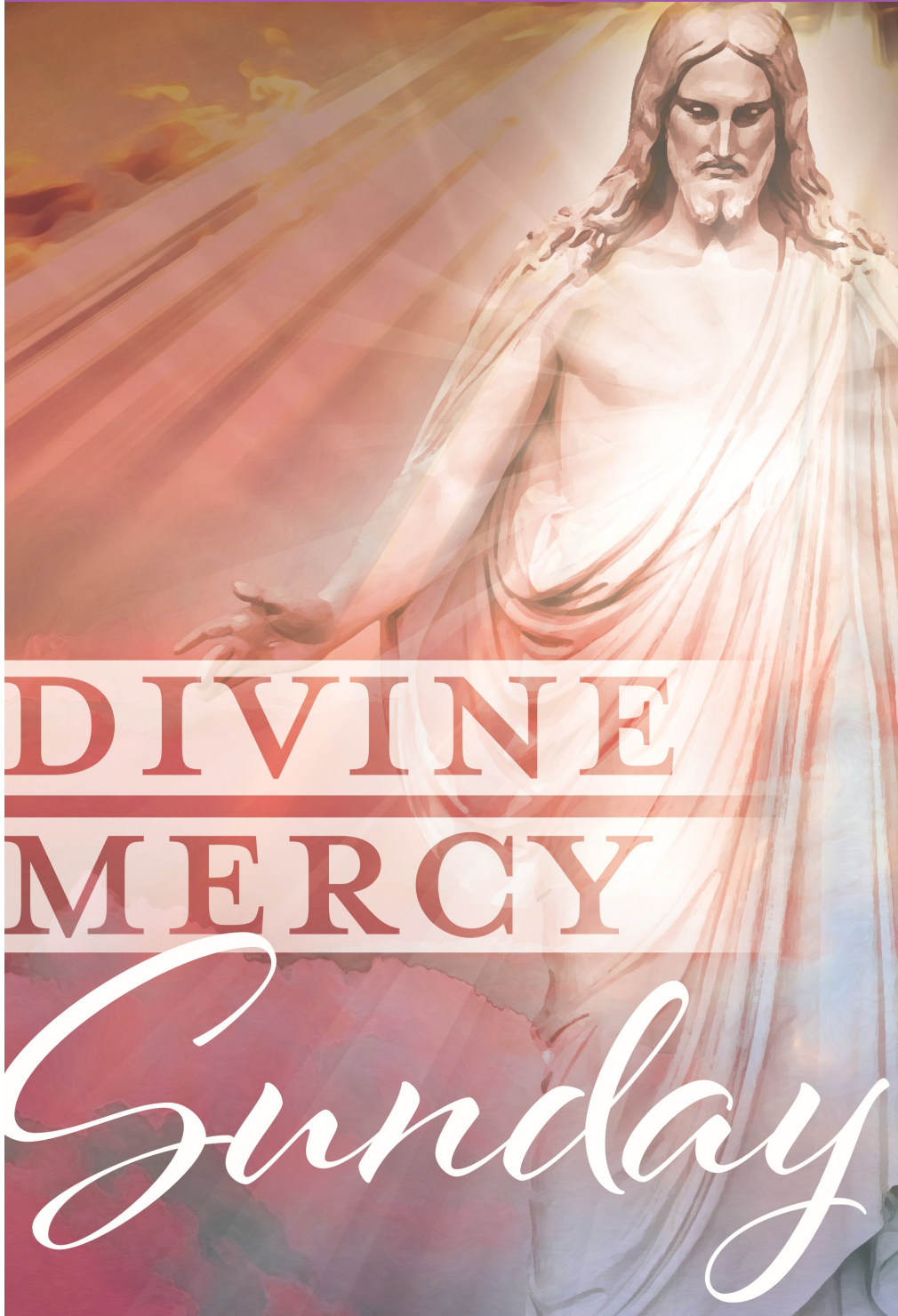


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

April 27, 2025



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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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 brothers and sisters in the Lord,

This weekend we are saying our final farewell to Pope Francis who died on Easter Monday at the age of 88. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved Holy Father. He will long be remembered for his great compassion for the elderly, the sick, the unborn, the persecuted and all those on the margins of society. He continuously reminded us that we are the stewards of God's creation and not its master. And he was an unwavering champion of world peace. After a life dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of our Lord's saving love for us, may Pope Francis now inherit the reward of eternal rest with God.

Also over the next couple weeks, we will be inundated with news reports about "what's next for the Church?" Let's remember that the Church is both human and divine, and its divine charter and mission (to make disciples of every nation, baptizing them, and teaching them) can never and will never change - this is Christ's promise, that the gates of Hell will not prevail over His Bride, for which He gave up His life. So instead of speculating, let us also pray and fast for the upcoming conclave; trusting the Holy Spirit to guide the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years after WWI. She had only three years of formal education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually working in the kitchen and the garden. Yet, Sister Faustina received extraordinary revelations from Jesus between 1931 and 1938. Jesus asked her to record these experiences in her notebook. The image of Divine Mercy that we have comes from these revelations.

We see Christ's divine mercy at work in today's Gospel, as Christ appears to the disciples as they are hiding in a locked room after his death and resurrection. I think of in this Jubilee Year, Cathedrals and Churches designate specific doors where pilgrims enter, symbolizing Jesus and the way to salvation and redemption, symbolizing Jesus as the door to which we enter our faith. However, we all have places in our hearts and in our lives where we lock the doors, whether they be bad memories we have, sinful habits or addictions we cannot leave behind, or vulnerable parts of our lives we are afraid to share. As we celebrate the mercy of God in a special way today on this second Sunday of the Easter season, we are reminded that the risen Christ does not wait for the doors to be unlocked in order to enter our lives. Rather, out of his love and mercy for us, he enters our locked rooms and transforms our fears into inner peace, just as he did with Thomas and the other disciples in today's Gospel. We are called to invite the risen Jesus into the locked places in our hearts and allow his Divine Mercy to bring Easter peace to our deepest fears.

Blessings to all of you as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend,

Fr. Augustine

The Second Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Corinne Hale (D)** by the Major Family
Sunday, April 27th-The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

9:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by the Jung Family

11:00 a.m. **Ismael Cano (D)** by the Komar Family

Monday, April 28th-NO MONDAY DAILY MASS

Tuesday, April 29th-St. Catherine of Siena

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

Wednesday, April 30th-Easter Weekday-St. Pius V, Pope

7:30 a.m. **Barbara Bakos (D)** by Robert Eick

Thursday, May 1st-Easter Weekday-St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 a.m. **Don Rickenback (L)** by the Crocitto Family

Friday, May 2nd-St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. **Theresa Brady Marshall (D)** by the Ford Family

Sat., May 3rd-Saints Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

Adoration and Sanctuary Candles:

Deacon Thomas McManus (D)

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 4/19-4/20/25	\$12,916.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$10,000.00
Total Difference.....	\$2,916.00

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 Church, 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-Siena, Italy-1730

A chalice with 351 Hosts was stolen by thieves in San Francesco's Church in Siena. They were returned in the alms box at the Church fully intact. Since 1730, the 351 Hosts remain fully intact without any deterioration, in defiance to physical and biological laws. Other non-consecrated Hosts start to decay within years of placing them in a sealed tin box. This miracle is celebrated each year.

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



**Results as
of 4/4/25**

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$49,525 (54%)
Donors to date:	45 donors



Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you haven't, please consider a contribution to support the many people it helps.

To make a gift or for more information, please scan with your phone, call (203) 416-1470, or visit 2025bishopsappeal.org



Important Upcoming dates

April 28th First Communion Rehearsal

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

May 2nd White Garment Ceremony – 6:00pm – students arrive at 4:00pm

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

May 10th – First Communion Celebration @ 11:00am – Drop off 10:15am



Our Program is rich in Scripture and Tradition, but for all of this to take root in the students' hearts, it is vital for them to attend weekly Mass.

Parents are always welcome to come and observe a class.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter

Gina Fleming and

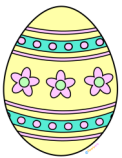
Teresa Karwowski

PRESCHOOL NEWS/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



STEAM Week with our parents was a huge success! Thank you so much for presenting. 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**.

Our SFA Youth Group Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday was a super fun event-The Easter Bunny made an appearance!



Sunday May 4

Join us for a 'White Mass' to honor and celebrate...

Nurses, Doctors, all Health Care professionals

At the 11:00 Mass

Reserved seating in the first 3 pews
And join us after Mass for an extended Coffee Social

EVERYONE IS INVITED
Baccalaureate and Youth Volunteer
Mass, followed by Reception
Sunday May 4, 11:00 Mass

**HONORING
OUR GRADUATES
AND VOLUNTEERS**

Women's Guild Scholarship will be awarded
Youth Spirit of St. Francis awards announced

RSVP by April 27 to Pam Franco, pamffrg@gmail.com

We thank all who supported our events, making the scholarship possible!
Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Children's Liturgy once a month



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

**Next Mass May 11
at 9:30**

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

JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



In the Parish Hall

After 9:30 Mass/ before 11:00 Mass

Thank you to the:

No Coffee Social this Sunday, April 27, due to the Parish Fundraiser
No Coffee Social next Sunday, May 4. Join us at the Women's Guild
Baccalaureate Mass at 11:00 am and reception to follow.
Knights of Columbus for hosting Sunday, May 11

Hosts are needed for May 25

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



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

After Coach Walden lost his voice to cancer, he thought the cancer had won. Deacon Juan prayed with him every day for an hour after radiation treatment and he realized that nothing is impossible with God.



Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday, April 27th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3:00 p.m., a Divine Mercy service will be held in the church, including a singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please come and participate in this most holy service, celebrating the day designated by Pope John II (the first Sunday following Easter), thanking the Lord our God for the mercy and love He shows us every day.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 27	Divine Mercy Sunday
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., April 28	No Daily Mass
Tues., April 29	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. April 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., May 1	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., May 2	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. May 3	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Mass
Sunday, May 4	Third Sunday of Easter
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., May 5	No Daily Mass
Tues., May 6	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds. May 7	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., May 8	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., May 9	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat. , May 10	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

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