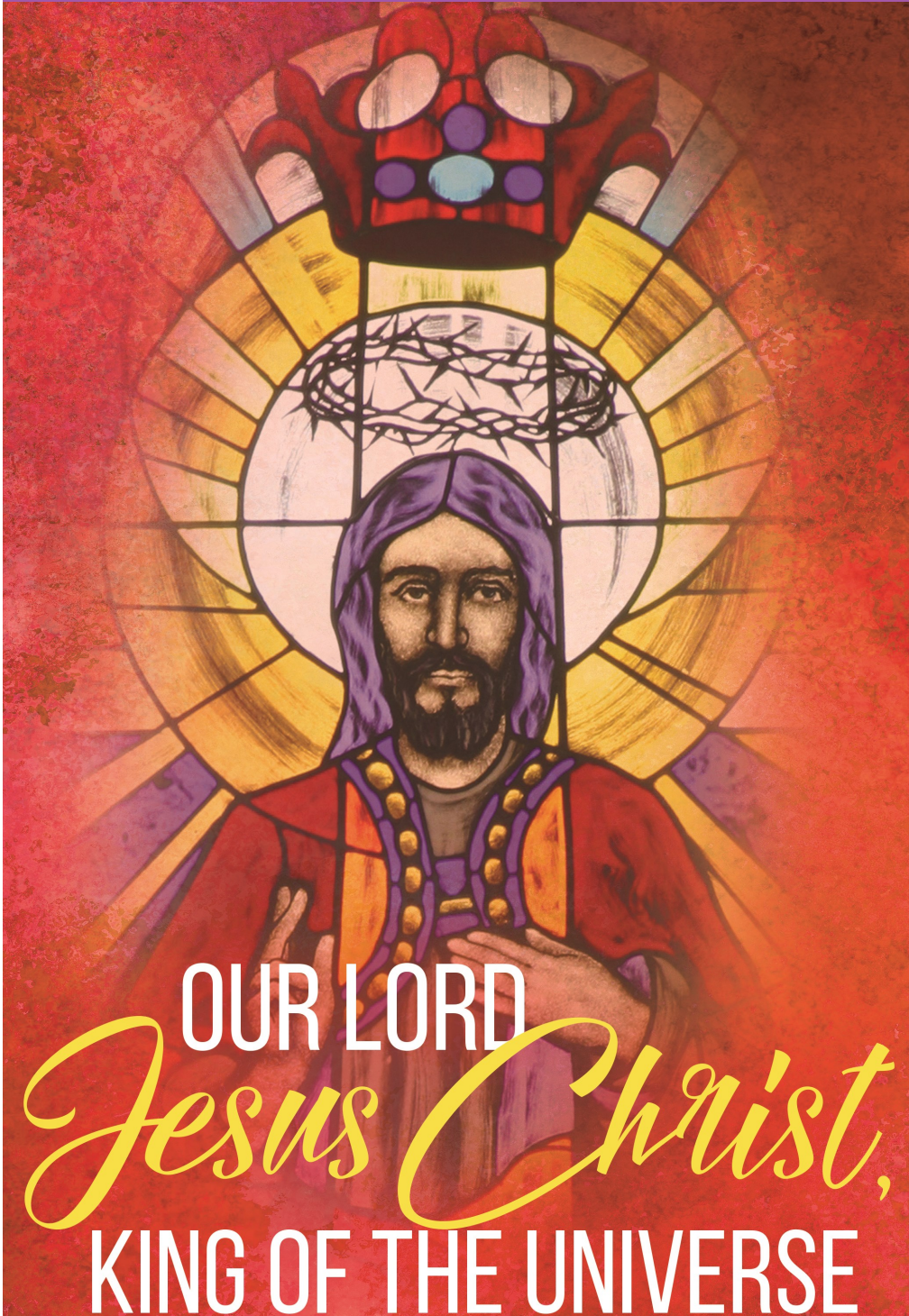


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

November 24, 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.*

My Dear Parishioners,

We gather this weekend to celebrate the end of our Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King. In light of the contemporary model of royalty, it seems difficult to cast our Lord and Savior in the role of King. Jesus certainly does not bear the marks associated with today's royal households. He walks among us with humility and grace, not seeking praise or honor but only a return of the love which He offers to each of us. Jesus is a king in the purest sense of that title. We listen to Saint Paul describe the kingship of Jesus with these words:

He delivered us from the power of darkness; He is the image of the invisible God

In Him were created all things in heaven and on earth; He is before all things

In Him all things hold together; He is the head of the body, the Church

In Him all fullness was pleased to dwell; He made peace by the blood of his cross

We can turn to our Lord at all times, for His care for us is beyond our understanding and His love is so deep that it is hard for us to imagine just how unconditional His love is for us. He forgives our sins, He knows our weaknesses. He is ever present. He is our Savior and our greatest hope. Do we fall in adoration before Him because of His earthly power? No. We bow down in adoration out of gratitude for His never ending presence among us. How blessed we are that we can turn our backs to Him, but he will never turn away from us. How graced we are that we are never alone in our times of deepest need. How rich we are because of all the graces he pours into our lives each day. Just take time to reflect on the image of the cross. He was humiliated, falsely accused, unjustly condemned, beaten beyond human tolerance, mocked with a crown of thorns that pierced His head, robed in a cloak that tore His skin as it was ripped off Him, and nailed to tree like a common criminal. And yet, what were His final words: "Father, forgive them." That is power that transcends any human king and that is the power that is ours through Jesus Christ, Our God, our Savior, our King!

This week we also gather to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and our loved ones. Here are some prayers before the Thanksgiving feast:

+ Thank You, Lord God, for this food we are about to eat. Thank You for the hands that have prepared it, for those sitting around the table who are here to share it, and for the ability to be here together under one roof and enjoy these blessings at Your holy hand. We realize that everything we have comes from You and, for that, we are eternally grateful. Thank You that You are a Good Father who loves to give gifts to Your children. We sit here as evidence of Your goodness. Thank You for the gift of today and all who are here to share it with us in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+Lord God, we gather around this table to humbly thank You for all that You have given us in this past year, not just what is on this table but for all those gathered around it. Thank You for life and laughter, for health and happiness, for relationships and memories. Thank You, as well, for the lessons learned and the tears we have cried for through them we have grown in our faith and our love. Thank You for the comfort you offer in our days that are dark and the joys in the days that are filled with light. Thank You for what we have now, for what we had yesterday, and for what You will continue to give tomorrow. Let us never take that for granted, but to always be grateful for every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving not only today but every day of our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Bless us, O Lord, and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Mary Gilbert (D)** by Dan and Sharon Gilbert
Sunday, Nov. 24th-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by the Fleming, Marfia,
 Manion and Mattera Families
 9:30 a.m. **Edith Truscott (D)** by Anne and Maureen Gallagher
 11:00 a.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by Jane LaCorte
Monday, Nov. 25th-Weekday-St. Catherine of Alexandria
 7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by the Baines Family
Tuesday, Nov. 26th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Jane Graham (D)** by Sharon Bell
Wednesday, Nov. 27th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Malgorzata Niedzwiecka (D)** by the
 Karwowski Family
Thursday, Nov. 28th-Weekday-Thanksgiving Day
 7:30 a.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by the Karwowski
 Family
Friday, Nov. 29th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Sat., Nov. 30th-Saint Andrew, Apostle
 9:00 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (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-Gorkum-El, Spain-1572

Mercenaries entered a Catholic church and plundered it. As an insult, one mercenary trampled on a Consecrated Host, and broke it into three pieces. Immediately, it began to drip loving blood and the Host took the form of a hoop, and this can be seen to this day.

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 11/16-11/17	\$7,200.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$12,000.00
Total Difference.....	(4,800.00)

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


**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 and
youth readers, greeters, and the children's choir

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, 203-227-5823



Faith Formation



Wishing you all a Blessed Thanksgiving!

May our Lord increase our thankfulness and gratitude for all the things we take for granted, and through His infinite generosity may He grant us continued graces and blessings.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, November 28 - No Classes - Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 12th last day of classes – Christmas break. Classes resume Thursday, January 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-227-8353 or gflaming@stfrancisweston.org

Peace and love,

Gina Fleming

Preschool News/Youth Ministry News



Our weeks are flying by!
Thanksgiving break begins next
week, Nov. 27th-29th.



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



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.





ADVENT

December 2024



4, 11
18

Introduction to the Bible

Three Wednesdays: Dec 4, 11, 18 at 10-11:30am, Classroom area
Led by Fr Joe

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Cantiamo Choir

Friday Dec 6 at 7pm in the hall, Led by Marlane Tubridy

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Women's Guild Pot Luck Brunch & Gift/Cookie Exchange

Saturday Dec 14 after the 9am Mass
Bring small 'bunchy' dish for 6, 1 wrapped gift and 2 dozen home made cookies

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Healing Service and Reconciliation

Saturday Dec 14 after the 5pm Mass
Fr Sean leads the healing service with priests available for reconciliation

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Teaching Mass

Sunday Dec 15, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses
Step-by-step walk through the Mass... why do we do what we do?

Until
15

Toy Drive

11/25-12/15 drop off new, unwrapped toys (infant to teen)
or new/gently used and clean stuffed animals
Or donate online, by check or cash and Missy will shop for you... see separate announcement or newsletter for details

21

Amazed & Afraid: The Revelation of God become Man

Saturday Dec 21 after the 9am Mass
Bishop Barron video addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus and travels through Israel and Rome



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

TEACHING MASS

Sunday Dec 15
at the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses

Why do we do what do?

In one hour, while you attend Mass,
we will walk through a step-by-step
explanation of each part of the Mass

Parish Calendar

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
Sunday, Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent
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

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
 Mariska family for hosting last Sunday, November 17
 Sarno family for hosting this Sunday, November 24
 Sanchez family for hosting Sunday, December 1

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



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.



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