

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

November 17, 2024



## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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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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**Website:** www.stfrancisweston.org  
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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.

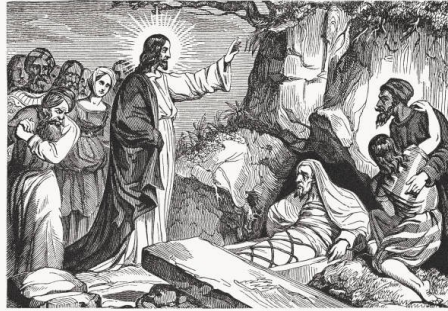
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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.*



### Awake from Your Slumber

In our first reading today from the Prophet Daniel we read, “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...” This passage is one of the first passages that refers to the resurrection of the dead. It is interesting how human death is often referred to as sleep in scripture. We recall the words of Jesus, “Our friend *Lazarus* is sleeping. But I will go there to wake him up.” (John 11:11) The term sleep has a peaceful connotation and that is what our passage from this life to the next should be . . . filled with the peace of our Lord.

Wouldn't each of us like to be awakened from sleep to new life, by Jesus? Imagine having Jesus gently waking us up from a rest. He asks us, “Are you ready?” We answer, “For what, Lord?” Jesus answers, “To be with me forever.”

The challenge is that our Lord wants us to be awakened now, not in the sense of being simply, physically awake but in the spiritual sense of being brought back to the fullness of life in Christ. He wants us to be alive in his words which “will not pass away,” to be with him in sacrament, and to be with him in our love for his eternal Father and love of our neighbor . . . dying, out of love, to our very self.

Saint Paul tells us, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body, which is to be, but a bare kernel . . . What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.... For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.”

Today's Gospel of Mark speaks of the end times. Many people will try to say that the world is coming to an end every time there are trials, storms or tribulations. Yet, just as in Jesus' time we do not know when the end will come, but we do know that our time on earth is very short. Certainly, our lives on earth are filled with many challenges and anxiety, but when we have faith in God our lives have a higher, holy order.

Saint Francis of Assisi once said, “What do you have to fear? Nothing. Whom do you have to fear? No one. Why? Because whoever has joined forces with God obtains three great privileges: omnipotence without power, intoxication without wine, and life without death.” Jesus wants each of us to have confidence that we are called as, “the elect” to eternal life and to have it in the full. Jesus' own death and resurrection have already conquered evil and his second coming, the Parousia, stands for Jesus as Lord of all of history until the end of time as we know it. And Jesus promises us that He **will** raise us up on the last day!

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Steve



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by the Crocitto Family  
**Sunday, Nov. 17th-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **Margaret Olsen (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

9:30 a.m. **Martha Rickenback (D)** by Don Rickenback

11:00 a.m. **Mary Patricia Tunney (D)** by Dennis and Amy Jung  
**Monday, Nov. 18th-The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

7:30 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by Una Callanan  
**Tuesday, Nov. 19th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by Joan Joyce  
**Wednesday, Nov. 20th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **John and Theresa Sidera (D)** by Fr. Joe  
**Thursday, Nov. 21st-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by Joan Joyce  
**Friday, Nov. 22nd-Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

7:30 a.m. **Edith Truscott (D)** by Patrick and Eliza Gallagher  
**Sat., Nov. 23rd-Weekday-St. Clement I, Pope; St. Coluban, Abbot**

9:00 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by Kevin Morley

### 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-Daroca, Spain-1239

During numerous battles with the Moors, a Christian Mass was interrupted by a battle and had to be suspended. The Spaniards were successful in battle and the Mass was reinstated; however, the Hosts were completely covered in blood. The linen cloths from this battle can be viewed to this day.

To read the full story, go to :  
[miracolieucaaristici.org](http://miracolieucaaristici.org)

### Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection for 11/9-11/10	\$12,273.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$12,000.00
Total Difference.....	\$273.00

### **From the Finance Committee**

Fr. Augustine and the Finance committee are grateful for your generous support. The offertory is our main source of revenue.

Please scan our QR code to access **Online Giving**.



## Children's Liturgy once a month



"Let the children come to me"  
 Mark 19:14

**Next Mass Dec 8  
 at 9:30**

Future dates announced at Mass,  
 in the bulletin and newsletter

### Children are fully engaged...

Child-friendly homily at the altar

Readers: **grade 6 and up**

Greeters: **grade 3 and up**

Passing collection basket: **Grade 3 and up**

Children's choir: **Kindergarten and up**

Training provided on dates that work for you

### Is your child interested?

Contact Linda Nash [linda@steep-hill.com](mailto:linda@steep-hill.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**



### **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)

No commitment required... all are welcome to learn more

Contact Pam Franco at [pamffrg@gmail.com](mailto:pamffrg@gmail.com), 203-227-5823



### Faith Formation



Dear Parishioners,

We are very excited to say that this year's Bake Sale was a success!

This success, however, would not have been possible without the participation of all volunteers. So, it is with deep gratitude that I thank our Bake Sale Chairpersons, Carmen Camacho and Diana Sanchez, for helping me coordinate the event and selling at each Mass. Next, I want to thank Monica Staehely for baking, pricing, and helping us set up a lovely display of baked goods. Last, but not least, many thanks to all the bakers and parishioners who purchased our delicious baked goods. We are so blessed by your support and love.



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:

- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Letters of Intent and the Rock-a-thon Service 6:00-7:30pm

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



Turkey Trot/Bike a Thon!



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 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](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  
Moskal and Taylor families for hosting last Sunday, November 10  
Mariska family for hosting this Sunday, November 17  
Sarno family for hosting next Sunday, November 24

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



## CantiamoCHOIR

**Christmas concert  
and reflection**

Marlane Tubridy, Director

Start Advent with the joy of coming  
together to hear carols as we prepare  
for the birth of Jesus.

**Friday, Dec 6 at 7pm, Parish Hall**



**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**  
Nov 25 – Dec 15

**Drop off toys**

New, unwrapped toys, infant to teen and  
New/gently used stuffed animals  
in the back of Church

OR

**Donate and Missy will shop for you**

**Cash:** Write Toy Drive on envelope

**Check:** Payable to SFA, Toy Drive in memo

**Place In:** collection basket or parish office

**Online:** Click here:



Christmas gifts are a  
luxury for many.  
Let's make a child  
smile this Christmas.



## 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](mailto:office@stfrancisweston.org)

### Parish Calendar

**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

6:30 p.m.              Women's Guild Meeting

**Tues., Nov. 19**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Weds., Nov. 20**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

12:00 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

**Sunday, Nov. 24**      **Christ the King**

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. 25**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Tues., Nov. 26**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Weds. Nov. 27**        **Offices Closed**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

12:00 p.m.             Eucharistic Adoration

**Thurs., Nov. 28**      **Thanksgiving Day-Offices Closed**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Fri., Nov. 29**        **Offices Closed**

7:30 a.m.              Daily Mass

**Sat. Nov. 30**

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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**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

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Ushers: Laurie Eidt and Mike Purdy (eidtl@optonline.net)

#### **Spiritual Formation**

**Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)**

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#### **Community Outreach**

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#### **Communications Ministry**

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#### **Finance Council**

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