

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 6, 2025



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

- Jn 8:6b-7

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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  
**Facebook:** Saint Francis of Assisi - The Catholic Community in Weston

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203-227-8353

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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 sisters and brothers in the Lord,

We are getting closer to the end of our Lenten journey. The Gospel reading for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent shows us a good example of how to treat someone who is, as Jesus says elsewhere in scripture (Matt. 25) "the least of these." The recipient of Christ's compassion in this story was considered to be unworthy of life itself. She was a woman, which in her society meant she was inferior to men. She was a sinner and deserved punishment. She was one single person facing a condemning crowd alone. How much more of a "least" one could anyone be?

When have you felt alone and insignificant? Perhaps you've faced a condemning crowd. Then again, have you ever treated others as if they're not important? Yes, none of us can cast the first stone.

There are many in the Church who feel forgotten and neglected. We all know some of them. If we're already busy in parish or diocesan ministry or in our own personal lives, seeking them out and giving them attention feels too overwhelming. These people become too insignificant to warrant the expense of our time, the development of resources, and the sacrifice of our personal comfort.

If the diseased and suffering have pain that we don't know how to handle, we look away. Catholics with broken marriages often feel condemned, and many who could be receiving Communion stay away because they've been misinformed about the Church's rules, and no one is reaching out to lead them back. And although the Church has been stopping abuses against children, often the lustful or abusive treatment of adults is never addressed, because they are dismissed as "less vulnerable" – they are of least concern.

Sometimes, secular institutions are better at responding to the needs of "the least of these" than us Christians! Identifying the least among us and reaching out to them is a good Lenten exercise.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Augustine

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

### "Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Last weekend, we had a successful fundraiser.

- Parishioners took home \$12,000
- The parish received a check for \$6,000

What did the participating parishioners think about the fundraiser?

- "This was the 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser that I took a check home"
- "I thought that I would get \$200 to \$300 but I got a check for \$600"
- "I was surprised how much broken chains were worth"
- "My old gold tooth was worth \$50"

Save up your unwanted gold for next year's  
"Sell Your Old Gold Fundraiser"

WOMEN'S GUILD

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi-Parish Hall

## Women's Coffee Social

Tuesday, April 22  
10:00 am- 11:30 am

**Bring a friend,  
Meet up with friends  
Make new friends!**

RSVP is helpful but not mandatory  
jlgarvey4@gmail.com



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

St. Catherine Center for special needs provides state-approved education for students 5-21 with disabilities, fostering academic achievement, interpersonal skills and vocational experiences, affirming the dignity of every person. And bringing hope and a better future to many children.





## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by Kathleen O'Sullivan and  
Grazi D'Aquilante

**Sunday, April 6th-Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the  
Baines Family

9:30 a.m. **Jacques Labre (D)** by Nathalie Stonier

11:00 a.m. **Ninfa Feito (D)** by the Valella Family

**Monday, April 7th-Lenten Weekday-St. John Baptist de la Salle**

7:30 a.m. **Jeffrey Kovacs (D)** by Robert Eick

**Tuesday, April 8th-Lenten Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Sue Canel (D)** by Kevin Canel

**Wednesday, April 9th-Lenten Weekday-**

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

12:00 p.m. **Czeslaw and Teresa Jankowski (D)** by the Baines  
Family

**Thursday, April 10th-Lenten Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Margaret Guerin (D)** by Patrick Guerin

**Friday, April 11th-St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

7:30 a.m. **Bill Duenges (D)** by the Baines Family

**Sat., April 12th-Lenten Weekday-**

9:00 a.m. **Patricia Major (D)** by the Major Family

Adoration and Sanctuary Lamps: **Maxime Boers (L)**

### Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 3/29-3/30/25	\$5,772.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$10,000.00
Total Difference.....	(4,228.00)

### **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](mailto:mtubridy@optonline.net)  
**Divine Mercy**-Anita Field  
[reddinglen2@optonline.net](mailto:reddinglen2@optonline.net)

### Eucharistic Miracle-Rimini, Italy-1227

A heretic that refused to believe in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist challenged St. Anthony. If he did not feed his mule for three days and then present the mule with a choice of his food or bow to the Eucharist in the monstrance held by St. Anthony, he would believe and convert. The mule came to St. Anthony and bent before his legs and knelt.

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

	<b>Results as of 3/28/25</b>
Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$43,665 (48%)
Donors to date:	42 donors
	
<p>Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you haven't, please consider a contribution to support the many people it helps.</p> <p>To make a gift or for more information, please scan with your phone, call (203) 416-1470, or visit <a href="http://2025bishopsappeal.org">2025bishopsappeal.org</a></p>	



## March 9 – April 27

Help the Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa, provide food and supplies to needy families in Bridgeport

They have limited space and serve Hispanic families with specific food preferences... please only donate items listed

- ✓ White rice, no larger than 5 lbs
- ✓ Beans (especially pinto, kidney, black beans)
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Sugar, no larger than 5 lbs
- ✓ Corn meal, no larger than 5 lbs
- ✓ Flour
- ✓ Masa/ Maseca (brand of corn flour available in Target)

- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Carnation canned milk
- ✓ Juice (quart or half gallon)
- ✓ Juice boxes for kids
- ✓ Flavored oatmeal
- ✓ Mac and Cheese boxes
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Pasta sauce
- ✓ Powdered laundry detergent

**Drop off at the back of church**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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## Important Upcoming dates

**April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>** No Faith Formation Classes – Spring Break

Classes resume on Monday April 21

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** First Communion Rehearsal

**ALL** students must attend 3:30-5:00 pm

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** White Garment Ceremony – 6:00pm – students arrive at 4:00pm

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** **ADDITIONAL REHEARSAL** for **ALL** First Communicants  
3:30- 5:00pm

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – First Communion Celebration @ 11:00am – Drop off 10:15am

Level I students learned about ***“The Cenacle/  
Celebration of the Last Supper.”***

We began our presentation reflecting on the fact that during that final Passover Feast, Jesus observed the traditions that had been upheld for thousands of years. However, on this occasion, He introduced new words that had never been spoken during a Passover meal prior to this moment.

Next, we used the cenacle model, on the right and read from the Gospel account of the Last Supper.

We moved the figures of St. Peter and St. John who are sent into the city to prepare the room and then Jesus along with the Twelve entered the model cenacle. The Scripture concludes with Jesus and the Apostles singing a hymn before departing for the Mount of Olives.

The table, with its plate of bread and its cup and unlit candles are left alone in the room. We sang a hymn

**Ask your child what he or she learned today?**

**Parents are always welcome to come and observe a class.**



**Have a Blessed Lent!**

***Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski***



## PRESCHOOL NEWS/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Miss Jen and Miss Ann's Threes class proudly announces the arrival of 10 baby chicks!



Founded in 1999, SFA Preschool continues its mission as part of the church and Weston community by providing that "first step out of the home" in a warm and nurturing environment. If you would like a tour or more information, please call **203 454 8646** or email [mkeith@sfapreschool.com](mailto:mkeith@sfapreschool.com).

Work continues on the SFA Youth Room and it's nearing completion! HUGE thanks to Carmine Socci, Monica Staley, Maddie Jung and Theo Rudolph who took a lot of time out of their busy schedules to repair walls, paint and lay flooring. Our teens are preparing for the SFA Youth sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, to be held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday! The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance!

If you are interested in having your 6th-12th grader join in for fun, service and faith-building, please contact our Youth Minister, Michele Harding at: [youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org)

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLY BY APRIL 14



Every year the Women's Guild awards a scholarship to a deserving SFA high school senior


**What is awarded**  
Historically \$1000

**Who can apply**  
Registered, active, graduating high school seniors who exemplify the virtues of St. Francis and our Catholic faith

#### How to get the application form

- Click the QR code or go to the SFA website or Parish Office
- Send application to Anne Federici: [annefederici@optonline.net](mailto:annefederici@optonline.net)
- Deadline is April 14



 Sponsored by the SFA Women's Guild



## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

### Every week during Lent

**Mass at 7:30am**, Monday-Friday

**Mass at 12 noon**, every Wednesday, **Adoration 12:30-3pm**, **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:35**

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



### 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.



### 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

Abbey  
Shrine  
Stations

## Palm Sunday through Easter

### Palm Sunday April 13

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

### Easter Egg Hunt April 13

after Palm Sunday 9:30 Mass (outside)

**Holy  
Thursday**

**April 17**  
8 am: Morning prayer  
7 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper



**Good  
Friday**

**April 18**  
8 am: Morning prayer  
3 pm: The Lord's Passion  
7 pm: Mary's Way of the Cross



**Holy  
Saturday**

**April 19**  
8 am: Morning prayer  
12 noon: Blessing of the Easter food  
8 pm: Easter Vigil Mass



**Easter  
Sunday**

**April 20**  
Masses at 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am





**DON'T  
MISS IT!**



**APRIL 26  
7-11pm**

For one night, the Parish Hall will be transformed into a lively casino with Blackjack, Roulette, games, raffles and drawings for great prizes

**Tickets \$80 per person**

Includes hearty appetizers, 2 drinks and \$200 in chips for games

**RSVP/ Pay by April 22**

Tickets sold after all Masses

Or mail check payable to St Francis, write Casino in the 'memo'

**Donations are appreciated to help make this a success!**

**What:** Wine valued at \$20 or more for our 'wine pull' game

**What:** Restaurant gift cards of any amount \$25 and up

**Where:** Drop off at the Parish Office (Mon-Thu 10-4) or in the back of church on Saturday/Sunday

**Last day to donate:** April 20

**Cantiamo  
CHOIR**

Sharing Faith  
with one another

**7:00 PM  
Friday  
APRIL 11 th**

JOIN US FOR LIGHT  
RECEPTION FOLLOWING CONCERT

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
CHURCH HALL  
35 NORFIELD ROAD WESTON

Marlane Tubridy, Director

**JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL**



**In the Parish Hall**

**After 9:30 Mass/ before 11:00 Mass**

**Thank you to the:**

Field family for hosting last Sunday, March 30

Men's Group for hosting this Sunday, April 6

No Coffee Social April 13, Palm Sunday

**Hosts are needed for May 11 and 25**

**For information or to volunteer, please contact:**

Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or [candrpalumbo@gmail.com](mailto:candrpalumbo@gmail.com)

## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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Mike Byrnes, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco,

Frank Infurchia, Jeanine Lombardi, Elise Major,

Leigh Meccay, Lisa Moskal, Nancy Murgalo, Danielle Porcello

### **Parish Trustees**

Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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#### **Coordinators:**

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