

**ST. FRANCIS  
OF ASSISI  
PARISH**

**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON**

**December 8, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
OF ADVENT**



**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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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 Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

How is Advent going for you? Are you preparing a way for the Lord? Are you giving yourself a chance to see the presence of the Lord? God gives a different grace in each season of the liturgical year. During this season of Advent God has a grace to give you. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time he cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize the time of their visitation (Luke 19:41-42). They would miss out on the grace of God. Let us not miss out on the time of our visitation. To use the words of John the Baptist in the desert, are you making a straight way for the visitation of God? Are you receiving the grace God is offering you this Advent? This Advent is a time when God will visit you if you allow him. So how is Advent going for you? If you have not yet begun to make a straight way for the Lord to receive his grace begin today. It is never too late to begin.

How might you receive the grace God is offering you this Advent? Spend more time in prayer with God this Advent. Spend time with God searching for the answers to your problems. You look forward to spending time with a loved one. Look forward with anticipation to spending time with God in prayer each day during Advent. Instead of just going through the motions during this season of Advent can you celebrate Advent with your heart? May I suggest that you use the Scripture readings for daily Mass for your prayer and meditation. There are also many books available with Advent reflections. If Advent is only a time of consumerism and buying gifts for people that they don't really want or need, it is flying in the face of what Jesus is all about. There is only one gift at Christmas, that gift is Jesus. Jesus is the grace that the Father wants to give to you this Advent. The Father is always willing to give, but it is up to you to unwrap the Father's gift of Jesus to you. Advent is a time to renew and deepen our relationship with God. It is a time of patient waiting for God, prayerful and trustful waiting for God. Because this season of Advent is so important the Church gives us four weeks to celebrate it and in the Orthodox Churches the season of Advent is even longer, it is 40 days like our season of Lent. Celebrate Advent with your heart, it is an opportunity to step back from the consumerism of the materialistic world and make a straight way for the Lord to receive the special grace God has planned for you this Advent.

To receive the grace God offers you this Advent an examination of conscience is necessary and that is why celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of Advent. As we examine our consciences we recognize that our lives do not model or reflect Jesus and we want to ask for mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that our hearts can become a manger to receive Jesus. At the end of this month we will hear a lot of talk of New Year resolutions. But now, Advent, is the time for making a resolution, a resolution to live like Jesus whose birth we are about to celebrate. Jesus is the light of the world and Advent is a time to come out of the darkness and walk in the light of Jesus.

There is only one gift at Christmas, that gift is Jesus. Jesus is the grace that the Father wants to give to you this Advent. Let us spend time with God to receive this grace. As we examine our consciences this Advent and see our shortcomings we are privileged to receive the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time he cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize the time of their visitation (Luke 19:41-42). Let us not miss out on the grace God is offering us this Advent.

*Wishing you a blessed Advent season, Fr. Augustine*



## The Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Vincenza Crocitto (D)** by the Wrynn Family  
**Sunday, Dec. 8th-The Second Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 a.m. **Immacolata Lancelotti (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming  
 9:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (D)** by his Wife and Son  
 11:00 a.m. **Robert Lovallo (D)** by Don Strange  
**Monday, Dec. 9th-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 7:30 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by SFA Preschool Staff  
 12:00 p.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by Sharon Bell  
 7:00 p.m. **Francine Rinaldi (H)** by Lee Rinaldi  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10th-Advent Weekday-Our Lady of Loreto**  
 7:30 a.m. **Kristin Guerin (H)** by Patrick Guerin  
**Wednesday, Dec. 11th-Advent Weekday-St. Damasus I, Pope**  
 7:30 a.m. **Joe Kaddis (H)** by Sharon Bell  
**Thursday, Dec. 12th-Our Lady of Guadalupe-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)**  
**Friday, Dec. 13th-Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
 7:30 a.m. **Patrick McCarthy (D)** by the Mancinelli Family  
**Sat., Dec. 14th-Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**  
 9:00 a.m. **Gloria Doino (D)** by the Mancinelli Family

### Weekly Stewardship

*Weekly Collection 11/30-12/1	\$12,019.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$12,000.00
Total Difference.....	\$19.00

### **From the Finance Committee**

Offertory is our main source of revenue. If you are already a regular offertory donor, THANK YOU! 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** reddingglen2@optonline.net

### Eucharistic Miracle-Guadalupe, Spain-1420

A priest saw numerous drops of blood fall from the consecrated Host. The relic of the blood stained corporal was exhibited for veneration at the Eucharistic Congress in Toledo, Spain in 1926, and remain today objects of deep devotion.

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



### **Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God become Man**

**Saturday Dec 21 Bishop Barron video**  
 after the 9:00 am Mass

Bishop Barron addresses some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome

At St Francis of Assisi, 35 Norfield Rd, Weston  
 In the Parish Hall, breakfast is included

### **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**

### **Christmas Masses and Solemnity of Mary (holy day)**

**Christmas Eve**  
 Tuesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>



4pm, 6pm, 10pm

**Christmas Day**  
 Wednesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>



8am, 9:30am, 11am

**Solemnity of Mary**  
 Holy Day of Obligation



New Years Eve 5pm  
 New Years Day 8am, 10am



**Knights of Columbus**

*The Knights are collecting soap bars, winter hats/gloves/scarves/socks, canned beans and gift cards to support Blessed Sacrament Parish's homeless outreach in Bridgeport. Please drop off items in the marked bin in the back of the Church.*



## Faith Formation



### Important Upcoming dates

- Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Faith Formation classes resume
  - Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> No Classes – MLK Weekend
- Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Confirmation Reflection with Fr. Dunn– Students and Parents are to attend

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) ...

"Are we ready to receive Him?

Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas..."



**Wishing you all a very blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**God's blessings and peace,**



## ***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



*\*Pretend play is an integral part of our curriculum.*

*\*Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas Pageant, which tells the story of Jesus' birth. Our last day of school for 2024 is Dec. 12th. See you January 2nd!*



## **ST. FRANCIS YOUTH BAKE SALE**

**WHEN: BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES DECEMBER 14-15.**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR YOUTH ROOM  
IMPROVEMENTS AND OUR OUTREACH!**

**NO SWEET TOOTH? NO PROBLEM! DONATIONS ARE  
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.**





# 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

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

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### Amazed & Aflaid: 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 identify of Jesus and travels through Israel and Rome



**THANK YOU!** Father Augustine extends a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas! The following volunteers helped make our church look beautiful: Kevin Canel, Elizabeth Crocitto, Grazi D'Aquilante, Robert Eick, Mary McGee, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Chris Pohlmann, April Richter.

### 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

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(like you've never seen it before!)

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in the classroom area



## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</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>Monday, Dec. 9</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception-Holy Day</b>
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Tues., Dec. 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Dec. 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
<b>Thurs., Dec. 12</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:45 a.m.	Preschool Christmas Pageant
<b>Fri., Dec. 13</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Dec. 14</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil 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  
Sanchez family for hosting last Sunday, December 1  
Atienza, Thomas and Wong-Ferreira families for hosting this Sunday,  
December 8

Hosts needed for December 15, 22 and 29

For information or to volunteer, please contact  
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrapalumbo@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.



## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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### 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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### Spiritual Formation

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