

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

June 1, 2025



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one
I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."
- Jn 17:22-23a

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

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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

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
**Tuesday- 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,

Last Thursday we came to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast is inseparable from Pentecost that we will celebrate next weekend. Both of these feasts conclude the mighty fifty days of Easter. In Luke's gospel last Thursday, we hear Jesus say, "You are witnesses of these things." "These things are the events of Jesus' life on earth. These are the keys to our faith that Jesus receives our suffering and redeems us in his death and resurrection. As Jesus once left the earth to ascend to the Father, we know we must keep alive his mission on earth. His mission is to love. His mission is to walk with people on the earth and to bring them to the fullest possible life, the life of compassion, peace, and mercy and moments of deep joy.

We know that the Ascension makes ready for the coming of the Holy Spirit next week. Jesus does not abandon us on earth, but gives us the Holy Spirit in the gift of our baptism and confirmation. The Ascension is the feast where we reflect on the mission of Jesus who once walked the face of the earth and try to put into practice what he wanted for people.

We are witnesses to his life and we need to get off the couch and live the mystery we celebrate. There is much to do in the mission of the Church. We are to live the compassion toward our enemies that Jesus has for each of us. We are to reach beyond our selfishness and extend a hand to people in need because Jesus taught us to wash one another's feet. We are to reflect the love that we receive from him in our prayer toward a world that feels abandoned, afraid and disenfranchised. We not only witness the passion, death and resurrection but we live it with our fragile hearts every day.

We cannot be witnesses to something we never experience. So we need to pray. We need time to sit in the mystery of life, to ponder its meaning, to read the scriptures and to offer to God the deep hurts and wounds of daily living. We need to come to the sacraments especially the Mass and confession. We need help discovering the love God has for us.

There are so few people in the Catholic Church who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Church is not about the externals. The Church only means something if we have the foundation of knowing and witnessing whom Jesus really is. I invite you into prayer. I invite you to sort through the chaos of your life. I invite you to ponder how you need to change. I want in the worst way a parish filled with people who are witnesses of Jesus' love because every person knows Jesus.

"You are witnesses of these things." Yes, we are! We know that faith is transformative, that prayer changes our hearts, that hope overrides despair, and that loneliness can be made into true communion with God, that peace can prevail if we take seriously the life and words of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Joan Lewis (D)**
Sunday, June 1st- The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. **Vinh Nguyen (D)** by the Mancinelli Family

9:30 a.m. **Amanda Field Piper (D)** by Thom and Anita Field

11:00 a.m. **Cheri Piesley (H)** by the Mancinelli Family

Tuesday, June 3rd-Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

Wednesday, June 4th-Easter Weekday-

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, June 5th-St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

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

First Friday, June 6th-Easter Weekday-St. Norbert, Bishop

7:30 a.m. **Daniel Knight (D)**

Sat., June 7th-Easter Weekday-

9:00 a.m. **Aleksander and Jadwiga Jankowski (D)** by the Baines Family

Adoration and Sanctuary Candles: **Elia Contreras (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-Seefeld, Austria-1384

On Holy Thursday, live blood began to flow from the large Host at the altar. Today, one can visit the relic of the Host stained with blood.

To read the full story, go to :

Weekly Stewardship

Weekly Collection 5/24-5/25/25	\$7,412.90
Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$8,000.00
Total Difference.....	(\$587.10)

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 5/23/25
Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$71,155 (78%)
Donors to date:	87 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 2025bishopsappeal.org</p>	

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

Deacons and Seminarians provide pastoral care to the sick and elderly at 6 hospitals and 3 nursing homes, regardless of their faith or economic status, to make sure each one knows about the dignity they possess as sons and daughters of God.





FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Office – Summer Schedule

Please note that the Faith Formation Office is closed for the summer and will reopen in September.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 29th. A calendar will be sent to all registered families in August.

Although I do not work regular hours during the summer, I will be coming in occasionally. If you need to register your child for Faith Formation classes and I am not available, you have the following options:

Download the registration form from our parish website.

Pick up a registration form from the Parish Office, open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Find a copy on Mrs. Karwowski's desk, located just outside my office.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Each child must register every year.

Our formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next.

Grade 1 is required for First Eucharist preparation and

Grades 3-7 are required for Grade 8 Confirmation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203)227-8353 or gflaming@stfrancisweston.org

MY SOUL FINDS
rest
IN GOD ALONE
PSALM 62:1

We wish you all a healthy and restful summer until we meet again in the fall!

Peace and Love,

Gina Fleming

"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! Our PreK Moving Up Ceremony was May 28th-Pictures coming soon!



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 St. Francis Youth Group marched in the Memorial Day Parade! A good time was had by all and we were blessed with beautiful weather.



JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



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

Thank you to the:

Sarno family for hosting last Sunday, May 25

Donohue family for hosting this Sunday, June 1

Atienza and Thomas families for hosting next Sunday, June 8

Hosts are needed for June 15 and 22

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

Carol Palumbo, 203-227-3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com

2025 PARISH RAFFLE

1st PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

4th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

6th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

8th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

10th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

12th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

5th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

7th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

9th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

11th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

13th PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

thirteen (13) prizes to be awarded; totaling \$40,000.00

DRAWING: August 16, 2025 at 11pm
streamed LIVE at www.parishraffle.com

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

Make check payable to:
St Francis, write WOMEN'S GUILD in memo
Mail to Chris Purday at:
13 Highview Ave, Norwalk 06851



Sponsored by the SFA Women's Guild



Pam Mancinelli, Fr. Augustine and George Haines ready to march in the Weston Memorial Day Parade!



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 1 The Seventh 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

Tues., June 3

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. June 4

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thurs., June 5

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

First Friday, June 6

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. June 7

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

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost 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

Tues., June 10

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. June 11

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thurs., June 12

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., June 13

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. June 14

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

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