

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 20, 2024



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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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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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.*



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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October 2024

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Diocese will celebrate the annual **World Mission Appeal** the weekend of **October 19 - 20, 2024**. We will be invited again, with Catholics throughout the world, to recommit to our shared call to mission.

This World Mission Sunday, we echo Pope Francis' call to "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (cf. Mt 22.9), we are reminded of our shared baptismal call to be missionary disciples. The collection taken up in our diocese offers us an exceptional opportunity to express our solidarity with the Church's missionary activities, support those who labor in the vineyard, especially in young Churches that need our prayerful and financial support.

Founded two hundred years ago by a French laywoman, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, The Pontifical Mission Societies supported the fledgling Church in the United States for the first decades of its life. We are now able to offer our support to our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission territories. It is a testament to the Church's universality and our collective responsibility to ensure that no diocese, large or small, wealthy or poor, is left behind in our mission activities.

Last year, The Pontifical Mission Societies provided grants to 38,000 seminarians, material support to 258,500 religious sisters caring for children and families and 844,000 catechists teaching the faith and helped sustain 8,700 homes for the elderly and orphaned children. The church in the United States contributed \$17.1 million towards these efforts which accounted for nearly 25% of the global giving.

Together let us pray for the success of the Church's mission and for the missionaries who serve with courage and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **John Gallaher (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Sunday, Oct. 20th-The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family
9:30 a.m. **DeBonis Family (D)** by Father Joe Sidera
11:00 a.m. **Joann Paradies (L)**
Monday, Oct. 21st-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Pete Franco (D)** by the Mancinelli Family
Tuesday, Oct. 22nd-Saint John Paul II, Pope
7:30 a.m. **Elliot Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Wednesday, Oct. 23rd-Weekday-St. John of Capistrano, Priest
7:30 a.m. **Maria Kocik (D)** by her Family
Thursday, Oct. 24th-Weekday-St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
7:30 a.m. **Salvatore Billante (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Friday, Oct. 25th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Patricia Carter (L)**
Sat., Oct. 26th-Weekday-
9:00 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by the Wrynn Family
Adoration and Sanctuary Candles: Domenico Pisani (D)

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-Legnica, Poland-2013

On Dec. 25, 2013, a Host fell on the ground during Communion. The Host was placed in a container of water in the tabernacle. Instead of dissolving in the water, about 20% of the Host formed human blood on its surface.

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



We welcome to God's Family:

Bennet Sarage Gowan

son of Mark and Hailey Gowan

October 13, 2024. God bless Bennet!

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 10/12-10/13 \$6,712.00
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$8,500.00
Total Difference..... (1,788.00)

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, 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



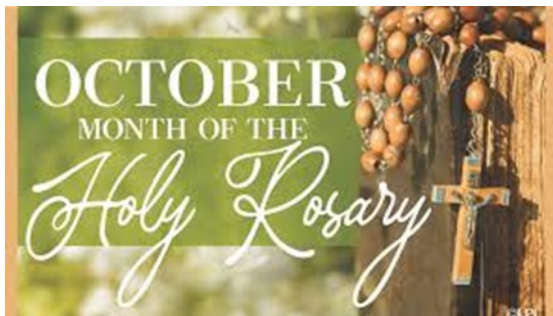
Faith Formation



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:

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



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 teens joined with our friends from Assumption to make scarves that will be placed into backpacks for those in need as part of our groups' annual Backpack Outreach Program. Once all our items are collected and packed, they will be distributed by Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport.

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 last Sunday, October 13
Pioli family for hosting this Sunday, October 20
Confirmation families for hosting next October 27

Hosts needed for November 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

Clothing Drive ... Oct 7- Oct 27



Clothes, Shoes, Jackets ... infant to adult

For struggling families at Cornerstone Ministry, Norwalk
They can't keep up with inflation and wear inexpensive
shirts, jackets, socks and shoes through the winter

Drop off any time in the back of Church by Oct 27

*"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

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROSARY

Thursday Oct 24 at 6:30pm, in the Church

Presented by Deacon Steve



October is the month of the Rosary
Learn more about this beautiful
devotional prayer

How it started
What it means to us
Why it's so powerful

Come and pray with us

Eucharistic Miracles Display of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Fellow Parishioners
The Bridgeport Diocese-Institute for Catholic
Formation sent an email giving the dates of the
scheduled Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit by
Blessed Carlos Acutis.

It is full of incredible information about
a blessed young boy- Carlo Acutis.

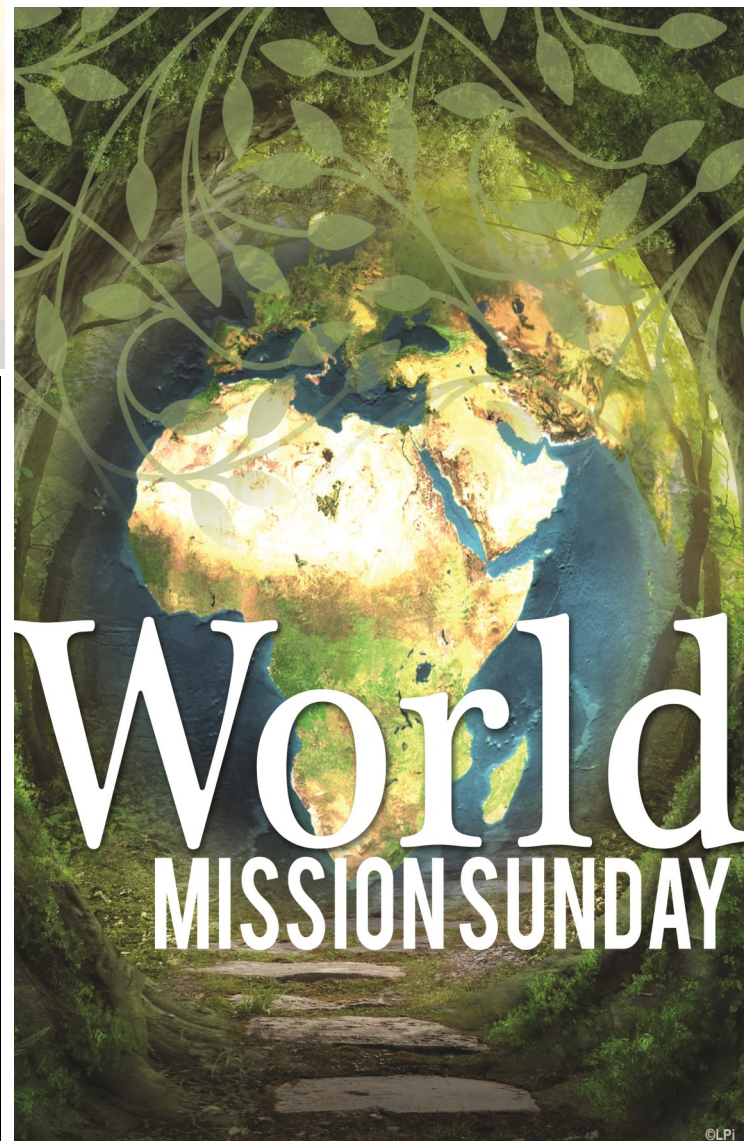
The link will bring you to:
a short summary of what he has tabulated
on Eucharistic Miracles

a video of Carlo and his quest

a schedule of where his exhibit will be
scheduled in different parishes

and a meditation on the Eucharist that
Marlane Tubridy composed based on
the work of Carlo.

Click on the link to access email and information
including the exhibit schedule in our area.



Parish Calendar

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

Sunday, Oct. 27 Thirtieth 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. 28

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Oct. 29

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Oct. 30

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 11:15 a.m. Preschool Halloween Parade
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Oct. 31

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Nov. 1

All Saints

7:30 a.m. Mass
 12:00 p.m. Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sat. Nov. 2

All Souls' Day

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

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