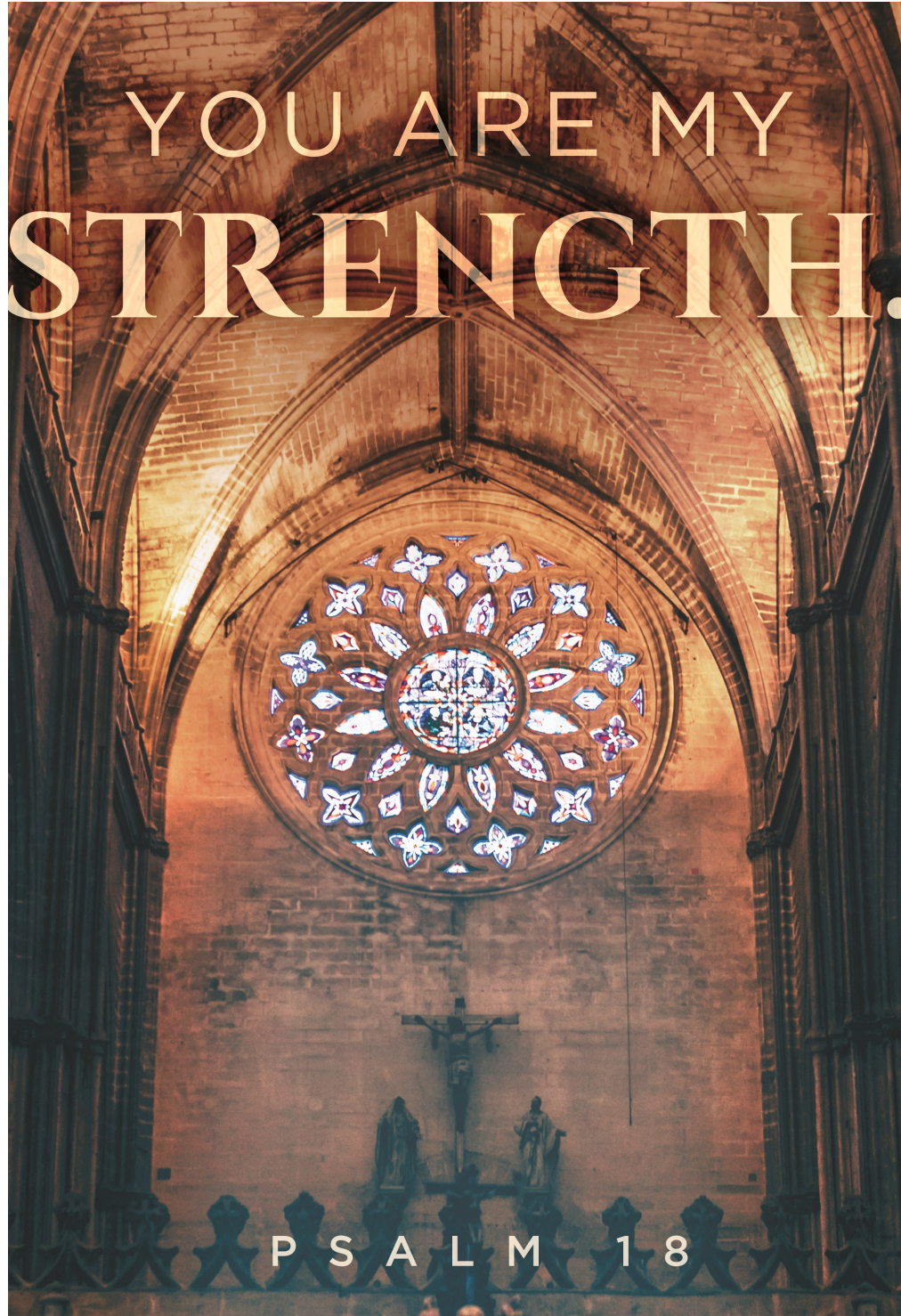


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

November 3, 2024



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

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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,

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the month of November. We start out the month with a very important holy day with on the calendar with All Saints Day where we celebrate the community of saints in heaven who are our intercessors. Not only we celebrate All Souls Day on November 2nd, but the entire month of November is the month of remembrance, when we remember our loved ones who have left this world. We pray for the repose of their souls and their entry into eternal life. We also pray for the souls in the process of purification in purgatory. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved one. November is also a time of harvest in many parts of the country, when farmers harvest their crops before the arrival of the harsh winter weather. We pray for a good harvest for our farmers and give thanks for those who supply us food. November is also the last days of the liturgical year before we enter the holy season of Advent and a new liturgical year. There will be many different activities and events between now and end of the year. I am very grateful to all of you who contribute to our parish in different ways.

In our Gospel reading for this weekend (31st Sunday), Jesus reminds the scribes of the two greatest commands of the Law. He quoted the Hebrew scriptures, which we hear in the first reading. And the second reading, from the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, explains how the Law of Love supersedes or fulfills all other laws: Jesus, who loved perfectly and never sinned against anyone, sacrificed himself for sinners. Therefore, we who want to follow him to heaven need to follow in his footsteps of love, by loving God and everyone else whole-heartedly. Try as we might, though, we love imperfectly; we sin. The best penance, then, is an act of love, especially if it's a sacrifice offered to (or for) those who were harmed by our sin. But the damage we've caused has a ripple effect that goes far beyond anything we can see. This is why we benefit from the Catholic Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the confessional, Jesus – through the priest – accepts our remorse and absolves our sins, while the entire earthly Body of Christ (the Church) – through the priest who sits in proxy for her – accepts our penances for the earthly damage that our sins have caused.

Penance is not only an act of love, it's designed to strengthen our resolve to choose love when tempted to sin again. If the priest gives us an easy penance (for example, "Say the Lord's Prayer and three Hail Marys"), if we really want to become holier, we should ask God during those three Hail Marys for a penance that's a more difficult act of love. We should choose a sacrifice, something that requires loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as well as loving ourselves and our neighbors just as much.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret said, "The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal." How high is your love flying? Zeal is a good measuring instrument of how much we love God.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whom have you loved imperfectly this week? What act of penance could you do that would be an exercise in loving them better, treating them the way Jesus would? When will you complete the reconciliation through the sacraments of the Church?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Clara Dunn (D)** by Mike and Kay Byrnes
Sunday, Nov. 3rd-The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Robert Dziekonski (D)** by the Jankowski and
Baines Families
9:30 a.m. **John and Antoinette Caporale (D)** Beloved
parents and birthdays by Thom and Anita Field
11:00 a.m. **Kathleen Macione (D)** by Chris and Laurie Eidt
Monday, Nov. 4th-Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7:30 a.m. **Sharon Gamboa (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Tuesday, Nov. 5th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Paul Fusillo (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Wednesday, Nov. 6th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Karen Vitale (L)** by the Crocitto Family
Thursday, Nov. 7th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Ellen Gabriel (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Friday, Nov. 8th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son
Sat., Nov. 9th-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00 a.m. **Edmond Gabriel (D)** by Patrick Guerin

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 redingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Santarem, Portugal-1247

A woman stole a Host and hid it in a linen cloth. The Host turned into bleeding flesh and blood flowed out of it. The relic is preserved to this day in Santarem.

To read the full story, go to :

miracolieucaristici.org

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 10/26-10/27 \$6,632.00
Weekly Budget Goal..... \$8,500.00
Total Difference..... (\$1,868.00)

From the Finance Committee

As you heard last weekend, we are 3 mos. into our fiscal year and we are currently running at 75% of budget, or \$27K below plan. The offertory is our main source of revenue.

Please consider becoming a regular offertory donor.

If you are already a regular donor, thank you- and please consider increasing your weekly offertory by 5%, or even 10%, if you can. If you are not a regular donor, please consider joining your fellow parishioners who are.

Please scan our QR code to access **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, 203-227-5823

We welcome to God's Family:



Bennet Sarage Gowan
son of Mark and Hailey Gowan

October 13, 2024. God bless Bennet!





Faith Formation



Photographed here are the Confirmandi who seek to deepen their Christian commitment and become fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join me in prayer for these young men and women as they continue their faith formation until they receive the fullness of the Spirit in March.

Parents are always welcomed to come and observe a class at any time. Come see what your children are learning.



Important Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, November 5th – No classes for 3rd and 4th grade
- Classes on for 7th and 8th grade @ 6-7:15pm
- Saturday, November 9th and Sun. November 10th Bake Sale at all Masses. All proceeds are to support Faith Formation
- Saturday, November 16th – Confirmation Retreat
- 9:00am – 12pm
- Tuesday, November 19th – Letters of Intent and the
- Rock-a-thon Service – 6:7:30pm



November is a month of remembrance and prayer in the Catholic Church

May the Spirit of God move you to pray together as a family for all Holy Souls in Purgatory

*Love and Peace,
Gina Fleming*

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



We've been blessed with beautiful autumn weather!

Halloween Parade pictures coming soon.....

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! First, they took time out to help with the CT FoodShare distribution in Norwalk, bringing smiles and conversations as they helped feed 160 families. The next day, the group joined with our pals from Assumption, Westport for fun at the Fall Phantom Fest at Lake Compounce!

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
Confirmation families for hosting last Sunday, October 27
First Communion families for hosting this Sunday, November 3
Moskal family for hosting Sunday, November 10

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 candrapalumbo@gmail.com

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.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Nov 1 – Nov 24



We are collecting for a food pantry that serves needy families in Norwalk



You can donate 3 ways:

1. **Donate online** and Missy will shop for you....
2. **Write a check** to SFA with "TGIVING DRIVE" in the memo and drop in the collection or at the office
3. **Create a basket** and leave in the back of church by 11/24 with NON-PERISHABLE food only:
 - \$25 gift card for turkey
 - 4 cans of any vegetable
 - 2 boxes of stuffing
 - 2 boxes of instant mashed potatoes
 - Cookies
 - Brownie or cake mix and frosting
 - OPTIONAL: napkins, tea, coffee
 - SUGGESTION: use \$2 Home Goods bags as basket

"If you can't feed 100 people, feed just one" ...St Francis

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

Mon, Nov 18, 6:30pm

in the parish hall

Women's Guild

General Meeting

Followed by

creating baskets to support the Thanksgiving Drive



Sign-up to donate items and bring to the meeting for the baskets



St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
FALL BACK

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024



Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

203 227 1341, ext. 10

office@stfrancisweston.org

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 3	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Daylight Savings Time Ends
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
Mon., Nov. 4	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Nov. 5	Election Day
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Nov. 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Nov. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Nov. 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Nov. 9	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Nov. 10	Thirty-Second 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., Nov. 11	Veteran's Day-Office Closed
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Nov. 12	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Nov. 13	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs. Nov. 14	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Nov. 15	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Nov. 16	
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

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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

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