

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

February 23, 2025



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

- Lk 6:38

pts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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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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,

When we read the Gospels, we will find that some of the Gospel messages are easy to discern. They give a direct message that we can easily understand and reflect upon. But today's Gospel passage has a challenging, difficult message for us and that is: to Love our enemies. Pray for those who abuse us. Do good for those who hate us. Those things are not easy for us to do, are they? And that advice is certainly not the way of the world tells us.

To love your enemy is a command from Jesus and not a suggestion. It is a very far reaching command that is so tough to live out in our everyday lives.

When we think about our enemies, what comes to mind are those who do bad things to us and those who persecute us for no reason. So this teaching of Jesus, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly" is a very difficult teaching to follow. Loving our enemies is not an ideal, but instead a way of life. To be an authentic disciple of Jesus, we must strive to live this commandment, no matter how impossible it may seem.

What do we make of Jesus' statement that when someone strikes us on the cheek, we are to offer the other cheek as well? I don't think Jesus is telling us to submit ourselves to violence again and again, but rather I see him telling us that we are not to respond to violence with violence, for that never solves anything.

In every act of violence, at least two lives will be lost. It is said that if you want to involve in violence and take revenge of somebody, then first you need to dig two graves – one for your enemy, and one for yourself.

In the 1st reading, David wants to tell us all this. Taking the life of Saul might be easy but the consequences will be heavy.

We know that we are called to love our enemies, but many of us struggle with how we can bring about this spirit of forgiveness in our lives. Forgiveness can be one of the hardest things we do. We might wonder: where do we begin? We are called to begin with Jesus, to turn to Christ crucified, listening to the words he speak from the cross: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do." May Christ's words enter our own hearts and become our own words.

What actions can we take after we forgive? Perhaps a phone call, or letter, or a friendly knock on someone's door will help us express our forgiveness. Just as the sacrament of reconciliation requires the action of penance, the act of forgiveness requires an act, if that is possible.

We live in a very difficult, complicated world and it does not seem like it is getting easier. It takes a person of faith to love our neighbor and to feel hate when someone does us wrong. However, this is what Jesus calls us to do. How can we receive Christ in the Eucharist and believe that he is entering our lives in that special way and then turn around and hate anyone? How can we receive the God of love into our hearts, only to have that heart blocked by resentment and hatred? We are called to kneel down and to ask God for forgiveness for ourselves, but also to kneel down to ask God to help us forgive others. Our Gospel today certainly asks us to examine our hearts and live out this command.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine Nguyen

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D) by the Baines Family
Sunday, Feb. 23rd-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Domenico Pisani (D)
9:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Sidera (D) by the Crocitto Family
11:00 a.m. John O'Sullivan (D) by Kathleen O'Sullivan
Monday, Feb. 24th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. Vinh Nguyen (D) by Sharon Bell
Tuesday, Feb. 25th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. Rev. Joseph Sidera (D) by the Crocitto Family
Wednesday, Feb. 26th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. Erica L. Power (L) Bday
Thursday, Feb. 27th-St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor
7:30 a.m. Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D) by the Karwowski Family
First Friday, Feb. 28th-Weekday-
7:30 a.m. Vinh Nguyen (D) by the Crocitto Family
Sat., Mar. 1st-Weekday-
9:00 a.m. Rev. Joseph Sidera (D) by the Baines Family

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 2/15-2/16	\$5,926.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$2,074.00)

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**.



Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Appeal in the past.

Your gift funds pastoral care and human services where they are most needed.

Together, we can make a difference. It's not just how MUCH you give but that EACH FAMILY gives something.

Go to our website, scroll down, and click on the Bishop's Appeal to see the video and how to donate:
stfrancisweston.org



We welcome into God's Family

Redmond Charles Burns

Child of Redmond and Megan Burns, on Feb. 15, 2025

God bless Redmond!



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
reddinglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Neuvy Saint Sepulcre, France-1257

Two drops of blood from Jesus Christ collected on Calvary during his Passion are preserved in a local church. They were brought to France in 1257 by a Cardinal Eudes when he returned from the Holy Land.

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

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



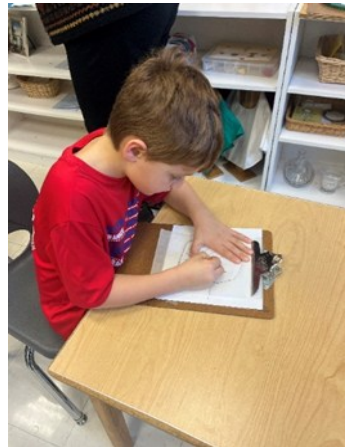
Important Upcoming dates

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



Level I students busy working with the different CGS materials.

Ask your child what he or she learned today?

Parents are always welcome to come and observe a class.

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



Work has begun on the Youth Room Renovations! A big "Thank You!" to Theo, who is taking time out during his school break to repair the walls and paint. Big Thanks also to his father, Rich, who is helping out, and to Carmine Soggi, who is donating his time to help and guide us in this project. We are looking forward to having all who use this space enjoy it once it is complete!

If you are interested in having your child participate in fun, service and faith-building, please contact me via email at the address below.

*Michele Harding
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 last Sunday, February 16
Wong-Ferreira family for hosting next Sunday, March 2

Hosts needed for March 9, 16 and 23

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

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

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 study guide 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



Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Children's Liturgy once a month



Next Mass March 2
at 9:30

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

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



International Flavours POTLUCK SUPPER

NO CHARGE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE INTERNATIONAL DISH
(APPETIZER FOR 10 -15 OR ENTRÉE FOR 8 -10)

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
DMEDINI215@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

Buy tickets after Mass or...

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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Parish Calendar

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
Sunday, Mar. 2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Family/Children's Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
Mon., Mar. 3	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Tues., Mar. 4	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. Mar. 5	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m.	Christian Meditation
Thurs., Mar. 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
9:30 a.m.	Study of the Beatitudes
6:00 p.m.	Interactive Asian Cooking Demo-Hall
Fri., Mar. 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. Mar. 8	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

Parish Office Hours : Mon through Thur 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed all major Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation

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