

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 2, 2025



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise  
of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34a

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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.

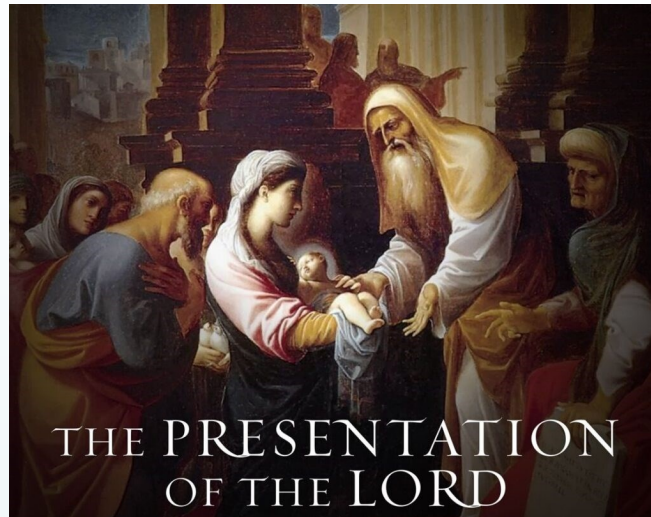
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every  
Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make  
arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal  
instructions after the birth of the child with  
Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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.*



### The Presentation of the Lord

In our first reading, the prophet Malachi prophesies of the Lord coming to the temple and purifying the people thus allowing for pure and acceptable sacrifices to God. Our beautiful Gospel speaks of Mary and Joseph fulfilling the law of their faith by bringing Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate him to God, the Father. Jesus, by his baptism will be our source of purification and new life. Saint Luke, by quoting Simeon's prophecy, accentuates that Jesus is to be the source of salvation for "all peoples," not just every male, or a select few from one particular culture or a preferred religious status.

One of the most special offerings that we make to God, as a faith community of Saint Francis is when we offer our infant children to the Lord through the sacrament of baptism. As an integral part of the ceremony, the children receive a white garment to signify their dignity as children of God and our Lord's triumph over sin and death won by his resurrection. Parents and their extended family, which includes each of us, promise to teach the children to love God above all else, doing so by our words and example.

Another holy offering to the Lord is when we place our loved ones, who have died, into the hands of God. They, too, are covered with a white pall signifying that their life in Jesus *will* continue with that same dignity in God's heavenly kingdom.

One of the most beautiful expressions of love that I have ever seen was during Father Joe's memorial Mass when our young altar server brought the Missal to Father Mark for the opening prayer with tears of love mingled with sadness streaming down her face. It is by God's love that we are born, by his love that we live fruitful lives in communion with God and each other, and by his grace that we return to the Love from which we came.

Simeon with the child, Jesus, in his very arms praises God saying, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my own eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Today, as we bring our very selves to God's dwelling, we are nourished by Jesus, who longs for us to hold him in our hearts. And just as Jesus was revealed to Simeon and Anna as the fulfillment of their and Israel's every desire, may we be deeply transformed by God's divine peace as we present our very lives to him.

God's grace and peace,

Deacon Steve



## *The Presentation of the Lord*

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Carol Rickenback (D)** by Don Rickenback  
**Sunday, Feb. 2nd-The Presentation of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. **Emily Reed (D)** by the Galasinski Family  
 9:30 a.m. **Betty Lou Dorsey Lambert (D)** by the Ford Family  
 11:00 a.m. **Stanislaw Swidergal (D)** by William Swidergal  
**Monday, Feb. 3rd-Weekday-St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; st. Ansgar, Bishop**  
 7:30 a.m. **Russell Treadwell (D)** by the Eidt Family  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4th-Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Paul Govekar (D)** by the Eidt Family  
**Wednesday, Feb. 5th-Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
 7:30 a.m. **John Gaudreau (D)**  
**Thursday, Feb. 6th-Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
 7:30 a.m. **Matthew Gaudreau (D)**  
**First Friday, Feb. 7th-Weekday-**  
 7:30 a.m. **Special Intention (L)**  
**Sat., Feb. 8th--Weekday-St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, BVM**  
 9:00 a.m. **Dominic B. Del Corso, Jr. (D)**

Adoration and Sanctuary Lamps: **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)**

### Weekly Stewardship

*Weekly Collection 1/25-1/26	\$7,097.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$903.00)

### **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.**



**\*This weekend, we will take a second collection to assist victims of the California Fires.**



### 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**  
[redingglen2@optonline.net](mailto:redingglen2@optonline.net)

### Eucharistic Miracle-Brussels, Belgium-1370

Desecrators stole hosts from a church and began to slash them with knives. The hosts began to bleed and were returned to the church when fear overcame the desecrators.

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

### *End of Life Seminar*

Many of us avoid thinking about, let alone planning for end of life care.

This seminar, back by popular demand, will review the important steps to making a plan for you or a loved one.

Planning will ensure your wishes about your healthcare, your finances, your legacy and faith will be carried on throughout your life and beyond.

Knowledgeable professionals will review the essential elements of planning including healthcare, estate, funeral and burial details.

Materials to assist you in making your own plan will be provided.

Please mark your calendars for this important event:

February 12, 2025  
 7:00 pm to 8:30pm  
 St. Francis of Assisi Hall



## Important Upcoming dates

**Monday, February 3 – No Classes –**

**We follow Public School's Schedule**

**Classes resume on Tuesday, February 4**

**Sunday, February 16 through Monday, February 24 – NO CLASSES-**

**We follow Public School Schedule**

**Classes resume on Tuesday, February 25**

**Saturday, March 1 – First Communion Parent Retreat – 9:30am-12:30pm**

Type	Meaning	Redemption
Japheth		
Arks	Reproduction	Life
Noah	Safety	Parusia
Dove	righteous	Jesus
ADAM	offspring	Holy Spirit
olive branch	Peace and	Heavenly Father
Animals	Reproduction	Evangelical life

TYPE	Meaning	Redemption
Flood	discipline to earth	Washing of Baptism
Noah	righteous man	Jesus
Dove	messenger who responded	Angel of Annunciation
Raven	messenger	Three wise men
Shem, Ham, Japheth	start new life	Apostles
Rainbow	Covenant	Jesus
Altar	sacrifice to God	Tomb of Jesus
Holocaust	sacrifice to God	Jesus on cross
Olive Branch	sign of life	CROSS
Ark	protection	Stable, Star, Shepherds
Animals	new life	Sheep of Good Shepherd



This Week the students in Level II worked on the typology of the Flood.

### What is typology, you might ask?

Typology is a link between the Old Testament and the New. The students look at the earlier figures or events ("types") that foreshadow the complete fulfillments ("antitypes") in the biblical account.

Typology is the way that God used history to bring His promises to life.

Students in Level III continue working on their Saint's project. They are doing a great job and enjoying the experience. All parents are always welcome to come and observe a class. If interested, please let me know and I will be happy to arrange it. Ask your child what he or she learned today.

Peace and Blessings,

*Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski*



## PRESCHOOL NEWS/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



SFA Preschool In House Registration has ended and spots are extremely limited. If you would like a tour, please contact our Director, Marianne Keith, at [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com) to arrange a day and time.

**203-454-8646**

*Our St. Francis Youth Group had a busy weekend! First, they helped out at the CT Food Share Distribution in Norwalk, which helped feed over 150 people. A big "Thank You" to our own Diocesan Catholic Charities, which has taken over this much-needed, monthly event. After that, the teens helped out at the parish fundraising Pasta dinner!*



Contact Youth Minister Michele Harding:

[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  
Capellan family for hosting this Sunday, February 2  
Donohue family for hosting next Sunday, February 9

Hosts needed for February 16 and 23 and March 2, 9, 16 and 23


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

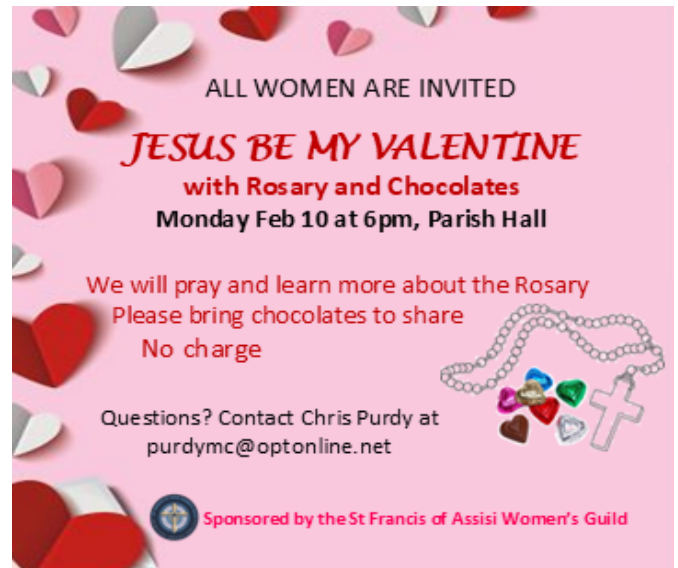
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

***JESUS BE MY VALENTINE***  
**with Rosary and Chocolates**  
Monday Feb 10 at 6pm, Parish Hall

We will pray and learn more about the Rosary  
Please bring chocolates to share  
**No charge**

Questions? Contact Chris Purdy at  
purdymc@optonline.net

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**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**SATURDAY 1 MARCH**  
**6:00 PM- 9:30PM**

TO VOLUNTEER, USE QR CODE OR CONTACT  
DIANA (917) 741-1523  
DMEDIN1215@GMAIL.COM





## *Parish Calendar*

<b>Sunday, Feb. 2</b>	<b>The Presentation 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., Feb. 3</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Tues. Feb. 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. Feb. 5</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
<b>Thurs., Feb. 6</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Feb. 7</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Feb. 8</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, Feb. 9</b>	<b>Fifth 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., Feb. 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
6:00 p.m.	Jesus Be My Valentine-Women's Guild
<b>Tues., Feb. 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., Feb 12</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
<b>Thurs., Feb. 13</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., Feb. 14</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. Feb. 15</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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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

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Murgalo

Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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

### **Spiritual Formation**

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

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### **Community Outreach**

**Coordinators: Melissa & Robert Iatesta (227-4668)**

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