

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

July 6, 2025



PSALM 66

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**  
\*\*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.

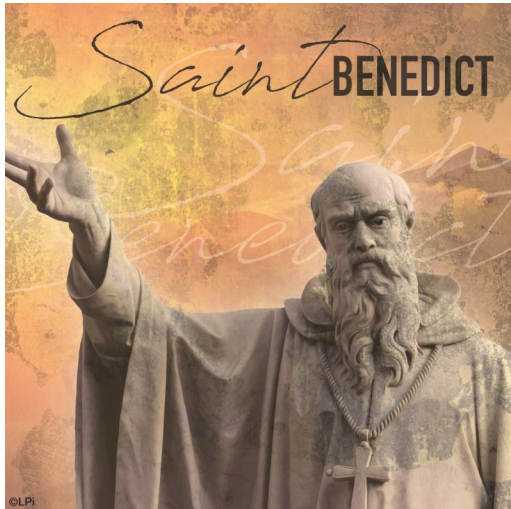
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson  
dnhodson@diobpt.org  
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

**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.*



### **Saint Benedict's Feast Day is July 11th**

Saint Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son of a Roman noble of Norcia and twin to his sister, Scholastica.

In the fifth century, the young Benedict was sent to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric--the art of persuasive speaking. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. They had everything: education, wealth, youth--and they spent it all of it in pursuit of pleasure, not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions.

Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of Romanus. After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted--then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup, it shattered.

He founded the monastery in Monte Cassino, which became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities, he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, St. Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life. Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step of setting up one community. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict--still directing religious life after 15 centuries.

In one story of Benedict's life, a poor man came to the monastery begging for a little oil. Although Benedict commanded that the oil be given, the cellarer refused--because there was only a tiny bit of oil left. If the cellarer gave any oil as alms, there would be none for the monastery. Angry at this distrust of God's providence, Benedict knelt down to pray. As he prayed, a bubbling sound came from inside the oil jar. The monks watched in fascination as oil from God filled the vessel so completely that it overflowed, leaked out beneath the lid and finally pushed the cover off, cascading out on to the floor.

In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing in our hearts with contemplative love.

Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students, and he is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven or a crosier.

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Have a blessed week,  
Rev. Augustine Nguyen



## The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. **Deacon Thomas McManus (D)** by Mike and Kay Byrnes

**Sunday, July 6th-The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **Salvatore Sarno (D)** by the Sarno Family

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

11:00 a.m. **Kelly McLaughlin (H)** by the Jung Family

**Tuesday, July 8th-Weekday-**

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

**Wednesday, July 9th-Weekday-St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs**

7:30 a.m. **Thomas and Dorothy Tavano (D)**

**Thursday, July 10th-Weekday-**

7:30 a.m. **Alfred and Dorothy Fisher (D)**

**First Friday, July 11th-Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:30 a.m. **Willard and Jean Chamberlain (D)**

**Sat., July 12th-Weekday-**

9:00 a.m. **Ralph Palumbo (H)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

### Traveling this summer?

Find a mass anywhere at  
[MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org)

Please consider placing your envelopes in the collections before or after your trip or safely use Online Giving with this QR code:



*Have a wonderful vacation! We'll miss you!*



**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](mailto:mtubridy@optonline.net)  
**Divine Mercy**-Anita Field  
[redingglen2@optonline.net](mailto:redingglen2@optonline.net)

### Eucharistic Miracle-Middleburg, Belgium-1374

A man received a consecrated host in his mouth and it changed into bleeding flesh. To this day, a portion of the host is kept in Louvain.

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



**Results as of 6/20/25**

Bishop's Appeal goal:	\$91,200
Total pledged:	\$79,465 (87%)
Donors to date:	96 donors



Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you haven't, please consider a contribution to support the many people it helps. To donate, use the QR code, call (203) 416-1470, or go to [2025bishopsappeal.org](http://2025bishopsappeal.org)



### Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday through Thursdays 10:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.  
**203-227-1341**

[office@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:office@stfrancisweston.org)   [www.stfrancisweston.org](http://www.stfrancisweston.org)



## **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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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



**SFA Preschool**  
**Moving Up Ceremony**  
**And...they're off! Off to Kindergarten and new adventures!**

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 **director@sfapreschool.com**

Our St. Francis Youth got together for an end of the school year gathering at Westport's Compo Beach to socialize, enjoy a meal and say goodbye to our Seniors who are moving on! Our group will be busy this summer with several service opportunities and a weekend Mission trip to Steubenville East. Check your bulletin, email and newsletter for details! Feel free to contact Michele Harding at [youthminister@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancisweston.org) for details!





## 2025 PARISH RAFFLE

1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE: \$20,000 American Express Gift Card

2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE: \$6,000 American Express Gift Card

3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE: \$4,000 American Express Gift Card

TICKET

4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

6<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

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12<sup>th</sup> PRIZE: \$1,000 AMEX Gift Card

13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parishraffle.com)

## Altar Server Thank You Party

### Cookout and Games Friday July 11, 6-8 pm

Burgers and hot dogs  
Ice cream sundae bar  
Slip n slide  
3 leg races  
Water balloon fights  
Apple bobbing  
And much more!

RSVP to Pam Franco by July 8 at  
[pamffrg@gmail.com](mailto:pamffrg@gmail.com) or  
text 917-690-5876

## JOIN US FOR THE SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIAL



In the Parish Hall

After 9:30 Mass/before 11:00 Mass

This is a great family event  
Enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners

Thanks to the

Savitsky Family for hosting last Sunday, June 29

Tedesco Family for hosting this Sunday, July 6

Pioli Family for hosting Sunday, July 13

Boto Family for hosting Sunday, July 20

Hosts needed for August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

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

## Children's Liturgy once a month



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

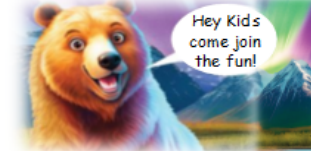
Next Mass July 13  
at 9:30

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

## Sign Up for Summer Bible Camp



Hey Kids  
come join  
the fun!



August 11 to 13th, 2025

9:00am to 12 noon

Kids in grades K to 5



The True North Bible Camp experience is filled  
with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids  
see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experi-  
ments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible  
songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the  
standout activities that help faith flow into real  
life.



Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in  
everyday life. At True North, kids discover that they can  
trust Jesus in a wild world.

<https://www.osvhub.com/assumption-westport/forms/church-of-the-assumption-summer-bible>

### July 13th-14th Good Shepherds of Bethlehem Visits

In these times of war and uncertainty, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land need our support more than ever. The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem, represented by George and Katherine Awwad, will be at our parish on July 13th and 14th to sell olive wood handicrafts, beautifully made by Christian artisans from Bethlehem. Purchasing these olive wood products is a tangible way to support the Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on this craftsmanship for their survival, especially during these challenging times. Join us in showing solidarity and support for our fellow Christians by attending this sale. Your generosity will make a significant difference in their lives. To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.goodshepherdsofbethlehem.com/>

## Parish Calendar

<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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. July 7</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues., July 8</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Weds. July 9</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Thurs., July 10</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., July 11</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
6:00 p.m.	Altar Server Cookout
<b>Sat., July 12</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
9:30 a.m.	Children's Mass
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Social
11:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass
<b>Mon., July 14</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues., July 15</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Weds. July 16</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
12:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
2:35 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Thurs., July 17</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Fri., July 18</b>	
7:30 a.m.	Daily Mass
<b>Sat. July 19</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Vigil Mass

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

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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](mailto:quiddity@optonline.net)

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Murgalo

Readers: Chris Eidt (762-7987)

Ushers: Laurie Eidt and Mike Purdy ([eidtl@optonline.net](mailto:eidtl@optonline.net))

### **Spiritual Formation**

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

Religious Education: Gina Fleming (227-8353)

R.C.I.A.: Pam Franco

### **Community Outreach**

#### **Coordinators:**

Soup Kitchen: Linda Nash (226-7680)

Network of Care: Carina Silvestri (226-0884)

### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

**Coordinator: Rev. Augustine Nguyen, Pastor**

[frnguyen@stfrancisweston.org](mailto:frnguyen@stfrancisweston.org)

Anita Field

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### **Communications Ministry**

**Coordinator: Leigh Meccay**

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### **Finance Council**

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