

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 2, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A GOOD TREE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

LUKE 6:43



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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.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we get ready to start the holy season of Lent this Wednesday. We will not return to Ordinary Time again until the middle of June.

This Sunday, we hear a very challenging Gospel message, as Jesus tells us that we should notice the large wooden beam in our own eye before we notice and criticize the splinter in our neighbor's eye. Our Lord in today's Gospel reminds us that we must try to see and live clearly before helping others, or it will be a case of the blind leading the blind.

For example, we know that children learn more from what the elders do rather than what the elders say. If the children observe a contradiction in the elders between what they say and what they do, they become confused. If the children observe that their parents tell lie and if parents advise children not to say lies, they will have difficulty to accept the advice. That is why Jesus told his disciples that before giving correction to others one has to make an introspection to see whether the same mistake or weakness is within him/her. First I have to correct myself before I give correction to others and I have to practice what I preach. In management books it is termed as "walk the talk".

An ancient Greek philosopher named Aristotle believes that we learn to be moral or virtuous by modeling the behavior of moral people. Through continual modeling we become virtuous out of habit. Of course, people can learn both good and bad habits depending on the role models they have. Aristotle also believes that it was the moral duty of every citizen to act as a good role model. Through the Gospel passage for our reflection today Jesus wants to communicate to us the same message. As disciples of Jesus, we have a great responsibility to become role models of integrity and honesty both in words and actions.

St. Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians teaches us: "No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear" (4:29).

As we enter the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time, we should reflect upon the richness of the Wisdom of God that has been given to us through today's readings. We should ask ourselves,

- "Am I walking in the spirit as all children of God are called to do?"
- "Am I shining in the fruit of the Holy Spirit?"
- "When others hear my words or see my actions, do they recognize spiritual behaviors?"
- "Is my perishable body shining in the imperishability that it has received from God?"

If out of the abundance of our hearts flows all what is worthy of being a child of God, then we should rejoice. If we see flaws in what flows from our hearts, then let us ask the sanctifying Spirit of the Lord Jesus and through the Receiving of Holy Communion, to correct those flaws so we may shine in the world as Jesus shined during His days on earth.

May God be with all of you and your families and bless all of you throughout the season of Lent.

Fr. Augustine



Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal is more than just money. It provides hope.

Rossillmar came to Catholic Charities' Merton Center in search of a meal for her family, but she discovered so much more. They worked with her and her husband to secure the basic needs that we all take for granted. They got back on their feet, rose out of poverty and achieved self-sufficiency.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Robert Higgins (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Sunday, Mar. 2nd-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Diane E. Chronowski (D)** by the Galasinski Family
9:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by Linda Nash and Noel Lafayette
11:00 a.m. **Frances Manere (D)** by Anne Andersson
Monday, Mar. 3rd-Weekday- St. Katharine Drexel
7:30 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Tuesday, Mar. 4th-Weekday-Saint Casimir
7:30 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by Bodgan and Teresa Karwowski
Wednesday, Mar. 5th-Ash Wednesday-
7:30 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by the Crocitto Family
12:00 p.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by the Crocitto Family
7:00 p.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by the Crocitto Family
Thursday, Mar. 6th-Thursday after Ash Wednesday-
7:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by the Baines Family
First Friday, Mar. 7th-Friday after Ash Wednesday-Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
7:30 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Pisani and Lancelotti Families** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Sat., Mar. 8th-Saturday after Ash Wednesday-St. John of God, Religious
9:00 a.m. **Donald S. Carter (L) Bday**

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



Ash Wednesday Mass Times:
7:30 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m.

Weds. during Lent there will be a Noon Mass followed by Adoration until 3 p.m. including Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:40 p.m.



We welcome into God's Family:

Redmond Charles Burns

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

God bless Redmond!

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 2/22-2/23	\$7,916.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$84.00)

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**.



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
redingglen2@optonline.net

Eucharistic Miracle-Bennigan, France-1216

Two millers in the town were enemies. One of the millers stole a consecrated host and placed it among stones on the other's property. On the Feast of St. Gregory, the host began to bleed profusely and the whole town and bishop became aware of this miracle.

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



Important Upcoming dates

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

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

Seventh-grade students discussed the cardinal virtues and learned that these virtues serve as the cornerstone of ethical conduct: **Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance**. These virtues are referred to as “cardinal,” which means hinge, as they are the origin from which all other virtues emerge from, acting as a central hinge point for moral behavior. **Prudence** helps us recognize and choose between right and wrong, while **temperance** encourages self-discipline in decision making. **Fortitude** helps us have courage to face challenges, and **justice** helps us acknowledge what is fair and reasonable.

After analyzing the definition of the four cardinal virtues along with the 14 associated “sister virtues,” students were assigned a Bible passage for contemplation, focusing on whether these virtues were exemplified within the text. The Scriptural passage in which Peter denies knowing Jesus, found in Matthew 26:69-75 was assigned to Nick Cotroneo and his group. Below is their poetic reflection:

*Let's talk about my friend Peter
Whose habits couldn't be neater
He gave us some hope
And he became our first Pope
He really just wasn't a cheater
But there was a horrible time
When Peter committed a crime
This crime was a sin, not nice
He denied his knowledge of
Christ*



Peace and Blessings,
Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski

Ask your child what he or she learned today?

Parents are always welcome to come and observe a class.

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 to arrange a day and time.



Work has begun on the Youth Room Renovations! A big "Thank You!" to Theo, who is took 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 Succi, 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

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

ASH WEDNESDAY on March 5 with Masses at 7:30am, 12noon, 7pm

Every week during Lent

Mass at 7:30am, Monday-Friday

Mass at 12 noon, every Wednesday, followed by **Adoration 12:30-3pm**

Stations of the Cross, every **Friday 7pm** (except April 11, at 6:30pm)



Beatitudes Bible Study for women, sponsored by the Women's Guild

4 Thursdays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30am-11am, RSVP by Feb 27

Contact Cheryl Allen at cheryllallen360@gmail.com or see the newsletter

Held offsite, at Cheryl's home

Food Drive on March 9- April 27, sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa, provide food and supplies to needy families in Bridgeport. See newsletter or poster for specific food items requested.



Holy Doors at St Augustine Cathedral on Saturday March 22, 8am Mass

Be spiritually renewed with a plenary indulgence by passing through the "Holy Doors"

Meet at SFA at 7:15 am to carpool or meet us there. More info in flyer.

Lenten Speaker: Tom Leopold on Wednesday March 26 at 6:30pm

Comedy Writer Finds God: My Journey to Faith One Laugh at a Time

His insightful and humorous conversion from Judaism to Catholicism



Fish Fry on Friday March 28 at 5pm-9pmn, in the parish hall

See poster or newsletter to sign up

Reconciliation Service on Thursday April 3 at 7pm



**Children's Mass on Sunday April 6 at 9:30 and
Consecration to the Holy Family at the end of Mass**



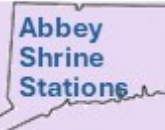
Religious Ed Reconciliation on April 7, 8, 10



CantiamoCHOIR concert on Friday April 11 at 7pm, in the Parish Hall

Day Trip on Saturday April 12

Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem CT, Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Litchfield CT
Mass, Breakfast and Stations of the Cross (outdoors)... more info to follow



Palm Sunday April 13

Vigil on Saturday April 12 at 5:30, Sunday April 13 at 8am, 9:30am, 11am



**Easter Egg Hunt after
Palm Sunday 9:30 Mass (outside)**



Parish Calendar

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	Ash Wednesday
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
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

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
Wong-Ferreira family for hosting this Sunday, March 2
Sanchez family for hosting next Sunday, March 9

Hosts needed for March 16 and 23 and April 6

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

**SAVE THE
DATE**



**APRIL 26
7-11PM**

**For one night, SFA will be transformed into a
lively casino with Blackjack, Roulette, games,
raffles and drawings for great prizes**
More information to follow!

YOU CAN BE A SPONSOR!

\$500 sponsorship includes:
Your name or business featured in all publicity
2 free tickets (\$160 value)
3 free raffle tickets

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