

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

October 27, 2024



THE LORD  
HAS DONE  
GREAT THINGS.

PSALM 126

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  
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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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

What would you do after Jesus touches our lives like – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this weekend's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't down-playing the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go *your* way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed *Him* on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.

How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about our faith.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our highest priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward? How long did the change last?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you? How did you figure out which way to go afterward?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine



## The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Kayla Baines (L) Bday** by the Baines Family  
**Sunday, Oct. 27th-The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. **Michaelangelo and Rosina Falbo (D)** by  
 Anthony Falbo

11:00 a.m. **Don Patrie (D)** by the Mancinelli Family

**Monday, Oct. 28th-Weekday-Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

7:30 a.m. **Georgia Carter (L)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 29th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Joseph Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin

**Wednesday, Oct. 30th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Teresa Karwowski (L)** by the Crocitto Family

**Thursday, Oct. 31st-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Margaret Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin

**Friday, Nov. 1st-All Saints-**

7:30 a.m. **Dana Leech (L)**

12:00 p.m. **Carol Brown (D)**

7:00 p.m. **Carol Brown (D)**

**Sat., Nov. 2nd-Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed-All Souls' Day**

9:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)**

*Adoration and Sanctuary Candles: Domenico Pisani (D)*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the Main Church, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet sung at 2:35 p.m. Questions?

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

**Divine Mercy-Anita Field** reddingglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Poznan, Poland-1399

Three consecrated Hosts were stolen by some desecrators who punched holes in them to deface them. The Hosts began to drip blood and every attempt to destroy them proved futile. The robbers threw the Hosts in the marsh, but they rose up and began to radiate strong flashes of light. The particles can be venerated today in Poznan.

To read the full story, go to :

[miracolieucaristici.org](http://miracolieucaristici.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 10/19-10/20 \$7,226.00  
 Weekly Budget Goal..... \$8,500.00  
 Total Difference..... (\$1,274.00)

#### **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

**All Saints Day, Friday Nov 1**

Holy Day of Obligation  
 Masses 7:30am, 12, 7pm

**All Souls Day, Sat Nov 2**

Masses 9am, 5pm  
 NOTE: 5pm Vigil  
 fulfills Sunday obligation





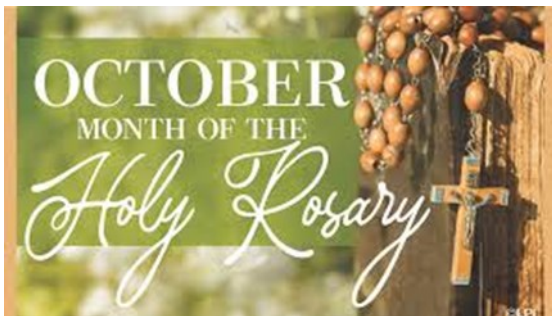
### Faith Formation



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:

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rite of Enrollment – 9:30am Mass

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gffleming@stfrancisweston.org)



## Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



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 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](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  
Pioli family for hosting last Sunday, October 20  
Confirmation families for hosting this Sunday, October 27  
Knights of Columbus for hosting next Sunday, November 3

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

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME ENDS  
FALL BACK**  
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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.

St. Augustine Medal Award Winners

Congratulations to Tom and Kathy Failla, who were  
named as SFA's 2024 recipients of the Diocese of  
Bridgeport's St. Augustine Medal award. Both are long-  
time parishioners, Kathy is active in the Women's Guild  
(Kathy was President), and Tom is often found at Mass  
greeting parishioners as an Usher. He and Kathy can be  
found volunteering at many events at SFA. We  
congratulate and thank them for their great love,  
dedication, and service to our family of faith. May God  
bless our wonderful parish community.



## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, Oct. 27</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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
<b>Mon., Oct. 28</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Oct. 29</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Oct. 30</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
11:15 a.m.	Preschool Halloween Parade
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Oct. 31</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Nov. 1</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Sat. Nov. 2</b>	<b>All Souls' Day</b>
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Nov. 3</b>	<b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., Nov. 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Nov. 5</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Nov. 6</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Nov. 7</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Nov. 8</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Nov. 9</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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**Rev. Joseph Sidera, CSC-Resident**

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**Kimberley Del Corso, Business Manager/Bulletin Editor/Preschool Program Coordinator**  
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**Marianne Keith, Preschool Director**  
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**Michele Harding, Youth Minister**  
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**Don Rickenback, Music Coordinator**  
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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**

Members: Mike Byrnes, Deacon Steve Hodson, Frank Infurchia, 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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