

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

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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.

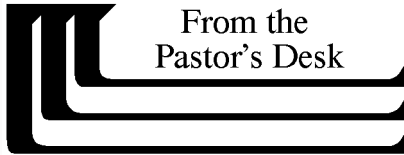
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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.*



The month of October can be called a “spiritual” month, and it is spiritually inspiring as well as spiritually exciting. October began with the feast of St. Therese “The Little Flower” who taught us the spirituality of doing little things with great love. Following that, is the feast of the Guardian Angels, and it is comforting to know that each of us have a “PA” – Personal Angel, to light and guard, to rule and guide us. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, we celebrate our patron Saint, St. Francis of Assisi. And then towards the end of the month is the feast of one of our favorite saints, St. Jude, the Patron Saint of desperate cases.

But besides being dotted with the feast days of great saints, the month of October has a special dedication. The Church dedicates the month of October to Our Lady under the title of “Our Lady of the Rosary”. It is obvious that the Church is telling us something about the power of the prayer of the Rosary. It is simple enough even for children to pray it, and at the same time, it has the depth for those who wish to deepen their spiritual life. But as much as the Rosary is a simple prayer, at the same time, it is also one of the most difficult prayers. We cannot assume that simple equates to easy. In fact, simple can be difficult and challenging. For those of us who have prayed the Rosary, we know how difficult and challenging it can be. The simplicity can turn into monotony and a lethargy, and we begin to think that nothing is happening and we can find it boring.

But the monotony of the Rosary has a calming effect and gives our tired hearts and minds the peace and rest that we long for. At the same time, the prayer is also slowly etched and seared into our hearts. For those of us who have prayed the Rosary long enough, we can already pray it by heart. Yes, the Rosary is already etched and seared into our hearts. That’s why it is so necessary to teach our children and our youth to pray the Rosary (whether they like it or not!) We must give them the means of prayer, so that in the time of crisis, they will know how to go back to God.

The Rosary brought about a miraculous victory in 1571; it will also do the same for us now. Not just only for us, but also for the Church and for the world. We know that the Church and the world are in quite a messy state. That is why Pope Francis is calling for a “Special Prayer Campaign for the Church” for the whole month of October, with a great emphasis on the prayer of the Rosary. He is calling on us to pray for the protection of the Church from the attacks of the devil, as well as for forgiveness and healing for the sins of the Church and to fight abuse. And we also need to pray for the sanctity of marriages and for the unity of families. As Jesus said in the Gospel, we need to go back to “the beginning”. Yes, we need to go back to the beginning, back to our faith origins, and begin to pray, especially the Rosary, whether as an individual, as a family or as a community. As Pope Francis said: This is our power; not to dominate or to cry out more loudly according to the logic of this world, but rather to exercise the gentle power of prayer. Yes, let us begin to pray, let us pray the Rosary, and God’s protection and blessings will be upon us.

Have a blessed week,  
Fr. Augustine



## The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **NO MASS-CARNIVAL**

**Sunday, Oct. 6th-The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by the Baines Family

11:00 a.m. **Melina Waldo (D)** by the Major Family

**Monday, Oct. 7th-Our Lady of the Rosary**

7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Eick (D)** by Robert Eick

**Tuesday, Oct. 8th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son

**Wednesday, Oct. 9th-Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions; Saint Joh Leonardi, Priest**

7:30 a.m. **Anton Rechner (D)** by Lorraine Rechner

**Thursday, Oct. 10th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Richard Gilroy (D)** by Bogdan and Teresa Karwowski

**Friday, Oct. 11th-Weekday-Saint John XXIII, Pope**

7:30 a.m. **Edward Mechem (D)** by Pamela Whitmore and Louis Calogridis

**Sat., Oct. 12th-Weekday-**

9:00 a.m. **Anthony and Emily Ondo (D)** by Jane LaCorte

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the Main Church, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet sung at 2:45 p.m. Questions?

**Adoration-Martin Tubridy** mtubridy@optonline.net

**Divine Mercy-Anita Field** reddinglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Eten, Peru-1649

In a host exposed for public adoration, there appeared the Christ Jesus and three interconnected hearts of a brilliant white color. The apparition lasted about fifteen minutes. A second apparition took place later in the month of July when the child Jesus appeared in a host wearing a purple tunic and a shirt that was customary for the native Indian population to identify with them. This host also had three interconnected hearts.

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

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection for 9/28-9/29..... \$5,404.00  
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00  
Total Difference..... (\$2,071.00)

#### **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.**



**Learn more  
about  
becoming  
Catholic**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, completing the sacraments, or learning more about what the church teaches, join us for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Starting in November

Contact Pam Franco at [pamffrg@gmail.com](mailto:pamffrg@gmail.com), 203-227-5823

### **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](mailto:caroline.neff12@gmail.com)



## Faith Formation



Welcome to the new year of Faith Formation!

The catechists and I look forward to working with the students and parents!

### Important Upcoming Dates:

-Thursday classes will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm -4:15pm 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at :

(203) 227-8353

*Peace and Love,  
Gina Fleming*

*"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

*Matthew 19:14*



## Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



The month of October is chock full of fun-Critter Caravan, school pictures and the Fire Truck!

If you would like a tour and to learn more about our programs, please contact our Director,

Marianne Keith, at [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com) or 203 454 8646

## Youth Ministry

Our St. Francis Youth Group had a busy weekend! They took time out to help with the Connecticut Food Share distribution in Norwalk. The following day, they participated in our youth sponsored the Save the Sound Clean Up at Sherwood Island State Park.

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  
Hailey Sarno for hosting last Sunday, September 29.

St. Francis Carnival this Sunday, October 6. No Coffee Social.

Hosts needed for November 3, 10 and 24 and December 1, 8,  
15, 22 and 29

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

October 20

Join us to honor and celebrate...

First Responders

A blessing will  
be given at all  
Masses



St Francis of Assisi  
Church in Weston  
Sat 5pm, Sun 8am,  
9:30am, 11am

## FALL FEST

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

When: Friday, October 18, 2024

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE AUTUMN WITH  
AN OKTOBERFEST EVENT HOSTED BY THE  
ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

THE KNIGHTS WILL SERVE AND SELL  
BRATWURST SAUERKRAUT PRETZELS  
HOT DOGS BURGERS  
JAMBALAYA CHILI AND  
YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGES

All proceeds benefit KOFC and SFA charities

LIVE MUSIC

*"The deeds you do may be the only sermon someone  
hears today." St. Francis of Assisi*

Clothing Drive- Oct. 7th-27th

We are collecting clothes/shoes/coats for all ages from infant to adult. Cornerstone Ministry in Norwalk has been overwhelmed with families who are struggling with the effects the inflated costs of food, utilities, etc., but remain on fixed salaries. As we head into winter, a good coat and sturdy shoes for work or school are a luxury. Many make do with inexpensive sweatshirts/jean jackets and double socks.

Let's reach out to make a difference for our neighbors in need. Drop off anytime in the back of the church through Oct. 27th.

Thank you for your kindness!

Missy

*"When you leave this earth, you can take nothing with  
you that you have received-only what you have given; a  
full heart enriched by service, love, sacrifice and  
courage." St. Francis of Assisi*

## Journey to Forgiveness



Wednesday Oct 16

6:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall  
35 Norfield Rd, Weston

## Guest Speaker Jennifer Hubbard

Her daughter Catherine, age 6, was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting

Hear the moving story of a grieving mother's  
journey to forgiveness

Everyone is invited

Admission \$10

to cover speaker cost

Tickets sold after Masses or contact  
Chris Purdy [purdymc@optonline.net](mailto:purdymc@optonline.net) for tickets

Sponsored by St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus

## *Parish Calendar*

### **Sunday, Oct. 6     Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.                Sunday Mass  
 9:30 a.m.                Children's Mass/Family Mass  
 10:15 a.m.               **No Coffee Social-Carnival**  
 11:00 a.m.                Sunday Mass

### **Mon., Oct. 7**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Tues., Oct. 8**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Weds. Oct. 9**

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

### **Thurs., Oct. 10**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Fri., Oct. 11**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Sat., Oct. 12**

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

### **Sunday, Oct. 13     Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

### **Mon., Oct. 14            Columbus Day-Parish Office Closed**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Tues., Oct. 15**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Weds. Oct. 16**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass  
 12:00 p.m.               Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:30 p.m.                Journey to Forgiveness-Guild Speaker

### **Thurs., Oct. 17**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Fri., Oct. 18**

7:30 a.m.                Daily Mass

### **Sat. Oct. 19**

8:30 a.m.                Sanctity of Life Rosary  
 9:00 a.m.                Sanctity of Life Mass/Adoration  
 4:00 p.m.                Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m.                Sunday Vigil Mass

## **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

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Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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**Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)**

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### **Community Outreach**

**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**

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### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

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