

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

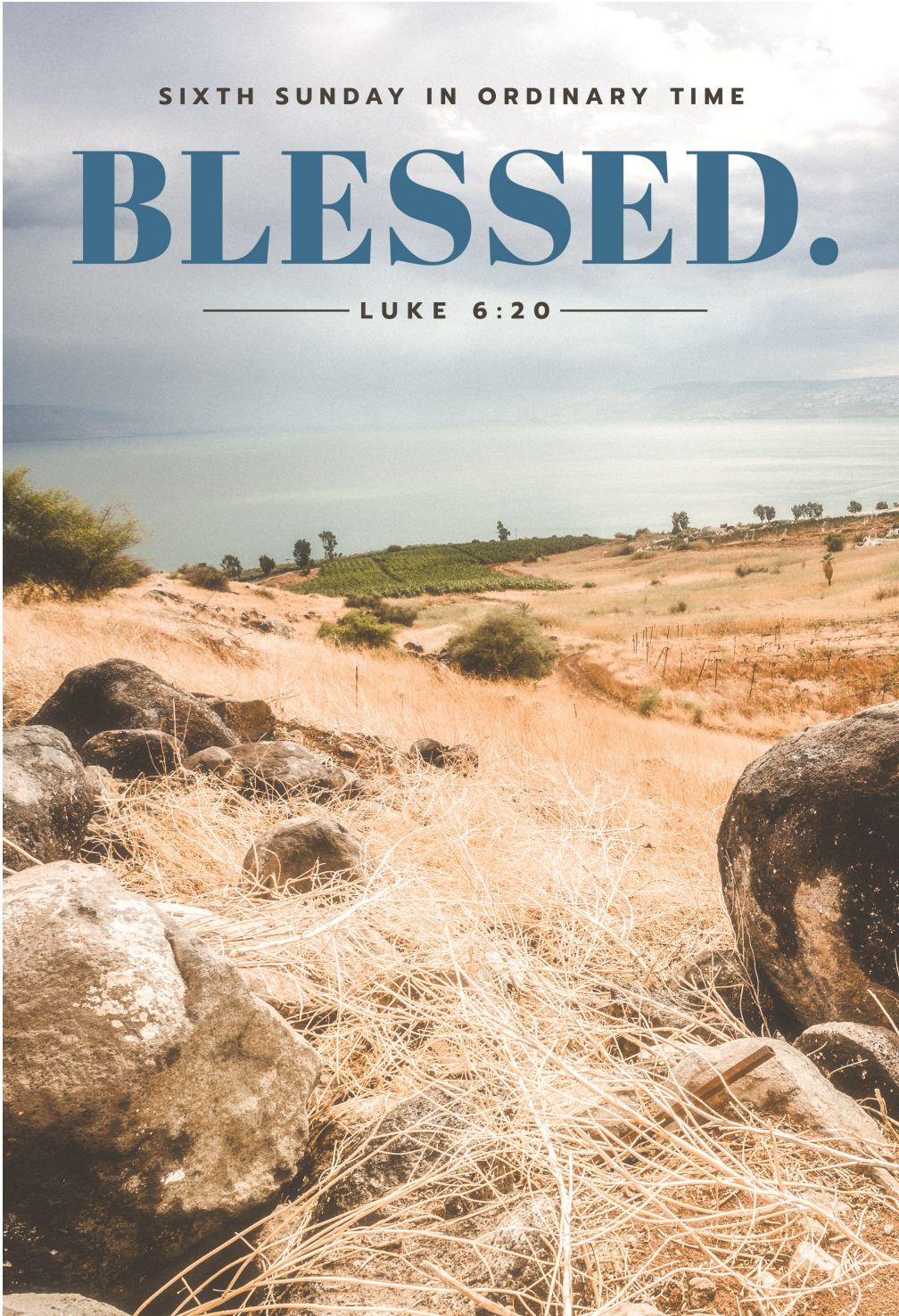
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BLESSED.

— LUKE 6:20 —



**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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Saint Luke gives us Jesus' first big sermon known as the Sermon on the Mount and is called the Beatitudes. It is shocking after you read through them one by one.

The topic of the Beatitudes is about blessings and happiness, but how can it be a blessing to grieve or to be poor or to weep or to be hated? They are in a total reversal of ordinary standards, Jesus links true happiness with struggle, hardship, suffering and opposition, not with the prosperity, popularity, and pleasure that we normally associate with happiness. So when we read about what Jesus is saying in the gospel, we need to read it with the eyes of faith, and it is with the eyes of faith that we can see the truth of what Jesus is saying. With the eyes of faith, we can see that Jesus is teaching a truth of life here. He is not just challenging the ways and values of the world. He is also showing how God blesses His people.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus did not say that the good things of life are evil - not at all. They are God's gifts and we are meant to enjoy them. But he is saying that they cannot satisfy our desire for happiness. And so, if we put our trust in them, as Jeremiah says in the first reading, our lives will wither and harden, like tumbleweeds in the desert. No roots, and no fruits. Rather, Jesus is teaching us that the true path to happiness in this fallen world is paved with life's challenges and hardships. It is like there is no rainbow without the rain, and there is no gain without the pain. These remind us that this world is passing and imperfect, that the only dependable thing in life is our friendship with God. Hardships and challenges teach us to root our lives in the rich soil of knowing, loving, and serving him; then our lives will be like a flourishing tree, with strong roots and delicious tasty fruits. This lesson has to be re-learned continually. Because of our fallen nature, we always tend to think we can find heaven on earth by putting together just the right combination of possessions, praise, and power. If we do this, we will fall into the enemy which is the devil's trap.

What Jesus tells us in the gospel today makes us look at the adversities and difficulties of life and look at them with the eyes of faith. And we want to believe that it is in the adversities and difficulties that God is going to rain down His blessings upon us. Because it is in our adversities and difficulties that we become the poor, the hungry, the weeping and the hated. It is the very people that Jesus said that God will bless and bless abundantly. God is there for them and will bless them because God knows that they have no one to turn to and nothing else to rely on.

In today's Second Reading Paul teaches us that a life without the Lord is ultimately a futile life, because a life with the Lord is a life redeemed and transformed by the Resurrection into a life of hope. True happiness is being with the Lord and trust in him. Happiness is not having something or becoming someone. The Beatitudes are like the ingredients for a happy life. When you read the lives of the saints, you will find that they lived their lives using with these ingredients. The closer the saints got themselves to Christ, the more they suffered. Their hardships made them cling more closely to Christ, their sacrifices won graces from God and now they are enjoying the reward which is true happiness forever in heaven. And we also know of people who faced adversity but saw opportunity, people who faced difficulty but were blessed with creativity. And when we face adversity and difficulty, let us not be in distress about it. Let us rejoice. Because it is then that God is blessing us abundantly.

Have a blessed week everyone,

Father Augustine

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)**
Sunday, Feb. 16th-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. **Diane Chronowski (D)** by Mary Galasinski
 9:30 a.m. **Eric Foertsch (D)** by Don Rickenback
 11:00 a.m. **Swidergal Grandparents (D)** by William Swidergal
Monday, Feb. 17th-Weekday-The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 7:30 a.m. **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Tuesday, Feb. 18th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by the Wrynn Family
Wednesday, Feb. 19th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by the Wrynn Family
Thursday, Feb. 20th-Weekday-
 7:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)**
First Friday, Feb. 21st-Weekday-St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by Sharon Bell
Sat., Feb. 22nd-The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
 9:00 a.m. **Luigi Toffolo (D)** by Marissa Woodworth

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 2/8-2/9	\$6,449.82
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$1,550.18)

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 Adoration Chapel, 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-Douai, France-1254

While distributing Holy Communion, a priest unintentionally dropped a host, which on its own, went to place itself on the altar. In its place, a child's image appeared that could be seen by the congregation. This host can still be viewed in Douai at selected times.

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

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
6:30PM - FOOD & DRINKS
7:15PM - SPEAKER & DIALOGUE
St. Thomas Aquinas
1719 Post Road, Fairfield



FEATURED SPEAKER
FR. DAVID ROMAN

RSVP's not required but encouraged
SaintPaulGuild@diobpt.org



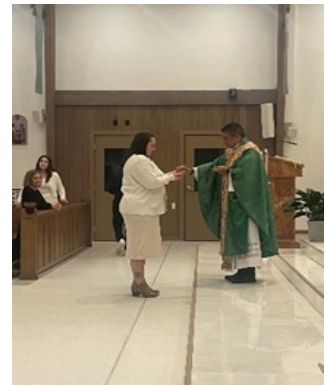
Important Upcoming dates

Sunday, February 16t 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

Saturday, March 15 – First Communion Student Retreat – 9:30am-12:30pm



This past weekend a member of the OCIA Program, Kristin Osborn, and two members of our Fath Formation Program, Jack and Maria Kemery received their First Reconciliation and First Communion. Join me in congratulating them and please keep them in your prayers.

Peace and Blessings,
Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski

PRESCHOOL NEWS/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Ms. Vanessa and Ms. Erin's class in the church for a few quiet moments.

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 to arrange a day and time.

203-454-8646



Our own Diocesan Catholic Charities has taken over the organization of the much-needed, monthly CT FoodShare distributions in Norwalk. The next distribution is Sat., Feb. 22nd. Many helping hands are needed! The lines are getting longer due to rising grocery prices. Our St. Francis Youth Group has been a regular at these distributions for over a year now!



All are welcome, but parents must stay if your child is in middle school.

For more information, contact Michele Harding at 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
Donohue family for hosting this Sunday, February 16

Hosts needed for February 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



**Interactive Asian
Cooking Demo**
Thursday March 6
6:00 pm, Parish Hall

Hands-on learning to make authentic dumplings and fried rice
by our own Amy Jung... and enjoy together in a meal
BYOB

\$50 admission (tickets limited to first 30 people)

Includes all ingredients and a special drink

Amy is donating proceeds to the Women's Guild scholarship fund

To pay by check: Payable to SFA, write Cooking in the memo,
drop off or mail to St Francis, 35 Norfield Rd, Weston CT 06883

To pay by credit card: call Chris Purdy at 203-644-5831

RSVP by March 2 to Chris Purdy, purdymc@optonline.net



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Study of the Beatitudes

Led by Cheryl Allen

On Thursdays March 6, 13, 20, 27, 9:30-11am

At Cheryl's home: 58 Kettle Creek Rd, Weston

Purchase the studyguide in advance at

<https://hagios.study/studies/beatitudes/>

Link also provides an option to buy at Amazon

RSVP by Feb 27 to: cheryllallen360@gmail.com



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SATURDAY

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MARCH

6:00 PM- 9:30PM

TO VOLUNTEER, USE QR CODE OR CONTACT
DIANA (917) 741-1523
DMEDINI215@GMAIL.COM



\$40 general seating

\$20 seniors, students, veterans

To buy tickets, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/markschultz31425>

or use the QR code



Or call 203-254-4010

**Mark Schultz
Benefit Concert
for Malta House**

Friday, Mar. 14th

Fairfield Univ.
Quick Center

6:30 p.m. Opening
Acts-Mark Schultz
7 p.m.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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., Feb. 17	President's Day-Offices Closed
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 18	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., Feb. 19	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
Thurs., Feb. 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Feb. 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Feb. 22	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, Feb. 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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., Feb. 24	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Feb. 25	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Wed., Feb. 26	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
Thurs., Feb. 27	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., Feb. 28	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., Mar. 1	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.	International Pot Luck Dinner

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