

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

January 12, 2025



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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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**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.*

# Baptism OF THE Lord

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## *The Baptism of the Lord*

Today is one of my favorite feast days. One reason is the fact that the event of Jesus's baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist is so rich in meaning. Jesus is immersed in the waters symbolizing his mission of going deep into the darkness of our sins and rising by the light of his divinity to give us new life, free from original sin. It also inaugurates Jesus in his public ministry with the revelation of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son & Holy Spirit that are manifest in glory. The Son is obedient to the Father who loves and is pleased with his Son, Jesus, and their mutual love is poured out in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had said that among men, there was none one greater than John the Baptist, yet John says that he is not worthy to "loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." John is anticipating the fullness of baptism of the Holy Spirit that takes place at Pentecost.

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He baptized with water for repentance. Jesus will do something even greater. In addition to pouring out his life on the cross to forgive our sins, he will give us the gift of the Holy Spirit to further empower us to preach the Gospel, heal the sick and give new life to others in Christ. Our baptisms are the beginning of this journey of faith.

Jesus is going to pour out the Holy Spirit upon his people so that the Spirit itself will dwell within them. The Spirit will come upon them in tongues as of fire. And in that, the prophecy of Jeremiah 31 will be fulfilled, where God says, "I will write my law in their hearts," or in the words of Ezekiel, the prophet, "I will put a new heart and a new spirit within them."

The Gospel of Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus focuses on Jesus and the Holy Spirit and less on John's role as the one who pointed others to "the Lamb of God." By our baptisms we are all called to point others the Lamb of God by offering our lives in gratitude for the glory of God, as did John.

Jesus gives us our mission to follow in his footsteps: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out all that I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always even until the end of time."

We are grateful to all our families who have brought their children to be baptized at Saint Francis. I know that God is at work when a child excitedly cries out, "dada, dada, dada" during the ceremony. They seem to know that Abba is their Father. It just doesn't get any better than starting someone on the path of a holy life in Christ!

Who do you and I know to whom we can invite to share the joy of baptism?

God's grace & peace,

Deacon Steve

# The Baptism of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m.      **Dominick Rosa, Jr. (D)** by the Richter Family  
**Sunday, Jan. 12th-The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m.      **John T. Gallagher (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

9:30 a.m.      **Charles and Mary Hackeling (D)** by the Joncas Family

11:00 a.m.      **Gloria Doino (D)** by Judy Dunnigan  
**Monday, Jan. 13th-Weekday-St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor**

7:30 a.m.      **Aleksander Jankowski (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

**Tuesday, Jan. 14th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m.      **Luke Fleming (L) Bday** by Dave and Gina Fleming

**Wednesday, Jan. 15th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m.      **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Baines Family

**Thursday, Jan. 16th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m.      **George Petrucci (D)** by Thom and Anita Field

**Friday, Jan. 17th-Saint Anthony, Abbot**

7:30 a.m.      **Scrivo & Zaffino Families (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

**Sat., Jan. 18th-Weekday-**

9:00 a.m.      **Theo Van de Klundert (D)** by the Boers Family

Adoration and Sanctuary Lamps: **Gerard Francis Bisceglie (D)**

## Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Bishop Caggiano is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 16-40) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to the Priesthood.

**To submit names, please visit:**

**[www.bridgeportpriest.org/called](http://www.bridgeportpriest.org/called)**

Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Caggiano, an invitation to a special dinner, and support from our Vocation Team.

Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

## Weekly Stewardship

*Weekly Collection 1/4-1/5	\$12,177.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$10,000.00
Total Difference.....	\$2,177.00

### **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.**



**\*Our next second collection will be the weekend of Jan. 26th-The Church in Latin America**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the Adoration Chapel, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet sung at 2:35 p.m. Questions?

**Adoration-Martin Tubridy** [mtubridy@optonline.net](mailto:mtubridy@optonline.net)  
**Divine Mercy-Anita Field** [redding-glen2@optonline.net](mailto:redding-glen2@optonline.net)

## Eucharistic Miracle-St. John of the Abbesses, Spain-1251

A monastery was founded in the Catalonia region of Spain in the village of St. John. Here, a crucifix is preserved with a host kept in tact in the forehead of Jesus since 1251. This can be adored in St. John even today.

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





## Faith Formation



### Important Upcoming dates

- 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
- Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Saint's Biography is due for the Confirmation Class
- Monday, February 3 – No Classes –
- We follow Public School's Schedule

We began the new year, 2025, meditating on the **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.**

The students learned that Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem after 40 days to offer a sacrifice for Him since He was their firstborn son. They learned that Simeon told Mary, our Blessed Mother, that she too would be sharing closely in Jesus' redemptive mission by suffering at the foot of the Cross with her Son, Jesus Christ.

Let us humbly ask Our Lady to protect us from all evil and to lead us to Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Wishing you all a very blessed and joyous New Year!

*Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski*



## *Preschool News/Youth Ministry News*



In House registration for 2025/26 school year began on, Mon., Jan. 6th. Secure your child's spot before we open it to the public on Jan. 15th.

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



Our St. Francis Youth Group would like to say **THANK YOU** to our generous parishioners for supporting our fundraising Bake Sale. Thanks to you, we raised \$2,200 and can move forward with much needed renovations to the Youth Room, a space that can be used and enjoyed by the entire parish community.

We are also grateful to the SFA Women's Guild for the donation of beautifully made, homemade Christmas cookies! If you would like your 6th-12th grader to participate in fun, service and faith-building, please contact our 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  
Skidd family for hosting last Sunday, January 5  
Knights of Columbus for hosting this Sunday, January 12

Hosts needed for January 19, and 26 and February 2, 9, 16 and 23

For information or to volunteer, please contact  
Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or [candrapalumbo@gmail.com](mailto:candrapalumbo@gmail.com)

**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

**Community  
OUTREACH**



Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

**You rock, St. Francis!**

The Community Outreach Drives have been amazing this year, with so many families in need being touched by your kindness and generosity!

Outreach launches right after the Carnival with a clothing drive and moves at a quick pace due to the holiday season. It is a lot to ask in the space of a few months, but I am always blown away by your dedication to help others. There are hundreds of families whose 2024 is ending on a brighter note because of you-with warm clothing, food on the table and Christmas joy for their little ones.

When we come together as a community, we can move mountains!

Thank you again for choosing to walk in love and make a difference!

Wishing you blessings and peace in 2025!

Missy

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED**



**Game Night**

**Monday Jan 13**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Parish Hall**

Play scrabble, rummikub, sequence or mahjong  
Enjoy a night of snacks, refreshments and fun!

**No charge**

If you have questions, please contact  
Jane LaCorte, [janestravel@hotmail.com](mailto:janestravel@hotmail.com)



Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild



**Pasta Dinner**

**Saturday January 25**  
**6:00pm – 9:00pm, Parish Hall**

Proceeds fund the Women's Guild Scholarship  
given to a deserving high school senior in our parish

Dinner includes regular or gluten free pasta, choice of sauce,  
green salad, garlic bread, desserts, water  
**BYOB**

**Adults \$15, Children 12 and under \$10**  
**Families (2 adults + 3 or more children) \$50**

**AND: \$10 raffle tickets for high value gift basket**

**All tickets sold after all Masses**  
**Last day to buy tickets is Sunday, Jan 19**

Questions? Contact [Annefederici@optonline.net](mailto:Annefederici@optonline.net) or 203.644.4071

Your help to donate food is much  
appreciated. Click here to sign up:



## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</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>Mon., Jan 13</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
7:00 p.m.	WG Game Night
<b>Tues., Jan. 14</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Jan. 15</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
<b>Thurs., Jan. 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Jan. 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., Jan. 18</b>	
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
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</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>Mon., Jan 20</b>	<b>MLK, Jr. Day-Offices Closed</b>
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues., Jan. 21</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Jan. 22</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
<b>Thurs., Jan. 23</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Jan. 24</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Jan. 25</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.	Pasta Dinner

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Mike Byrnes, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco, Missy Iatesta,  
Frank Infurchia, Jeanine Lombardi, Elise Major,  
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### **Parish Trustees**

Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

### **Worship Ministries**

**Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (475-257-7766)**  
quiddity@optonline.net

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Murgalo

Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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### **Spiritual Formation**

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

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### **Finance Council**

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