

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

November 10, 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

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 Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because He often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, difficult sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted His love for them.

Trust is a sign of genuine love – that is, if the one whom we are choosing to trust is God.

We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.

Each widow gave what she could not afford lose. We cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from His persecutors. Did He give up on them? Did He stop loving them? Not at all. Following Christ means that we have to watch for and trust God's timing on speaking up versus walking away.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Jesus cares about you much more than anyone else can. Are you willing to look to Him for the fullness of love that you need? What makes you feel unsafe with God? What needs healing or correction in your thinking so that you can be free to sit on Daddy-God's lap and feel secure and fully loved?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience – more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous? What were the end results? What did you learn from it?

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Deceased Members of the Jankowski Family**
Sunday, Nov. 10th-The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Michael Sarno (D)** by Marge Sarno

9:30 a.m. **Mieczyslaw Wysocki (D)** by the Karwowski Family

11:00 a.m. **Phil Buckley (D)** by Cecilia Forgione
Monday, Nov. 11th-Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop;
Veterans' Day

7:30 a.m. **Donald F. Carter (D)**
Tuesday, Nov. 12th-Saint Josaphat, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by Jane LaCorte
Wednesday, Nov. 13th-Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:30 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by Gina Fleming
Thursday, Nov. 14th-Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Rebecca Crocitto (L) Bday** by her Family
Friday, Nov. 15th-Weekday-Saint Albert the Great, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Donald F. Carter (D)**

Sat., Nov. 16th-St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, BVM

9:00 a.m. **Tom Carron (D)**

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 11/2-11/3	\$8,433.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$12,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$3,567.00)

From the Finance Committee

As you heard two weeks ago, we are 4 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.**



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-Alborava-Almacera, Spain-1348

A priest, who was traveling to visit and give Communion to sick people, slipped in the waters of a small river and overturned the ciborium holding the Hosts. Fisherman told him that several fish had the Hosts in their mouths. He went back to get another ciborium, and the fish brought the fully intact hosts back to him.

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



**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



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, we celebrated the Rite of Enrollment for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates, which marks the beginning of the children's preparation for these Sacraments. During the ceremony, the children were presented to the parish community for prayers and blessings.

Please join me in praying for these young boys and girls as they continue with their Faith Formation until they will join us at the Lord's Table in May of 2024.



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*

Important Upcoming dates:

- Saturday, November 16th – Confirmation Retreat
- 9:00am – 12pm
- Tuesday, November 19th – Letters of Intent and the Rock-a-thon Service – 6-7:30pm

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



Our Halloween Parade was a success! Next up? All School Read and we elected our Mascot, Saint—A beautiful puppy named for Saint Francis of Assisi! 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
First Communion families for hosting last Sunday, November 3
Moskal and Taylor families for hosting this Sunday, November 10
Mariska family for hosting next Sunday, November 17

Hosts needed for December 8, 15, 22 and 29

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

Introduction to the Bible

(like you've never seen it before!)

Through videos, discussion and instruction, the
Bible will come to new life and understanding

Led by Fr. Joe

Wednesdays: Dec 4, 11, 18, at 10-11:30am
in the classroom area

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

Monday, Nov 18, 6:30pm

in the parish hall

Women's Guild General Meeting



Followed by
creating baskets for the
Thanksgiving Drive



St. Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Parish Office Hours

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

203 227 1341, ext. 10

office@stfrancisweston.org

Parish Calendar

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

Sunday, Nov. 17 **Thirty-Third 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. 18

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Nov. 19

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Nov. 20

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

Thurs., Nov. 21

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Nov. 22

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat., Nov. 23

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

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