

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

May 18, 2025



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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

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
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Catholic Community in Weston

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:
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.*

Confirmation: Congratulations to our newly confirmed young Catholics. It was a joy to witness Bishop Caggiano confirm these young men and women with the oil of Chrism making them adults members of the Catholic Community. I am most grateful for all the effort and commitment of our staff, our catechists, our parents and our candidates. This is an exceptional group of young men and women, so please keep them in your prayers. They soon will be entering high school and a whole new world of challenge ahead of them. They need our guidance, support and prayers.

Our Lady of Fatima: The month of May is known as the month of Mary. On May 13, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, looking to the Blessed Mother for peace and comfort in times of uncertainty. According to tradition, on May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto, near Fatima, Portugal. The children saw her five more times in the months that followed, and she asked them to pray the Rosary daily and give devotion to her Immaculate Heart. During the last sighting, she told the children her name was *The Lady of the Rosary* and gave them a message of prayer, peace, and penance known as the "Secret." The "Secret" was given in three parts in the years that followed.

Our Lady of Fatima depicted in bronze in the Our Lady of Fatima Oratory.

That same year, in what later became known as the Miracle of the Sun, on October 13, 1917, throngs of the faithful who gathered in Fatima reported seeing the sun dance in the sky. This joyous miraculous event continues to bring hope to the faithful around the world, as Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone has remarked:

Ninety years after the apparitions, Fatima continues to be a beacon of comforting hope but also a strong appeal for conversion. The light that Mary made shine into the eyes of the shepherd children and manifested to so many people in the miracle of the sun on 13 October, shows that God's grace is stronger than sin and death.

Lúcia later became a Carmelite nun and wrote her *Memoirs* in 1942, revealing the first two parts of the "Secret." The first was a vision of hell, and the second predicted the end of World War I and the possibility of World War II.

However, it was not until the year 2000 that the third part of the secret was disclosed, describing the murder of a "bishop clothed in white." This is believed to have been predictive of the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

After the assassination attempt on May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II wrote to Sr. Lúcia: "it was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path and in his throes [he] halted at the threshold of death." He later made a pilgrimage to Fatima, giving one of the bullets from the attempt to the shrine, where it was placed in the crown of the statue of Our Lady.



**Knights of
Columbus®**



The Knights of Columbus are asking the community to donate items for
The Open Door Foundation.

The Open Door Foundation
is a non-profit that provides academic, athletic, and
pre-professional enrichment programs that serve low-income
students in Fairfield County and the Caribbean.

The following items are requested for youth ages toddler to teens:

- Lightly used bicycles
- Sneakers
- Backpacks



Drop-off at St. Francis of Assisi
35 Norfield Rd, Weston, CT
Sat. May 31 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sun. June 1 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



For more on The Open Door Foundation go to:
opendoorcorp.herokuapp.com or scan the QR



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Marian Swiderski (D)** by the Baines Family
Sunday, May 18th-The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. **Mary Massey (D)** by the Galasinski Family

9:30 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by Thom & Anita Field; Gunner
 Piper

11:00 a.m. **JoLane Cecconi (D)**

Tuesday, May 20th-Easter Weekday-St. Bernardine of Siena

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

Wednesday, May 21st-Easter Weekday-St. Christopher
Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

7:30 a.m. **Willy Boers (D)** by the Buisson Family

Thursday, May 22nd-Easter Weekday-St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

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

Friday, May 23rd-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **Willy Boers (D)** by the Buisson Family

Sat., May 24th-Easter Weekday-

9:00 a.m. **John and Betty Maglione (D)**

Adoration and Sanctuary Candles: **Vinh Nguyen (D)**



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the chapel at Noon, 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-Buenos Aires, Argentina-1992

A Eucharistic Minister found fragments of a consecrated Host. It took on a blood-like appearance. Several drops of blood were on patens during Communion.

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

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 5/10-5/11/25	\$6,805.82
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$1,194.18)

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**.



**Results as
of 5/09/25**

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$69,705 (76%)
Donors to date:	83 donors



Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you haven't, please consider a contribution to support the many people it helps, by using the QR code, calling (203) 416-1470, or go to 2025bishopsappeal.org



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

"Catholic Academy of Stamford allowed me to send my child to a safe, nurturing environment."
 "Teachers have helped our son in different ways to build confidence, have an open heart, and curiosity for learning."



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Important Upcoming dates

Registration is open. All forms are by the Faith Formation Office.
Please remember, there will be \$150 late fee after June 1st

Congratulations to our students
with a perfect attendance:

First Grade:

Hudson Arestia, Ethan Pape,
Luca Tramontano,
Theodore Savitski,

Second Grade:

Ellie Farrington,
Harpar Hryncyszyn

Third Grade:

Emi Castellani, Grace Gold,
Olivia Gold, Xavier Icatar

Fourth Grade:

Albert Bielak, Liam Skidd

Fifth Grade,

Finn Farrington,
Maggie Farrington,
Samuel Porter,



Congratulations to our students who
received their First Communion on
Saturday, May 10

Chase Ahearn
Dylan Benedicto
Jane Boto
Redmond Burns
Arianna Cruz- Dighero
Margary Cruz- Dighero
Annabelle DeGasperi
Maren Devoe
Eve Doyle
Elisabetta Farrington
Londyn Guido
Harper Hryncyszyn
Danny Kemery
Valentina Pioli
Isadora Sperrazza
William Staehely
Kyle Thomas
Kaylee Xuya

We had a great end to our Faith Formation year! Please join me in thanking all the Catechists who worked extra hard this year in sharing their faith and talent with the young students in our parish. We never could achieve the Spiritual Works of Mercy to instruct and evangelize without the love and commitment of each catechist!

Lois Amador, Anne Andersson, Monika Chmiel, Elizabeth Crocitto, Lina Docimo, Joe Dudek, Teresa Karwowsski, Cheryl Komar, Jane LaCorte, Pam Franco Mancinelli, Nancy Murgalo, Dennis Savitski, Nicole Solis, Donna Tamiolakis, Larissa Tedesco, Marissa Woodworth, Lisa Zana.

Thank you for all your work and commitment!

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all you parents for your patience and commitment! May Our Lord fill you with His blessings and grace! We wish you all a healthy and restful summer until we meet again in the fall!

Peace and Love,

Gina Fleming and Teresa Karwowski

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

PRESCHOOL NEWS/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our Moms joined us for the Crowning of Mary on May 7th! Our Fours visited the Weston Food Pantry as part of our Charitable Child Initiative.



St Francis Youth in Action!

This past weekend, our youth ministry was blessed with the opportunity to put faith into action in two powerful ways. On Saturday morning, a group of our teens joined the CT FoodShare distribution in Norwalk, helping to feed over 150 families in need. Our nursing home visits have resumed! Later that day, with the help of our friends at Assumption, we continued spreading Christ's love by visiting residents at Notre Dame Rehab. The teens

brought smiles, cheer, and thoughtful gifts during their room visits—offering not just presents, but presence, kindness, and conversation to those who need it most. Their energy, compassion, and willingness to serve made a real difference in our local community.

Questions? Michele Harding
youthminister@stfrancisweston.org



May 18, 2025

JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



In the Parish Hall
After 9:30 Mass/before 11:00 Mass

Thank you to the:

Knights of Columbus for hosting last Sunday, May 11
Skidd family for hosting this Sunday, May 18
Sarno family for hosting Sunday, May 25

Hosts are needed for June 8, 15, 22 and 29

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



Guild Derby Party

Get Ready to Roll the
dice and Cheer on
your Horse!

Join us for a playful and spirited evening as we bring the
Kentucky Derby to life—Guild-style!
Expect dice-rolling horse races, laughs, friendly competition

Mint Juleps and Southern Fare dinner provided

May 19th 7:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
35 Norfield Road Weston

Questions & RSVP to Jane (917) 605-4161
Bring Cash if you want to participate in races
\$5 hats available

Welcome to the 2025 Parish Raffle!

Your tickets have been sent by mail. Please keep an eye out
for them. The envelope may resemble junk mail, so please be
cautious. Below is an example of the outer envelope:



* Thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded, totaling \$40,000*

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card
2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card
3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

&

Prizes 4-13 are \$1000 AMEX Gift Cards

DRAWING: August 16th @ 11pm
Streaming LIVE @ www.strochchurch.com

Parish Office hours and contact info

Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm, Closed on Fridays
203-227-1341, office@StFrancisWeston.org
Tricia ext 10, Fr Augustine ext 11, Kimberley ext 13
Website: www.stfrancisweston.org



St. Francis of Assisi Lobster Bake

June 7th 6:00pm-9:00pm

RSVP by June 1st

Come kick off the summer
season, reconnect with
friends, the parish and
enjoy a delicious meal



Kid's
Games

Music

50/50 Raffle

Dessert

BYOB!
only water provided

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Tickets on sale after all Masses (beginning May 17th)

Rain or Shine!

Indoor and outdoor seating is available
Table reservations for groups of 6-8 if arranged in advance

Payment must be received by June 1st to guarantee reservation
Send payment to: 35 Norfield Road Weston CT 06883

For questions or RSVP call 203-227-1341 email: office@stfrancisweston.org

Adult \$60

Choice of 1 Entrée per adult:

Lobster
Beef Tenderloin
Salmon
Chicken Breast

Children \$15

(12 & Under)

Choice of 1 Entrée per child:

Hamburger
Hot Dog
Chicken Fingers

Sides:

Steamed
Coleslaw
Corn on the Cob
Roasted Potatoes
Garden Salad
Rolls
Wassail



Join us in the MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Monday May 26

Line up between the Middle School and High School,
starting at 9:15am, parade starts at 10:15am
(look for the SFA banner)

We invite all parishioners, adults and children,
pre-school, religious education, altar servers, Youth Group



Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 18	Fifth 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 19	
7:00 p.m.	Guild Derby Party-Parish Hall
Tues., May 20	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., May 21	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
11:00 a.m.	Preschool Field Day/Picnic
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Thurs., May 22	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., May 23	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., May 24	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 25	Sixth 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 26	Offices Closed-Memorial Day
Tues., May 27	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Weds., May 28	
7:30	Daily Mass
Thurs., May 29	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Fri., May 30	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
Sat., May 31	
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, Chris Eidt (Chair), Pam Franco,
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Parish Trustees

Mike Byrnes and Elise Major

Worship Ministries

Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (475-257-7766)

quiddity@optonline.net

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

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Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

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Anita Field

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