

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

September 22, 2024



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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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**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 Parishioners,

During the initial two weeks of September, I embarked on a pilgrimage to Europe with a group of 50 individuals from various regions of the United States. Our journey took us through four distinct countries: Portugal, Spain, France, and Poland. Despite the persistent rain throughout our travels, the experience was truly remarkable. Among the numerous destinations we visited, Fatima and Lourdes left the most profound impact on me. These locations held a special significance as I had never before set foot in

these sacred places. The candlelight processions at both sites were incredibly moving. Despite the rain, cold, and darkness, the glow of thousands of candles illuminated the faces of pilgrims from around the globe. The air was filled with the scent of wax as individuals recited the rosary in various languages. The vast square sparkled with candlelight as pilgrims knelt on the wet pavement in prayer. Following the rosary, the statues of Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal) or Our Lady of Lourdes (France) were carried outdoors around the shrine with a sea of people holding candles aloft and singing hymns “Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.”



To have an opportunity to celebrate Mass at the Shrine where Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes was such a magnificent honor for me. Also, to observe the unwavering faith and devotion of pilgrims from diverse backgrounds and cultures was a powerful experience. It served as a reminder of the vast and unique nature of the universal Church. People from all over the world, from all walks of life, speaking different languages, pray ceaselessly 24 hours a day and 7 days a week for our well-being. My own faith is definitely strengthened after this pilgrimage.

When you come to encounter the places where Mary, Mother of Jesus appeared, you are never the same again as the Saints were. After their encounter with Mary, they lived a quiet life until their death.

God bless and have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen



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

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette  
**Sunday, Sept. 22nd-The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by the Crocitto Family

9:30 a.m. **World Peace (L)** by the Karwowski Family

11:00 a.m. **Carol Rickenback (D)** by Don Rickenback

**Monday, Sept. 23rd-Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

7:30 a.m. **Claire Mouhlas (D)** by Mary Decaro

**Tuesday, Sept. 24th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Special Intention (L)**

**Wednesday, Sept. 25th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Father Jim (L)** Dave and Gina Fleming

**Thursday, Sept. 26th-Weekday-Saints Cosmas and Damien,  
Martyrs**

7:30 a.m. **Drew Herstal (D)** by the Novi Family

**Friday, Sept. 27th-Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

7:30 a.m. **Dziekonski Family (D)** by the Jankowski Family

**Sat., Sept. 28th-St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and  
Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. **Adira Ferreira (L) Bday** 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-Boxmeer, Holland-1400

After the consecration at Mass, a priest doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. Without warning, the species of the wine turned into blood and began boiling out of the chalice and on to the corporal on the altar. The priest asked for forgiveness and the blood stopped bubbling. The blood that fell to the corporal can be seen today in Boxmeer.

To read the full story, go to :

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

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection for 9/14-9/15.....	\$5,806.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$7,475.00
Total Difference.....	(\$1,669.00)

### **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**



**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](mailto: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!

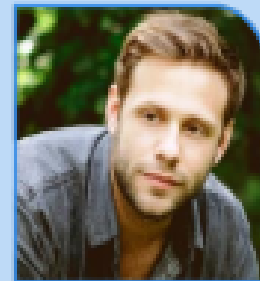
# "FOLLOW ME HOME"

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](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com) or 203 454 8646



Our nursing home visits have started! SFA Youth Group took time out of their weekend to visit patients and residents of Norwalk's Notre Dame Rehab. They brought smiles, conversation and joy during their room visits. They made people very happy!

If you would like your 6th-12th grader to join for fun, service and faith-building, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at [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  
St. Francis Women's Guild for hosting last Sunday, September 15

Parish Picnic this 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 candrapalumbo@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](mailto:janestavel@hotmail.com)

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

## 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

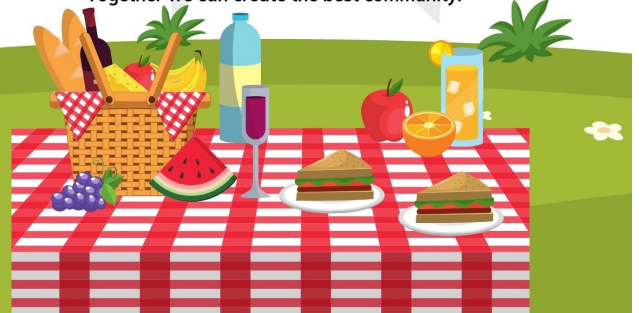
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Invites You to the Annual 2024

## 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))

### 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: [miccro22@aol.com](mailto:miccro22@aol.com) (203) 918-0788

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!



## *Parish Calendar*

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

8:00 a.m.              Sunday Mass

9:30 a.m.              Sunday Family Mass

10:15 a.m.            **No Coffee Social-Parish Picnic at 12**

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

**Sunday, Sept. 29      Twenty-Sixth 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. 30**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Tues., Oct. 1**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Weds., Oct. 2**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

12:00 p.m.            Eucharistic Adoration

**Thurs., Oct. 3**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Fri., Oct. 4**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Sat. Oct. 5**

9:00 a.m.              Daily Mass

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass-Carnival**

## **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 (475-257-7766)**

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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Blandine Lewine (Chair), Elise Major, Bob O'Brien, Linda Nash

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### **Knights of Columbus**

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### **Women's Guild**

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