

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 13, 2024

WE SING
FOR *joy!*
PSALM 90



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.

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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

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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.

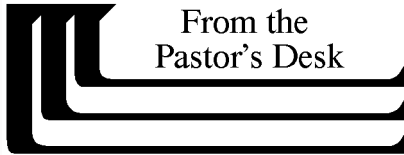
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson
dnhodson@diobpt.org
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

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.*



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

Another Carnival in the books! Thank you for making the 2024 SFA Annual Family Carnival a success! This year we had perfect weather for it. A big thank you to everyone who showed up. Our annual Carnival wouldn't be possible without the many dedicated volunteers who put in hard work for months prior to the event to plan the event, sell raffle tickets, find volunteers, prepare and cook the food, staff the games, set up and break down the Carnival, among many, many other jobs. In a special way, I want to express my gratitude to all the members of the Carnival Committee led by Sandra Jester for their leadership and hard work to organize the Carnival. Thanks to all of our Carnival sponsors. Thanks to all of you who donated items for the Carnival. Thanks to each of you for all you do to help make the Carnival a safe, happy, and family-focused event for our parish and community. Thank You!

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asks the rich young man, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good." There's a two-fold message here.

First, if the young man truly believes that Jesus is good and that his teachings are good (and wasn't merely trying to win him over with flattery), and if he has observed his miracles and sinless life, then it should be obvious to him that all this goodness is proof that Jesus is God.

Secondly, Christ's question offers the young man an opportunity to become more humble. If he truly believes what Jesus says, then he should realize that since only God is good, no one else, including himself, obeys the commandments perfectly. Such a realization should have opened his heart to the truth that Jesus explains next. How does this truth affect your own heart? Jesus is saying: "There's only one thing keeping you from being holy like God: earthly attachments. You can gain freedom from this world and possess only what belongs to the kingdom of God by giving away your earthly treasures."

God is not asking us to become destitute. To "give up" anything we possess means being willing to give it away. If it's a good thing for us to have because it blesses us, God does want us to enjoy it, but true joy comes from being God's partner as a distributor of his wealth. It's awesome to help others by sharing what God has given to us. It's then that we control our possessions instead of being controlled by them or by our unChrist-like passions. It's the fullest way to live! And we are called to live this way.

If we remain attached to earthly stuff, we distance ourselves from God and hurt those who benefit from our generosity. But to achieve complete freedom from attachments, we cannot rely only on our own efforts. It's often very difficult to let go and become willing to share anything and everything that would benefit others.

The good news is that Jesus made it possible by taking our sins to the cross and sharing with us his own Holy Spirit. Our lives on earth are to be spent detaching from more and more of everything that doesn't belong to heaven. While doing this, we receive the treasures of heaven.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In comparison to the holy ways of dealing with life's circumstances that Jesus modeled for us, how unlike Jesus – how worldly – are you today? And how divine is your behavior? What earthly treasure is most difficult to give away? Decide upon an action that will help you detach from it this week.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by Ralph and Carol Palumbo
Sunday, Oct. 13th-The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
9:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by Jane LaCorte
11:00 a.m. **Garob Garabedian (D)** by the Kopas Family
Monday, Oct. 14th-Weekday-St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
7:30 a.m. **Kristen Kreuder Overton (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Tuesday, Oct. 15th-Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
7:30 a.m. **Lena Latorre (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Wednesday, Oct. 16th-St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:30 a.m. **Ralph and Carol Palumbo (H)** by the Crocitto Family
Thursday, Oct. 17th-St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
7:30 a.m. **Paul Marks (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Friday, Oct. 18th-Saint Luke, Evangelist
7:30 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Sat., Oct. 19th-Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
9:00 a.m. **John Gallagher (L)** by Elizabeth Crocitto

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 reddingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Glotowo, Poland-1290

With Lithuanians invading the village of Glotowo, a priest buried a silver ciborium with a consecrated host that he was not aware was there. The Lithuanians destroyed the church and entire village. A farmer found the ciborium many years later while plowing the field, thanks to his oxen who bowed to the ground in adoration when they saw the bright light from the spot of where it was buried.

To read the full story, go to :

miracolieucaaristici.org

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 9/28-9/29..... \$4,661.00
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$7,475.00
Total Difference..... (\$2,814.00)

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.



Next Sunday, Oct. 20th, we will take a second collection for World Mission Sunday (SPOF).



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, 203-227-5823



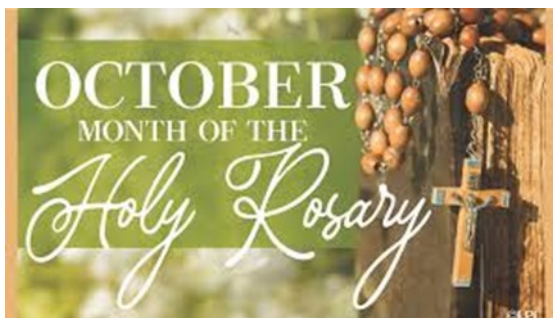
Faith Formation



We have had a great start to our new Faith Formation year. All students were excited to be back, and the Catechists and I are enthusiastic to share our Faith with them. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with lots of learning and some fun too!

Parents, ask your child what he or she has learned this week!

Remember...You are always welcome to come and see first-hand what your child is learning. If interested let me know.



October is the month of the Rosary. Our catechists are sharing this powerful devotion with your children.

May the Spirit of God move you to pray the Rosary together as a family and contemplate Christ with Mary.

Love and Peace
Gina Fleming

Important Upcoming dates:

Monday, October 14th No Classes – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 24th MANDATORY meeting for the Confirmation Parents with Bishop Caggiano at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima – Wilton CT

Sunday, October 27th Confirmation Rite of Enrollment – 9:30am Mass

Monday, October 28th MANDATORY First Communion Parent Meeting at 7:00pm in Room 203

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

(203)227-8353 or
gffleming@stfrancisweston.org

Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



Thank you to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department for their awesome visit!

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



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
Dunnigan, Tarare & Palumbo families for hosting this Sunday, October 13
Pioli family for hosting next Sunday, October 20
Confirmation families for hosting October 27

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

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

October 19-20

Join us to honor and celebrate...

First Responders



Police Officers, Fire Fighters, EMTs

A blessing will be given at all Masses
Sat Oct 19 at 5pm

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 for tickets

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

Parish Calendar

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
 5:00 p.m. Fall Fest-KOC

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-First Responders

Sunday, Oct. 20 Twenty-Ninth 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., Oct. 21
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Oct. 22
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Oct. 23
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Oct. 24
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Oct. 25
 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. Oct. 26
 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

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