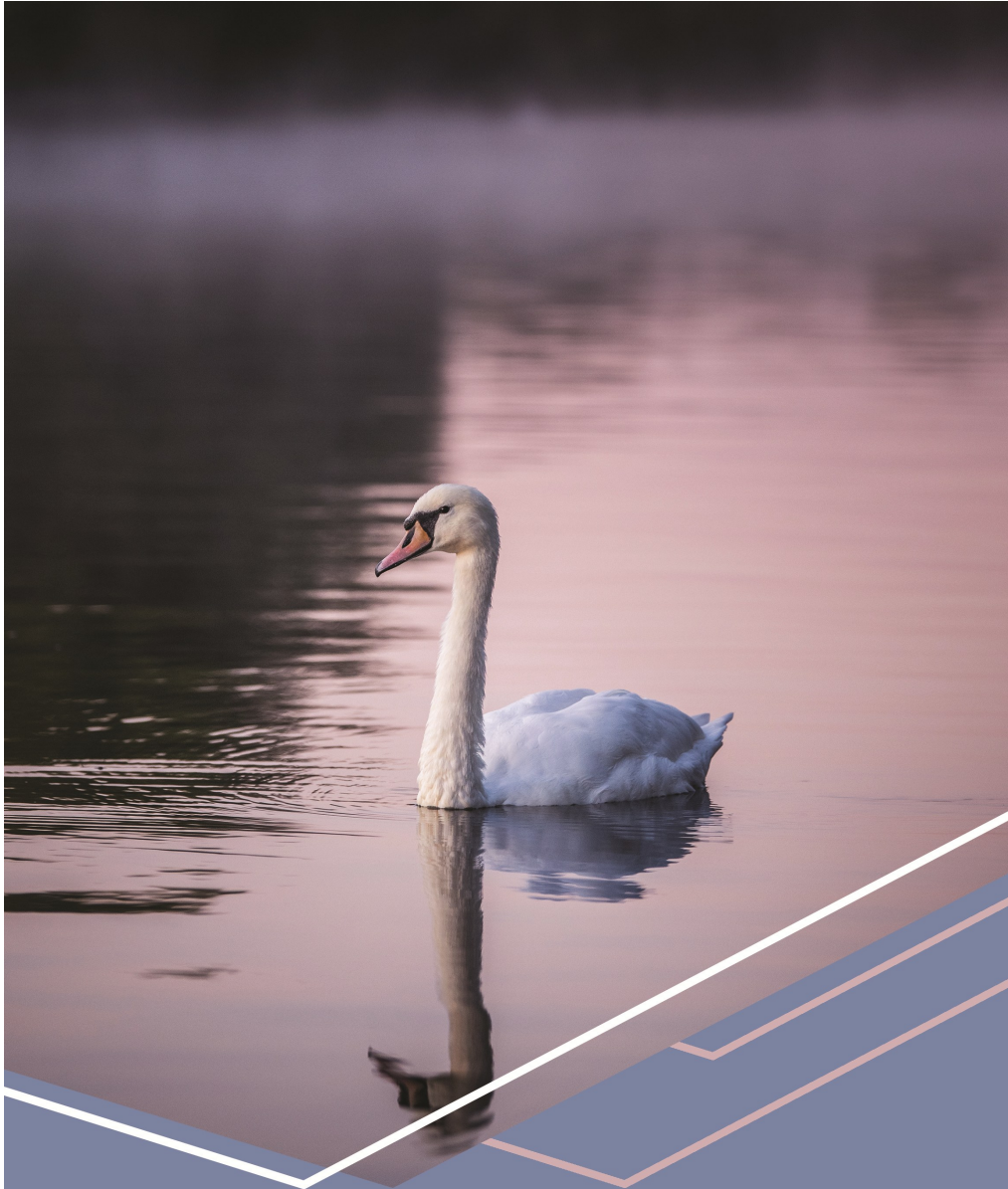


# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

May 25, 2025



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

- Jn 14:26-27a

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**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.*

**Rectory:** 203-227-1341  
office@stfrancisweston.org

**Website:** www.stfrancisweston.org  
**Facebook:** Saint Francis of Assisi - The Catholic Community in Weston

**Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:**  
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.*

Reflection – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Cycle C

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 1: 23-29

There will always be differences of opinion and often in life we think that our opinion is the right one, much like those in the early church. However, just as our Trinitarian God is one, we too, are called to be one and to work to bring all of God's flock to the one, true God. Father Roland Faley writes, "the Spirit of God is unifying and not divisive.

Our unity is grounded in the peace that the Spirit brings . . . the same peace that Jesus spoke of when he said, "my peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you." Jesus' words offer us a unique kind of peace, distinct from the kind that the world offers. Jesus' peace has an eternal quality and is intended to bring comfort and reassurance - especially in times of differences of opinion, suffering, confusion, or fear.

When we are resting in the peace of the Holy Spirit which we received sacramentally at baptism and confirmation, we experience a piece of heaven and recognize the gentle humility of Jesus which we aspire to emulate. Although one and the same essence as the Father, Jesus says to his Apostles that "the Father is greater than I." This statement shows us that in his humanity, Jesus is acting in humility by freely submitting to the will of the Father to fulfill the mission to reconcile all to God through his sacrifice of unconditional love. This supernatural reconciliation is meant to extend to our brothers and sisters in our journey of faith.

The late Pope Francis sought through the Synod on Synodality, not to change dogma, but to allow the Holy Spirit to participate in healthy dialogue with the Christian body as a whole allowing us to listen and learn from each other with the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

When we are filled with the divine peace of Christ we can listen to others with the heart of Jesus and seek respectful understanding of another's position, guided by the Holy Spirit who is one with the Father and the Son.

ALOHA, (Ask – Listen – Observe – Help – Ask Again)

Deacon Steve

PS: Congratulations to our young adults who were confirmed by Bishop Frank this past Saturday! It was a joyful ceremony filled with the peace, love and unity of the Holy Spirit!!



**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:  
[opendoorscorp.herokuapp.com](https://opendoorscorp.herokuapp.com) or scan the QR

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Arleen Pryor (D)** by Barbara Pryor  
**Sunday, May 25th-The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. **Richard Prackup (D)** by George Prackup

9:30 a.m. **Steve Lewine (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

11:00 a.m. **Dennis Kuremsky (D)**

**Tuesday, May 27th-Easter Weekday-St. Augustine of Canterbury**

7:30 a.m. **Richard Prackup (D)** by George Prackup

**Wednesday, May 28th-Easter Weekday-**

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

**Thursday, May 29th-Easter Weekday-St. Paul VI, Pope;  
 The Ascension of the Lord**

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

12:00 p.m. **Willy Boers (D)** by the Crocitto Family

7:00 p.m. **Rev. Joseph Sidera (D)** by the Mancinelli Family

**Friday, May 30th-Easter Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Frank Ferrara (H)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

**Sat., May 31st-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 a.m. **Walker and Katja (L) Wedding Day** by Walker  
 and Marissa Woodworth

Adoration and Sanctuary Candles: **Jane O'Reilly (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  
 reddingglen2@optonline.net

### **Eucharistic Miracle-Fiecht, Austria-1310**

After consecration, the wine changed to blood and began to boil  
 and overflow the chalice. It is preserved intact even to this day.

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

### **Weekly Stewardship**

Weekly Collection 5/10-5/11/25	\$6,133.00
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$1,867.00)

### **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.**



	<b>Results as          of 5/16/25</b>
Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$70,555 (77%)
Donors to date:	86 donors
	
<p>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 <a href="http://2025bishopsappeal.org">2025bishopsappeal.org</a></p>	



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

Throughout the Diocese, young adults come together to  
 support one another on their spiritual journeys, addressing  
 a wide range of needs, including entering college or the  
 workforce, dating, engagement, marriage and family life.  
 And they do that in safe and faith-filled settings.







## Important Upcoming dates

Registration is open. All forms are by the Faith Formation Office.

Please remember, there will be \$150 late fee after June 1<sup>st</sup>

### Congratulations to our students

Vittoria Abreu  
Charlotte Ahearn  
David Arias  
Lily Benedicto  
Niamh Boyle  
Daniel Camacho  
John Cotronei  
Michael Docimo  
Poe Fierro  
Evan Garcia  
Tess Grout  
Brandon Gutman  
Lily Haines



### who received their Confirmation on

Sebastian Jorajuria  
Jack Kemery  
Calvin Mariska  
Charlotte Pimental  
Gunner Piper  
Henry Porter  
Ries Sophia  
Liam Robinson  
Anthony Russo  
Santi Sanchez  
Isabella Tedesco  
Michael Vivalo  
Robert Winslow

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 Karwowski, 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***

Last week, we had puddle jumping and on the 21st, our Field Day! Parents joined for a picnic on the lawn and children enjoyed Bounce Houses, face painting and the weather held up for us! More pics to come!



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).

*Rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for our Steubenville East Youth Conference held July 25-27th. We will travel with St. Aloysius, St. Charles and Assumption to Springfield for an amazing faith-building experience! Spaces are limited. Contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding [youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org)*



STEUBENVILLE EAST  
**REGISTER  
TODAY**

JULY 25-27, 2025 SPRINGFIELD, MA

[link in bio](#)

**ONE WEEKEND. ETERNAL IMPACT!  
JOIN THOUSANDS AT THIS INCREDIBLE  
EVENT.**

**THIS TEEN CONFERENCE SETS THE STAGE  
FOR A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER  
WITH CHRIST. IT'S THREE DAYS OF FUN,  
FAITH AND AN AMAZING COMMUNITY  
BUILDING EXPERIENCE.**

**COME BACK ENERGIZED WITH RENEWED  
FAITH!**

**The cost: \$390.00 for the conference, all  
meals, transportation, lodging and chap-  
erones.**

## JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



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

Thank you to the:

Skidd family for hosting last Sunday, May 18  
Sarno family for hosting this Sunday, May 25  
Donohue family for hosting next Sunday, June 1

Hosts are needed for June 15 and 22

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

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

## 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**

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Prizes 4-13 are \$1000 AMEX Gift Cards

**DRAWING: August 16th @ 11pm**  
**Streaming LIVE @ [www.strochchurch.com](http://www.strochchurch.com)**



**Lobster Bake**  
**Sat June 7, 6-9pm**  
**RSVP by June 1**



Kick off summer, reconnect with friends, enjoy a delicious meal!  
50/50 \* Kids games \* Music

### Adult \$60

Choose 1 entrée:

Lobster  
Beef tenderloin  
Salmon  
Chicken breast

### Child \$15

(12 & under)  
Choose 1 entrée:

Hamburger  
Hot Dogs  
Chicken fingers

### Sides

Steamers  
Coleslaw  
Corn on the cob  
Roasted potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Rolls  
Watermelon

### And...

Dessert  
Water

**This is a BYOB event**

**Tickets on sale after all Masses**

Or send check payable to SFA, 35 Norfield Rd, Weston CT 06883  
**and note Lobster Bake in the memo**

Payment must be received by June 1 to guarantee reservation

For questions or RSVP call 203-227-1341 or email: [office@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:office@stfrancisweston.org)



## 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



## ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

## Women's Guild Dinner Out Monday, June 16 at 7pm

at Via Sforza  
243 Post Rd W, Westport

\$40 for a 4-course meal  
includes tax and tip | cash bar

RSVP to Chris Purdy by June 9:  
[purdymc@optonline.net](mailto:purdymc@optonline.net)

Mail check payable to Chris to:  
13 Highview Ave, Norwalk 06851  
203-644-5831

Or Venmo: Chris-Pur



Sponsored by the SFA Women's Guild

## Parish Office hours and contact info

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



### Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 25</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
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
<b>Mon., May 26</b>	<b>Offices Closed-Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tues., May 27</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds., May 28</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Thurs., May 29</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>
7:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Fri., May 30</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat., May 31</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
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
<b>Tues., June 3</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. June 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Thurs., June 5</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., June 6</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. June 7</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.	Lobster Bake

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

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**Teresa Karwowski, Faith Formation Admin. Asst.**  
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**Marianne Keith, Preschool Director**  
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**Michele Harding, Youth Minister**  
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**Don Rickenback, Music Coordinator**  
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**William Smith, Maintenance Supervisor**

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

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

### **Worship Ministries**

**Coordinator: Nancy Murgalo (475-257-7766)**

quiddity@optonline.net

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Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

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### **Spiritual Formation**

**Coordinator: Pam Franco (227-5821)**

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R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### **Community Outreach**

#### **Coordinators:**

Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

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frnguyen@stfrancisweston.org

Anita Field

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### **Knights of Columbus**

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