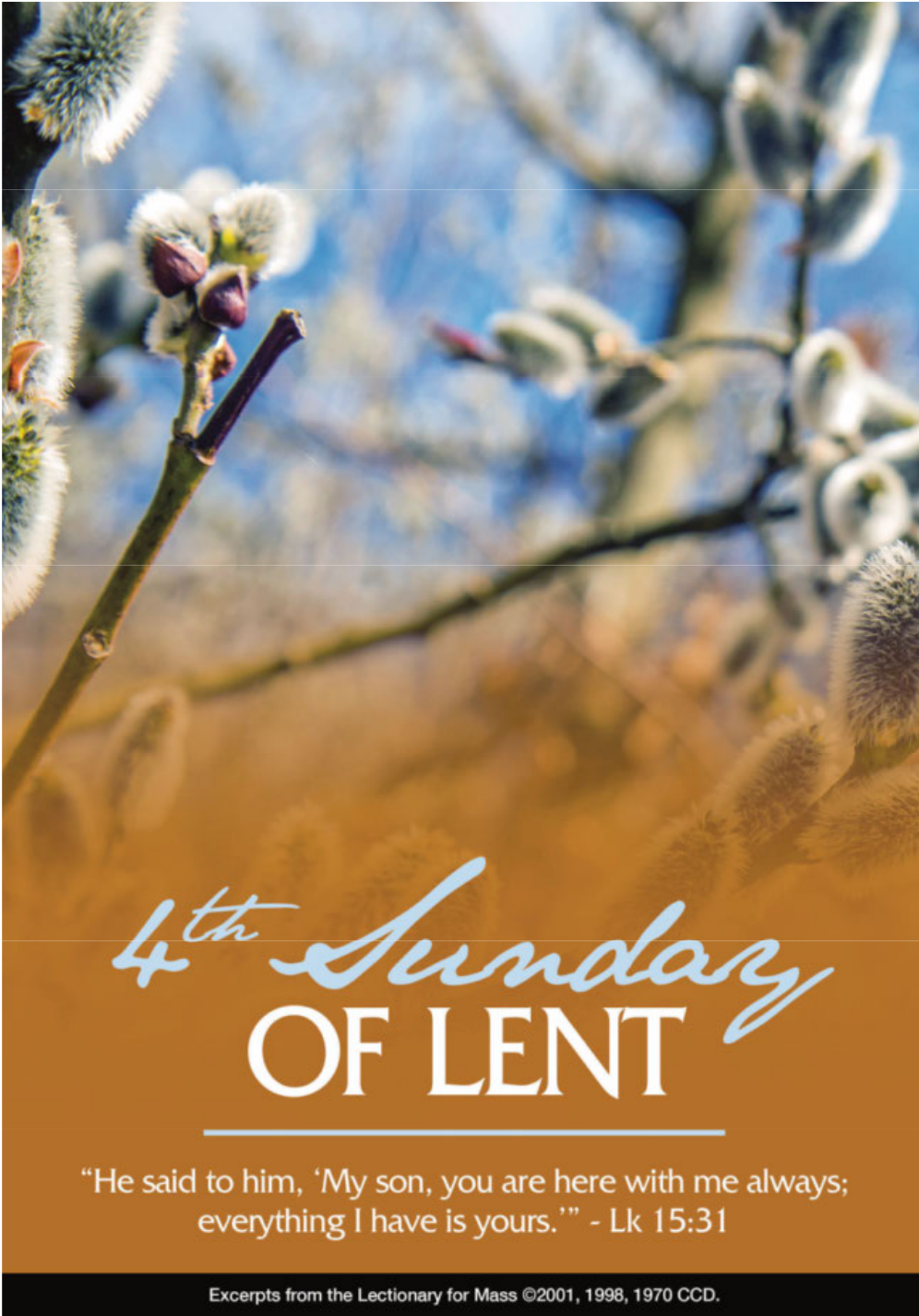


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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

March 27, 2022



4th Sunday OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always;
everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

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9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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Sundays 8:00a.m., 9:30 a.m. - Family Mass
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Scheduled Weekly -
Except for Christmas & Easter.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday - Friday- 7:30 A.M.
Saturday & Holidays - 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 in
person at the rectory.
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.*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend is known as “Laetare” Sunday or “Rejoice” Sunday. It is on this Fourth Sunday of Lent that we change liturgical colors to rose in honor of the fact that Easter is drawing near. It is a time to rejoice in the coming celebration of the events of our salvation.

The Gospel this week contains the most well-known verse of the Bible which comes from Gospel of John 3:16 **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”** We see it referenced on billboards, bumper stickers, and at sporting events. Chances are you have seen, read or heard this verse many times before. But like anything that is very common, it can easily lose its depth of meaning in our lives. Why is this verse so famous? Because it summarizes everything that is at the core of the Christian message. First, God loves us! He created us out of love and He desires to be in a personal relationship with us. Second, we have broken our relationship with God through sin. By disobeying and not trusting God, we stand condemned, remaining in the darkness that sin brings. Third, God did not want to leave us in that dark, distant place we got ourselves into. Rather, He has provided us with a solution by sending His Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man. Why did Jesus come? He came to offer us salvation. He brought light into the darkness of sin and, therefore, overcame it. Without Jesus, we stand condemned and deserve eternal separation from God. But in Jesus we can have eternal life. Therefore, let us trust in Him and pursue the light He offers, turning from the darkness of sin, so that we “might not perish but might have eternal life.”

The reflection questions for this week are: 1) In what parts of your life is the darkness of sin still lingering around? Jesus wants to fill your whole life with His light, pushing out sin. Will you let Him? 2) On this “Rejoice!” Sunday, reflect on what brings you joy in life and thank God for those things.

Rejoice in the Lord,

Fr. Augustine



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Salvatore Billante (D)** by Patrick Guerin
Sunday, Mar. 27th-The Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday
8:00 a.m. **Catherine Thierry (D)** by Alberto and Suzanne Solis
9:30 a.m. **Stanislawa Chmiel (D)** by the Karwowski Family
11:00 a.m. **John Bell, Sr. (D)** by his Family
5:00 p.m. **Kathryn Gaida (D)** by Patty Kopas
Monday, Mar. 28th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Emmanuel Tamiolakis (H)** by his Wife and Son
Tuesday, Mar. 29th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Special Intention For Healing**
Wednesday, Mar. 30th-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Edmond Gabriel (D)** by Julie Guerin
12:00 p.m. **Marie Michels (D)** by Sharon Bell
Thursday, Mar. 31st-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Ryan Joseph Dudek (D)** by the Karwowski Family
Friday, Apr. 1st-First Friday-Lenten Weekday-
7:30 a.m. **Ryan Joseph Dudek (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Saturday, Apr. 2nd-Lenten Weekday-St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
9:00 a.m. **Edward Gilgallon (D)** by the Purdy Family

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: Mar. 20, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$5,999.00

Online Giving: \$2,586.75
\$8,585.75

Thank you to all who donate weekly to the parish at Mass, by mail or through Online Giving. It is only through the generosity of our parishioners that we are able to do what we do through our ministries. If you are not yet set up in Online Giving, please visit our website, www.stfrancisweston.org and click on the Online Giving icon.

Thank you and may God bless you-Fr. Augustine

The Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle in the church is lighted this week in memory of: **Harry Engel**

The Adoration Lamp in the Adoration Chapel is lighted this week in memory of: **Ryan Joseph Dudek**

“Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity” Colossians 3:14

On Sat., April 2nd from 10 a.m.—1 p.m., St. Francis will be collecting non perishable food donations to support our local Weston Food Pantry and over the counter medicine (children and adults) to support Weston Town Hall’s Ukraine Drive.

Simply drive through our parking lot, and the Knights of Columbus will be there to unload your donations directly from your trunk or back seat. If you are available on Sat., you can drop off any time in the back of the church until April 2nd.

The Weston Food Pantry supports over 100 people in town currently. Many are seniors on fixed incomes who are struggling with inflated costs for electric, gas, and food. Any non perishable food is welcome.

The Weston Town hall is currently collecting supplies for Ukraine. As you shop for food, please pick up an OTC medicine like Tylenol/Advil/Aleve.

Thank you for your generosity to help our neighbors both near and far.

Missy

“God has given me one new commandment, that I should love others just as He has loved me.”

John 13:34

Eucharistic Adoration

“Remain here and keep watch with Me”

Matthew 26: 38

Weds. Adoration 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at the Holy Hour of 3 p.m. ALL Weds. During Lent

Please volunteer by emailing mtubridy@optonline.net or sign up in the back of the church. We hope you will join us.

2022 LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 30th and March 31st

Speaker: Father Eric Nielsen, LC

St. Francis of Assisi Church 7 pm. -8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30th

7:00 p.m.-7:40 p.m. Talk #1 The Value of Suffering
7:40 p.m.-7:50 p.m. Small Break
7:50 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Talk #2: The Seven Last Words of Jesus in the Eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Coffee Social and Q & A in Hall

Thursday, March 31st

7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reflection with Examination of Conscience
7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Confessions
8:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Benediction

Faith Formation News

Learning...

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 11:00 am -6:00 pm



Learning...

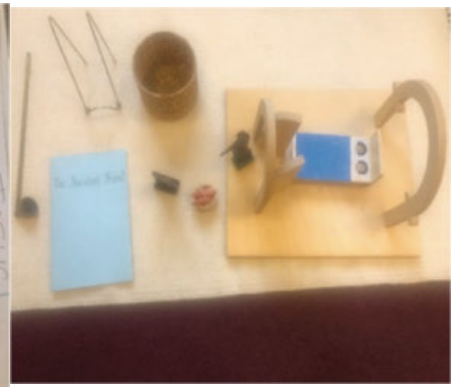
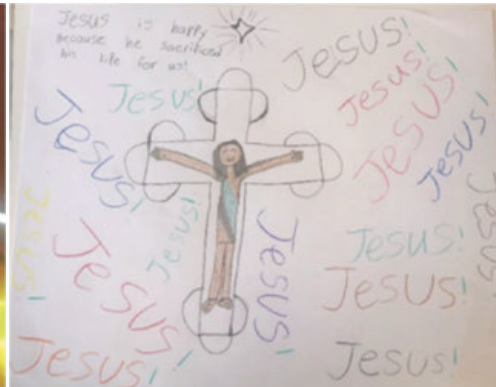
Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Our First Communion Candidates have been meditating on several Parables and will continue to do so, for the next couple of weeks, leading to the celebration of their sacraments.

These Parables are intended to deepen the children's understanding of the connection between the Bible and the Liturgy as well as strengthening their desire for the Eucharist and Reconciliation.



Our program is rich in Scripture and Liturgy; but for all of this to take root in our hearts, it is vital to attend weekly Mass. Please come observe a class and see for yourself what the children of our parish are learning on a weekly basis!

Wishing you all a Blessed Lenten Season!

Gina Fleming

Preschool News

SFA Preschool is serving a community of Toddlers through Four year olds in an environment that strives to support and build the entire child inside and out through a hands on, multi-sensory environment. SFA believes in building the whole child through emphasizing character, strength, and resilience. Our programs are designed to prepare and establish the necessary skill set of your child's upcoming academic demands, while promoting the character within. We support our families through a series of workshops and support groups which are all designed to help educate and prepare you as a parent in your child's individual growth emotionally, socially, and cognitively. Please call **203-454-8646** to schedule a tour or email mkeith@sfapreschool.com.



THIS WEEK AT
YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY 3/27
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

SUNDAY 4/3
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY 4/6
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM

SUNDAY 4/10-17
NO YG - SPRING BREAK

For more information please contact
Youth Minister, Priscilla Mahar at
pmahar@stfrancisweston.org

April 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Senior Youth Group 6-8pm | 4 | 5 | 6 Junior Youth Group 6-8pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Palm Sunday No YG | 11 WPS No School | 12 WPS No School | 13 WPS No School | 14 Holy Thursday WPS No School | 15 Good Friday WPS No School | 16 Holy Saturday |
| 17 Easter Sunday - No YG | 18 | 19 | 20 Junior Youth Group 6-8pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Senior Youth Group 6-8pm | 25 | 26 | 27 Junior Youth Group 6-8pm | 28 | 29 | 30 |

- Senior Youth Group
- Junior Youth Group
- Parish Events
- Additional YG
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Trips/Retreats
- No Events
- Holy Days

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Spring GALA

APRIL 23, 2022 7-11PM
Aspetuck Valley Country Club

WISH LIST

Sponsorship, a week at a vacation home, tickets for sporting events, bottles of wine priced at \$15 and above, gift cards, and airline miles Please direct questions to **Dennis Jung 917-628-1169** or dennisjungesq@gmail.com.



ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

Pysanky Egg Decorating

At the Women's Guild monthly meeting
Monday April 4, 5pm-8pm
In the Parish Hall

This isn't your typical Easter egg decorating...
Share in the art of Pysanky egg decorating
You don't need to be an artist to get stunning results
All supplies provided... just bring an apron... takes about 1 hour

Cost: \$20, Women's Guild members \$15 (pay at the door)
Proceeds go towards the Women's Guild Scholarship Fund

Supplies are limited and registration required by April 1:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844AAE29A1FF2-sfawomens2>
For questions contact Jenn Garvey at 203-984-7778

For years, Jenn Garvey has been sharing this Ukrainian tradition that her grandmother passed on to her family. Now she is sharing it with us.

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild

Please join us in the parish hall after the 9:30 a.m. and before the 11:00 a.m. for **Coffee Social**. Thank you to the Skidd Family for hosting last weekend. The next Coffee Social will be April 3rd, hosted by the Farrington Family. Questions? Carol Palumbo 203 227 3271 or candrpalumbo@gmail.com

| DATE | LENTEN EVENTS | TIME |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Tuesday, March 1 | Pancake Supper | 5:00pm |
| Ash Wednesday, March 2 | Ashes distributed at Mass | 7:30am, 12 noon, 7:00pm |
| Every Wednesday in Lent (March 9 – April 13) | Morning Mass and Noon Mass | 7:30am and 12 noon |
| Every Friday, March 4 – April 8 | Stations of the Cross | 7pm |
| Friday, March 11 | Friday Night Fish Fry | 5pm – 8pm |
| Saturday, March 19 | Pilgrimage to Cabrini Shrine | 8:15am – 3pm |
| Monday, March 21 | Women's Guild Speaker | 7pm |
| Friday, March 25 | Friday Night Fish Fry | 5pm – 8pm |
| Saturday, March 26 | Men's Retreat (Hosted by the Knights) | 9am – 1pm |
| Sunday, March 27 | In Your Presence Lord (musical reflection) | 3pm |
| Wednesday, March 30 | Lenten Mission Talk by Fr. Nielson | 7pm |
| Thursday, March 31 | Lenten Reconciliation Service | 7pm |
| Saturday, April 2 (snow date April 9) | Drive-Thru Food Drive | 10am – 1pm |
| Monday, April 4 | Women's Guild Egg Decorating Workshop | 5:30pm |
| Wednesday & Thursday, April 6 & 7 | Confessions | 6:30pm – 8pm |
| Friday, April 8 | Soup & Bread Supper | After Stations of the Cross |
| Thursday, April 14 | Holy Thursday Liturgy | 7pm |
| Good Friday, April 15 | Morning Prayer | 8am |
| Good Friday, April 15 | Good Friday Liturgy | 3pm |
| Good Friday, April 15 | Marian Stations of the Cross | 7pm |
| Holy Saturday, April 16 | Morning Prayer | 8am |

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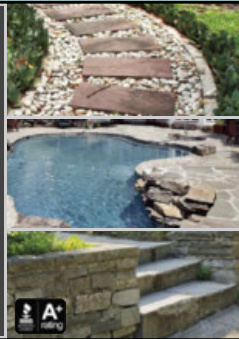
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