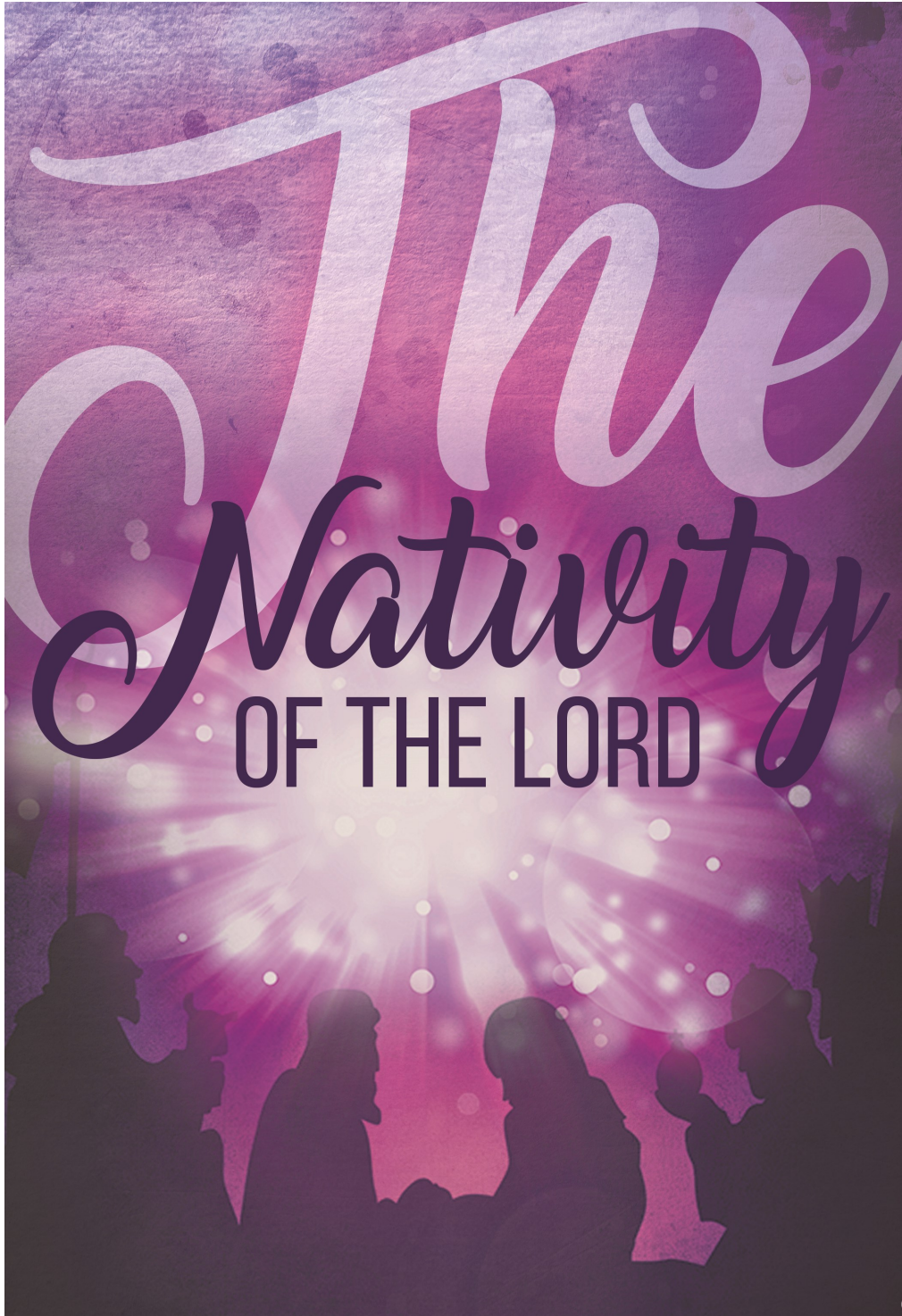


**ST. FRANCIS
OF ASSISI
PARISH**

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

December 22, 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.*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Holy Spirit, Holy Prophets and Mary, the Mother of God

Elizabeth proclaims to her cousin, Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Her prophetic words, inspired by the Holy Spirit, tell of Mary's holiness. Mary is the lowly handmaiden that was filled with the same Holy Spirit at the angel Gabriel's greeting and Mary is blessed because she believed that God has done and will continue to do great things for her. By the name of Jesus all things are possible for our God came to save us. Alleluia!

Some Christians believe that if we honor Mary, we diminish Jesus, who is God and worthy of all worship. Yet, as Catholics we know from Elizabeth's proclamation that Mary is blessed, a highly favored daughter and the mother of God. Honoring her in no way diminishes the greater glory of Jesus our God and Savior. We worship God and we honor Mary as the mother of our Lord who always brings us closer to Jesus. Her motherhood is extraordinary and raises the dignity of all women to heavenly heights while clearly showing us the value and dignity of every human life which is created in the image of God and to be cherished.

Jesus gives us our spotless mother from the cross saying, "behold your mother." The word behold means to see something special and when we acknowledge our Blessed Mother as special, we are giving glory to Jesus, our God, who took on flesh within her womb. The two are intimately connected in the flesh and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary always points us to her Son, Jesus, and our spiritual journey takes on a special meaning when we ask Mary to intercede for us before her Son.

We are called to have faith like Mary, so Jesus can be born within our hearts and do great things through us for the kingdom of God. We pray that through the loving intercession of Mary that she bring to us the richness of the love of Jesus this Christmas and always. And may Jesus, our prince of peace, be with us now and forever.

God's grace and peace be with you this Christmas,

Deacon Steve

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Deceased Members of the Radzewicz Family**
Sunday, Dec. 22nd-The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. **Sarah Marie Pospisil (D)**
 9:30 a.m. **Pam Cornell (D)** by Linda Nash & Noel Lafayette
 11:00 a.m. **John T. Gallagher (D)** by the Byrnes Family
Monday, Dec. 23rd-Late Advent Weekday-St. John of Canty,
Priest
 7:30 a.m. **Domenico Pisani (D)** by the Mancinelli Family
Tuesday, Dec. 24th-Late Advent Weekday-
 4:00 p.m. **Frankie LaCorte (D)** by Jane LaCorte
 6:00 p.m. **Jadwiga Jankowska (D)** by the Baines Family
 8:00 p.m. **Franca Romeo (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Wednesday, Dec. 25th-The Nativity of the Lord-
 8:00 a.m. **Matthew Noonan (D)** by the Noonan Family
 9:30 a.m. **Noah Rawson (D)** by the Boers Family
 11:00 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by the Mancinelli Family
Thursday, Dec. 26th-St. Stephen, The First Martyr
 7:30 a.m. **Carol Brown (D)** by the Boers Family
Friday, Dec. 27th-Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 7:30 a.m. **Teresa Boers (D)** by the Boers Family
Sat., Dec. 28th-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 9:00 a.m. **Maxime Boers (L)** by the Boers Family

Weekly Stewardship

*Weekly Collection 12/7-12/8/24	\$6,598.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$10,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$3,402.00)

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.**



*Current numbers unavailable at early printing deadline.

Children's Liturgy once a month



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

**Next Mass Jan 5
at 9:30**

Future dates announced at Mass,
in the bulletin and newsletter

Children are fully engaged...

Child-friendly homily at the altar along with youth readers, greeters, and the children's choir

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is not scheduled for Dec 25th/Jan 1st, but Adoration Chapel will be open.
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-O'Cebrero, Spain-1300

During a Mass, a Host changed into flesh and the wine into blood and it stained the corporal below. To this day, the sacred relic of the miracle is guarded near the location of the church where it occurred.

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

Christmas Masses and Solemnity of Mary (holy day)

Christmas Eve

Tuesday Dec 24th



4pm, 6pm, 10pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday Dec 25th



8am, 9:30am, 11am

Solemnity of Mary

**Holy Day of
Obligation**



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



Faith Formation



Important Upcoming dates

- Thursday, January 2nd – Faith Formation classes resume
 - Sunday, January 19th and Monday January 20th No Classes – MLK Weekend
- Tuesday, January 21st – 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

Our SFA Annual Christmas Story Pageant was a beautiful celebration of the true meaning of Christmas! The children and teachers worked so hard to make it a memorable morning for all of our families and spectators. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



Mary and the Angel Gabriel & Joseph



Angels celebrating, "Glory to God in the Highest"



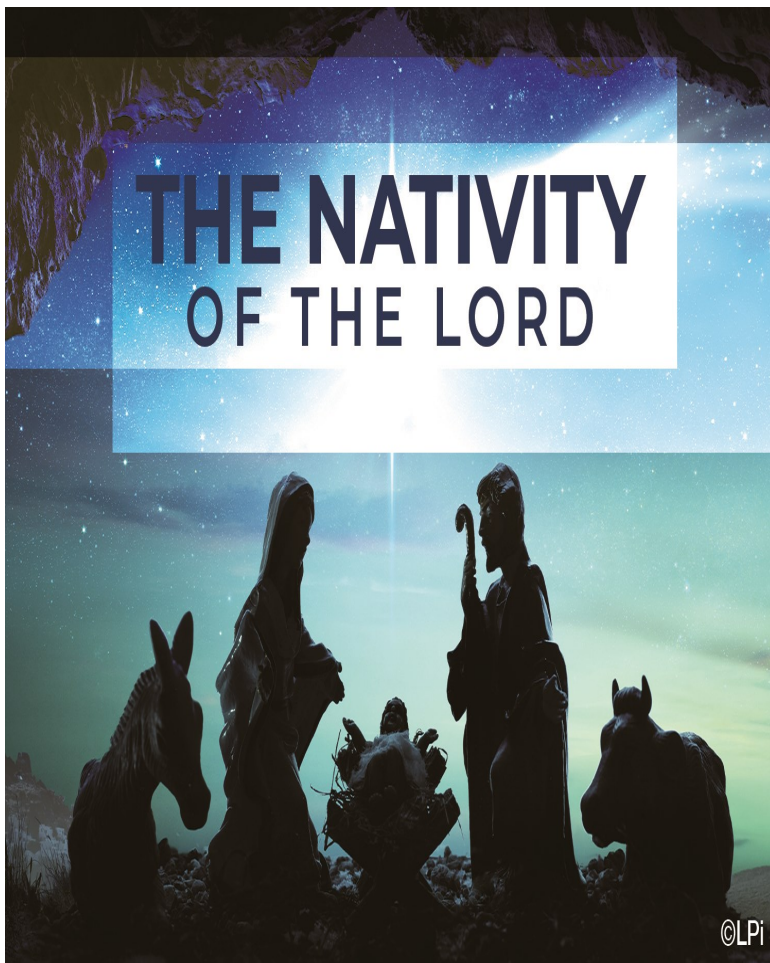
Mary laying Baby Jesus in the manger



The Three Wise Men bearing gifts

Our In House Registration for the 2025/26 school year begins Jan. 6th. We will open it to the public after Jan. 15th, so please let us know your intentions for the upcoming school year.

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



Sunday Jan 12
Join us to honor and celebrate...

TEACHERS

At the 11:00 Mass
Reserved seating in the first 3 pews
And join us after for an extended Coffee Social

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
Boto Family for hosting last Sunday, December 15
Savitsky family for hosting this Sunday, December 22

Hosts needed for December 29 and January 5, 12, 19, and 26

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

From all of us here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we wish you a Merry and blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. May the birth of our Lord bring you unending joy, hope, peace and love.



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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 22	The Fourth 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
Mon., Dec. 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve-Offices Closed
	No Morning Mass
4:00 p.m.	Mass
6:00 p.m.	Mass
10:00 p.m.	Mass
Weds. Dec. 25	Christmas Day-Offices Closed
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Mass
11:00 a.m.	Mass
Thurs., Dec. 26	Offices Closed until Jan. 2, 2025
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Dec. 27	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Dec. 28	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Dec. 29	Feast of the Holy Family
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., Dec. 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
5:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Weds. Jan. 1	The Solemnity of Mary
8:00 a.m.	Mass
10:00 a.m.	Mass
Thurs. Jan 2	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Jan. 3	
7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Sat. Jan 4	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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