  
 4:00 p.m.              Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m.              Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday, Sept. 15      Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.              Sunday Mass  
 9:30 a.m.              Sunday Family Mass  
 11:00 a.m.             Sunday Mass

### **Mon., Sept. 16**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Tues., Sept. 17**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Weds. Sept. 18**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass  
 12:00 p.m.             Eucharistic Adoration

### **Thurs., Sept. 19**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Fri., Sept. 20**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

### **Sat. Sept. 21**

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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 frnguyen@stfrancisweston.org

**Rev. Joseph Sidera, CSC-Resident**

**Rev. Christopher Perrella, Priest in Residence**

**Stephen Hodson, Deacon**

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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**

frnguyen@stfrancisweston.org

Anita Field

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### **Communications Ministry**

**Coordinator: Leigh Meccay**

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### **Finance Council**

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### **Knights of Columbus**

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### **Women's Guild**

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