

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

September 15, 2024



*I walk
before
the Lord.*

PSALM 116

**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.

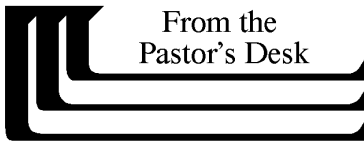
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson
dnhodson@diobpt.org
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

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.*



What's the Point!?

The prophet Isaiah writes of having his ears opened by God and then speaks of being physically beaten and spat upon for being loyal to God's message. Why does he, or we, believe, and cling to the Gospel that we have received from our Lord, even when faced with opposition, ridicule, and the prospect of being ostracized by both strangers, family & friends? Or an even larger question for each of us is: Why would we lose our life for Jesus' sake?

What each of us, as Catholics, are really holding on to is a life-saving, love story that has been handed down to us by Jesus and the Apostles. When we answer Jesus' question to us, "Who do you say I am?" our answer determines whether we will form our own unique, intimate relationship with Jesus, his Father, and the Holy Spirit or become a silent, passerby. If we truly acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, the anointed, Son of God, *we will do our best* to sacrifice everything to befriend the one true God, who is love.

Saint Augustine once wrote, "Love, and do what you will." And to love is a decision which entails believing that our God, who is love, will creatively and purposefully direct our lives in the manner that will save us. This may involve moments of suffering but joy will prevail if we trust.

Letting go of our conceived script of how life should unfold is difficult. Even Peter tried to redirect Jesus away from rejection, suffering and death, which were the will of his Father to redeem us from sin. Would we not want to do the same for those we love?

Discerning God's will is the key for us to know when to fight and when to be still. Jesus said, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, let not my will but yours be done." Having the Lord beside us when we are required to make any decision is the only viable solution, because he created us and has written our story. The prophet Jeremiah says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." We are each fully known by our Lord and set apart to be his prophets and healers in a broken world. Jesus inspires us with his words, "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it."

Saint Pope John Paul II speaks of our story of salvation in Jesus, saying: "Declaring the power of salvific suffering, the Apostle Paul says: 'In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church.' These words seem to be found at the end of the long road that winds through the suffering which forms part of the history of man and which is illuminated by the Word of God. These words have, as it were, the value of a final discovery, which is accompanied by joy. For this reason Saint Paul writes: 'Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake.' The joy comes from the discovery of the meaning of suffering, and this discovery, even if it is most personally shared in by Paul of Tarsus who wrote these words, is at the same time valid for others. The Apostle shares his own discovery and rejoices in it because of all those whom it can help—just as it helped him—to understand *the salvific meaning of suffering*.

God's grace & peace,

Deacon Steve

PS: check out the song "Known" by Tauren Wells. (you can substitute "miraculous grace" for the phrase "ridiculous grace." (hyperbole)

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Martha Rickenback (D)** by Don Rickenback
Sunday, Sept. 15th-The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Eleanor Helen Crannell (D)** by the Novi Family
9:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Karwowski Family
11:00 a.m. **Danny and Christine Watts (D)** by Don and Louise Strange
Monday, Sept. 16th-Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop
7:30 a.m. **Richard Kramer, Sr. (D)** by his Family
Tuesday, Sept. 17th-Weekday-St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Baines Family
Wednesday, Sept. 18th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Mary Alice Ross, Sr. (D)** by the Boers Family
Thursday, Sept. 19th-Weekday-St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
7:30 a.m. **Teresa Karwowski (L) Bday** by the Flemings
Friday, Sept. 20th-Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
7:30 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Gina Fleming
Sat., Sept. 21st-St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
9:00 a.m. **Tadzio Serafin (D)** by the Karwowski Family

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 reddingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Bergen, Holland-1421

A pastor did not fully believe in the Real Presence of Christ and showed no devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. One day, after celebrating Mass, he threw consecrated hosts into the river. Some months later, the hosts were found by fishermen. They were intact floating in the river, but stained with blood.

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 9/7-9/8..... \$ 5,305.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....\$ 7,475.00
Total Difference..... (\$2,170.00)

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.



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!

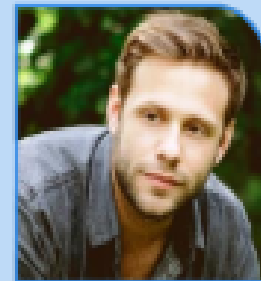
"FOLLOW ME HOME"

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



Another great week in the books at SFA Preschool! Everyone is settling in nicely, making new friends and getting outdoors!

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



Our St. Francis Youth Group joined with our friends from Assumption, Westport, for a terrific event to kick off a new year of faith building, service and fellowship! The teens attended 5 p.m. Mass together, followed by dinner, an ice cream bar, games and prizes! If you want your 6th-12th grader involved, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at: 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
Knights of Columbus for hosting last Sunday, September 8
St. Francis Women's Guild for hosting this Sunday, September 15

Parish Picnic next Sunday, September 22. No Coffee Social
Hosts needed for September 29 and October 13 and 20

For information or to volunteer, please contact:
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or 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 janestavel@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

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 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) or
Melissa Skidd (Melissaskidd@yahoo.com)

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 15 Twenty-Fourth 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. 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
 6:00 p.m. Women's Guild Welcome Back Dinner Out

Thurs., Sept. 19

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Sept. 20

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. Sept. 21

8:30 a.m. Sanctity of Life Rosary
 9:00 a.m. Sanctity of Life Mass/Adoration
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Sept. 22 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 12:00 p.m. Parish Picnic

Mon., Sept. 23

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Sept. 24

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Sept 25

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

Thurs., Sept. 26

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Sept. 27

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. Sept. 28

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

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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

Worship Ministries

Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (203-464-8634)

quiddity@optonline.net

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Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

Community Outreach

Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)

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