

9 September 2018
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ON SAUGATUCK

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF WESTPORT

• *Celebrating 142 Years 1876-2018* •

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Mon. - Sat. 7:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Family Mass),
10:30 am (Choir Mass), 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

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We welcome all new parishioners and those who wish to return to the Church or to learn more of what we Catholic Christians believe.

In Loving Memory

The Flowers at Mary's Statue are in loving memory
of **Joseph Izzo**
The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Luigi & Mary Izzo**
The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory
of **Bill Delano**
The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **Miguel & Amalia Petretta**
The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **John & Rita Hughes**

Pray for our men and women currently serving our country

Sgt. Randy Ackerman, US Army
L.Cpl. Durry Becker, USMC
Matthew Bradstock, US Army
James Branson, USN
Tony Cuseo, USMC
Ryan J. David, USN
2nd Lt. Alex Deep, US Army
Sgt. Christopher Dietl, US Army
Pvt. Auriane de Sousa, US Army
Sgt. Kimberly Gendreau, US Army
Sgt. Stephanie Gilbertie, US Army
Sgt. Trevor Gilbertie, US Army
P.F.C. William Gilbertie, USMC
Sgt. Matthew Harwedel, USMC
Sgt. Joseph Kelly, USMC
2nd Lt. Karl Kuechenmeister
Cpl. Michael Linnen, USMC
Sgt. Andre Mercado-Divoff
P.F.C. Brad Myers, US Army
Spec. Jonathan Morris, US Army
LT Jonathan R. Nelson, USN
LTJG Ryan T. Nelson, USN
Sgt. Colin Santacroce, US Army
Lt. Col. Devin A. Smiley, USMC
M/Sgt. Zachary B. Taylor, USAF
Patrick Tazella, US Army
Capt. James Tesauero, US Army
Cpl. Calvin Robert Wauchope, USMC
L.Cpl. Patrick Zingaro, USMC

*Please pray for all those who have been wounded
or have sacrificed their lives for the cause of
peace.*

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Sr. Ellen Hathaway SND, Gabriel Eduardo
Ardila, Carol Mata, Phyllis Shaner, Robert
Duffy, Charlene Surette, Ann Corbett, Dolores
Mills, Tom Pellicano Sr.,
Joan Flynn, RSM, Don Palladino

May they rest in peace

Pray for the Sick

Catherine Alter, Mary Ann Andronaco, Noelle Anastasia, Joan
Bailey, Bob Barker, Henry Baker, Ryan Brewster, Mary
Bulakites, Cornelia Buono, Bridget Burger, Victoria Callas, Sr.
Lucy Caporaso, Bill Chadwell, Aida Ciferri, Tonino Covatta,
Andrea Charboneau, James Cordia, Susan Creevy, Alder
Crocker, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Matt
Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farriacielli,
Charlie French, Marge Gabriele, Kevin Geignetter, Diane and
Anthony Gilberti, Guy Giordano, Elisabeth Grein, Katarina
Hale, Julie Halka, Jane Hawley, Malcolm Heckman, Bob
Helfenstein, Logan Howard, Susan Izzo, Marie James,
Bernadette Juoan, Robert Kaps, Nancy Kelly, Bernadette
Kenney, Laura Kesling, Dan Kiely, Sr., Frank Kropf, Mary-Ellen
Kuhn, Abigail Lamb, Michelle Lombardi, Cara MacDonald,
Frank Machi, Helen Maggio, Dorothy Matto, Gabriella McCrae,
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Strauss, Carmela Tornatore, Cheri Travis, Nicholas Valas, Carl
Viesti, Pat Viesti, Phyllis & Bob Wentworth, Janusz Zwolinski,
James Dominick Zwolinski.

**Please help us update our prayers for the sick list. If
there is anyone you would like to add/remove, please
call the Parish office, 203-227-5161. Thank you.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 8

7:30am Richard Nashawaty
5:00pm Vigil Samuel DeMaria

Sunday, September 9

7:30am Walter Robert Gill
9:00am Anne Dinkle
10:30am Rev. Philip T. Morrissey
12:00pm Debra Murphy- Bell
5:00pm Peter Sola

Monday, September 10

7:30am Tina LaRusso

Tuesday, September 11

7:30am Richard McCaslin

Wednesday, September 12

7:30am Harry Engel

Thursday, September 13

7:30am Michael Esposito

Friday, September 14

7:30am Carol Mata

Saturday, September 15

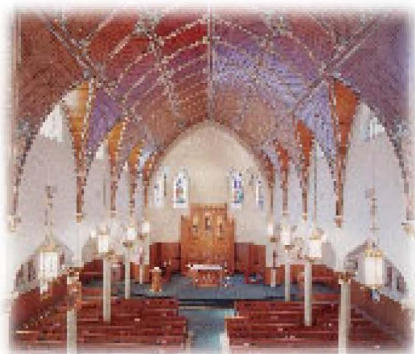
7:30am The Meduri Family
5:00pm Vigil Patsy DeMace

Sunday, September 16

7:30am Mary Messemer
9:00am Phyllis Fannon
10:30am John & Rose Palmer
12:00pm Eileen Infurchia
5:00pm Robert Scribner

We Stand With Christ

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, WESTPORT CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018

**ASSUMPTION
REACHES 87% OF
ITS GOAL**

The success of WE STAND WITH CHRIST at Assumption continues. To date 60 generous families have brought us 87% of the way to our goal with a total of \$1,214,430 raised!

**NEXT BENCHMARK:
EXCEED 96% OF
GOAL BY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

We hope to reach at least 96% of our goal by September 11, 2018. In an effort to keep to our timetable and maintain momentum, achieving this benchmark by this date would be ideal. As other church campaigns have shown, early gifts from the most engaged families in the parish indicate the success of the campaign overall. Given the positive response so far, it is our hope that Assumption exceeds goal!

Why is making a Pledge important?

Pledging permits the donor to consider a wonderful gift of substance that will allow our Parish to fulfill its target. It allows for a substantial gift within the economical means of the donor. Pledging allows for a thorough review of one's finances. Through this review, one can assess what they can come to sacrifice, for five years, to continue strengthening our Church.

What happens if our situation changes?

We are aware that one's circumstances can change over a five-year period. Please remember that all pledges are non-legally binding and can be altered at any time. A pledge will not be passed onto one's family in event of death, illness or some other occurrence.

How can we continue to be successful?

- Read all the materials you have received
- Prayerfully consider your sacrificial gift, relative to your means and obligations
- Make a pledge over 5 years
- Return the pledge form to the Rectory Office
- Consider helping with the effort as a volunteer



CAMPAIGN CHECKLIST

- ☐ Make a decision regarding your own gift, if you have yet to do so.
- ☐ If you have questions, contact the Rectory Office to speak with Fr. Tom at (203) 227-5161.
- ☐ This is about **equal sacrifice**, not equal gifts. We will all benefit from this historic project if everyone participates!
- ☐ Please pray for the success of this campaign as we move forward.

WE STAND WITH CHRIST Latest Numbers

Target at Assumption	\$1,392,000
Total Amount Raised	\$1,214,430
Verbal Commitments	\$108,500 (5)
Documented and Verbal	\$1,322,930
Percentage of Target	87%
Total Number of Gifts	60
Average Gift	\$20,000
Number of pending gifts	26

Numbers Updated as of September 4, 2018

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 2, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$7,915

First of the Month Utilities: \$835

God bless you for your charity. Thank you! Fr. Tom

If you wish to support the Parish by having your bank mail a check directly, you are welcome to do so. Please have the checks made payable to Assumption Church. Remember Assumption Church in your estate planning. If you wish to make a donation of appreciated stock please call the Parish Office at (203) 227- 5161

Give Online!

Our Parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. This service is safe, secure and convenient. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1429> .

This system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up and make changes. You can use your checking, savings or credit card accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. It is also convenient for you because it allows you to make changes at any time. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end.

Thank you to the many families who have come on board and signed up for Online Giving.

Estate Planning & Obituary Remembrance

A framed memorial is displayed in the vestibule of the church that lists the names of the Faithful Departed who either remembered Assumption in their Estate Planning and/or requested that in place of flowers a donation be made to the Parish in their memory. We are very grateful for their charity and the charity of all who love and memorialize them. May they rest in peace enjoying eternal life.

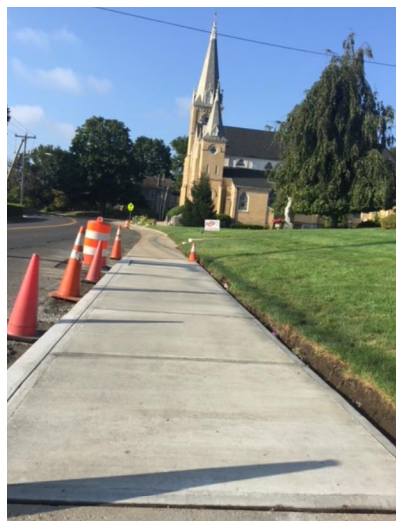
- Fr. Tom-

New Surface for Parking Lot



Thanks to all who contributed over the years to our former UCP (Upkeep of Church Property) Fund. Our resurfaced lot is paid in full. Thank you to Vincent Penna & his crew for an outstanding job!

Front Sidewalk Repaired



Thanks to Jim DeVito & Sons, three large sections of our front sidewalk are brand new! Thank you Jim for your generous charity in gifting the parish.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES **COLLECTION**

*Help reunite the immigrant children
with their parents*



There are envelopes at the doors if you wish to contribute to a collection for Catholic Relief Services. This is to support CRS in their work with helping to **reunite the immigrant children** who are still separated from their parents. Please make checks payable to **Assumption Church** and on memo line mark: **CRS**. Kindly drop the envelope in the regular collection this weekend.
Thank you for your charity!

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for your donations to the **BUCKS FOR BACKPACKS** collection! Your charitable donation amounted to \$848. Over 180 children from low income Westport families will be well-equipped as they go back to school. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated by these families who, in the summer, experience an additional demand on their funds to feed their children without the help of the school hot lunch program. You took heed of the words in Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of these least brethren of mine, you did for me." This is truly and example of grace in action.

-The Social Concerns Ministry-

Priest Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 15

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

Sunday, September 16

7:30am	Fr. Tom
9:00am	Fr. Tom
10:30am	Msgr. Shea
12:00pm	Fr. Augustine
5:00pm	Fr. Tom

- Subject to change -

BLANKET COLLECTION



"By the love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples." (John 13)

**BEGINS THIS
WEEKEND**

September 8th- October 24th

Soon winter will be here and in local shelters our sisters and brothers, young and old, will be desperately cold. They need you to help.

PLEASE donate new (twin size) or gently used (any size), clean blankets.

Please place your donations in the boxes that will be provided at the front and rear entrances of the church. If you wish to shop online, please send items to the attention of:

Social Concerns
44 Lincoln Street, Front Porch
Westport, CT 06880

Thank you for your continued kindness towards our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Religious Education News

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education!



We are excited about this new year and hope that you and your child are ready to enter into a relationship with Jesus and learn about our Catholic faith. Information regarding our Religious Education Program, such as registration forms, handbook, calendars and confirmation information can be found on our website: **www.assumptionwestport.com**

On September 23, 2018 we will open the year with prayer and blessings for our catechists and our families at the 9:00am Mass followed by a student- teacher meet and greet in the gym.

All families are invited!

Each child must re-register every year.

Our formation classes are continuous and build from one year to the next. Grade 1 is required for Grade 2 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation. Grade 7 is required for Grade 8 Confirmation preparation. Students enrolled in a Catholic school must attend First Eucharist and Confirmation classes here at Assumption Church. New students must submit a baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

**Register
NOW**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office at (203) 226-5448 or email cathy.romano@parishmail.com

OFFICE HOURS

9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday
We are located at Roncalli House, 44 Lincoln Street (front porch entrance)



High School Aide Opportunity



Calling all High School Students!

The Religious Education Office has a great service opportunity this year. We need volunteers to assist our Catechists during Religious Ed! Classes meet Sundays at 10:10am to 11:15am, or Tuesdays 4:30pm to 5:30pm. For more information, please call the Religious Ed office at (203) 226- 5448 or email cathy.romano@parishmail.com

Altar Server Training

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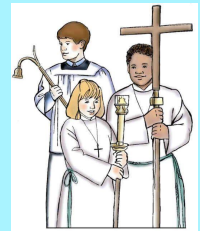
Training Sessions for all 4th – 12th graders who are interested in serving our Parish community as Altar Servers will be held in the Church on Thursdays during the month of September.

Classes will begin Thursday, September 6th and end Thursday, September 27th, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

We are truly grateful for your dedication to serving the Parish and look forward to seeing you on September 6th.

Please contact Juany Fumai at jfumai@hotmail.com for more information.

God Bless,
Juany Fumai
Altar Server Coordinator



Assumption Youth

Assumption Youth High School Group spent some time cleaning up Roncalli House ahead of the new religious ed year! Thanks for doing a terrific job with a smile!

If you have a teen interested in joining Assumption Youth, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at assumptionyouth98@gmail.com



Page 8 **Reflecting on God's Word**

Perhaps you saw the movie *The King's Speech* about the future king of England, George VI, whose speech impediment was so severe that it reduced him to tears of anger and humiliation. His wife, Elizabeth, found a speech therapist who was able to help him by using some unorthodox methods, such as rolling around on the floor, cursing, and singing. It is a profoundly moving experience when King George finally addresses his people over the radio and delivers a speech flawlessly, giving courage to his people on the eve of World War II.

The story in this Gospel tells us how Jesus helped a man to find his voice. The man whose tongue Jesus touched with his spittle (an element believed to ward off demons) came to speak "plainly." Another word for "plainly" would be "rightly," in the sense of correctly or truly. "Be opened!" Jesus says, and it happens (Mark 7:34). The man then spoke the truth of what Jesus did for him, and honored him.

As we hold firm to our faith in the Lord, Jesus calls us to both speak and act "rightly" in the eyes of the world, caring for those who have little and treating them with the same dignity as those who have much. We are called to imitate Jesus by reaching out tenderly to touch those who have been wounded by life and burdened by the rejection of others. Helping others to hear the sound of love can be done in many quiet ways and with little fanfare.

- James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.



Knights of Columbus Council

The Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month at Assumption Church at 7:30pm in McGrath Hall. **Next meeting will be October 2nd .**

For more information, please contact Walter Avitabile at (203)981-3083 or by email wavit@optonline.net.

***New members are always
welcome!***

THIS FRIDAY AT ST. MARY'S

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 7:15 pm

**The Academy of Sacred Drama:
"The Birth of Moses"**

Followed by a light reception

The St. Cecilia Society is delighted to present this special concert event featuring the Academy of Sacred Drama with the modern premiere of the oratorio "Il Nascimento di Mosè" (1682) by Vincenzo de Grandis.

Donations will be gratefully accepted, with proceeds benefiting the sacred music program, particularly future concerts.

For more information please refer to:
www.stmarynorwalk.net

HAPPINESS AND MEANING

What God has promised us in Christ is not (as is unfortunately so often preached and believed) a life free from pain, sickness, loneliness, oppression, and death.

Anyone who tells you that you will have less pain in life, if you take Jesus seriously, is not in touch with the gospel.

What the incarnation promises is not that Christ will do away with our pain, but that God will be with us in that pain. To take the gospel seriously is not to be given immunity from the human condition.

For the Christian, as for everyone else, there will be the same sicknesses, the same cold lonely seasons, the same painful frustrations, the same choices that are regretted, and the same bitter losses. Like everyone else, too, eventually we will have to face death.

Faith in God does not, in this world, save one from pain, misunderstanding, loneliness, and death. Faith does not offer a life free of pain.

What God does promise is to be with us in that pain.

- Ron Rolheiser, OMI -

What is RCIA

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RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults are received into the Catholic Church after a period of time attending classes and preparing to receive the sacraments.

RCIA is for anyone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Church. People who enter RCIA may have been baptized in the Catholic Church but never received any formal religious education as children or received any other sacraments. Perhaps there is someone who has received all of their sacraments but have been away from practicing their Catholic faith. RCIA is also for anyone who was baptized in another Christian denomination but now would like to become Catholic.

Some of the people who enter RCIA have never practiced in any faith tradition and are searching for God and a spiritual life. This is a way to see if the Catholic Church would fill this need. Many others come to RCIA because they are married to a Catholic or are planning to marry a Catholic. There are many and varied reasons why someone would choose to enter into the RCIA process.

If you or anyone you know is interested in the Catholic Church please consider coming to the first RCIA session at Assumption starting on **Thursday evening, Sept. 27 at 7:30 PM in Roncalli House**, the Religious Education Center at Assumption.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the RCIA process, please call or email Marilyn Moran : 203- 286-6939 or mismoran52@optimum.net.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Westport Men's Group

Each Saturday morning men gather for about one hour to listen to the word of God and discuss how it speaks to our daily lives. You'll receive perspective and insight for becoming better members of the faith community.

Come join us and see what we're about.

For more information contact Jim Meehan at [\(203\) 293-0348](tel:2032930348).



Serving is at the center of our Christian faith. Our many Assumption ministries benefit from the gifts and talents of our parishioners to help strengthen our parish community life by serving each other and those in need.

Our Diocese requires all adult parish volunteers over the age of 18 to attend a VIRTUS – Protecting God's Children class. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact within the Church.

If you are a new volunteer or want to check the status of your VIRTUS certification please contact Nhur Klasky at 203-226-5448.



Social Concerns is an active ministry formed to respond to the problems of social justice, the physical and spiritual needs of the Assumption parish family, and to those in need in the neighboring communities. Some of the projects we are involved with are: Christmas Angels Collection, Thanksgiving Gifts of Plenty, Towels Collection, Lenten Alms, Blankets/Winter Warm-up Collection, and Easter Food Baskets, Summer Food Collection, Blood Pressure Screening, Sock Collection and Merton House Breakfast. The Prayer Network and A.C.T.S. are additional services to our parishioners. The Ministry meets on the third Monday of the month (September through June) at 7:00pm in Roncalli House. If you wish to contact us, please call Connie at 203-852-9937. New members are always welcome.



The Prayer Ministry is a network of over 70 members. If you or someone is in need of prayer or a special intention, please email Liz, lizlazarou@optonline.net or call Betty, 203-226-6702 and leave the request, intention and first name of the person to be prayed for. Intentions are forwarded to the network. Members respond by praying in their homes. The network is always open to new members.



The purpose of **A.C.T.S.** is to build a more caring and comforting community within the parish. It is designed to hear and answer simple requests for – a ride to church, to a doctor's or other appointments; to do grocery shopping or other errands. A.C.T.S. can also offer a simple meal to aid in recuperation or for a family with a new baby. A phone call or a visit to a shut-in can also be arranged.

**To request or offer help,
please contact ACTS98@optimum.net**

Sick and Homebound Visitation

We are a parish family. The priests and laity who bring Holy Communion are delighted to share with you the Body of Christ. If one of the priests visits, he can also share Sacramental Absolution and the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick (Holy Oils).

We need your help. When you or a family member are sick at home, whether for a short period, home with a chronic illness, or simply homebound, we are happy to visit. You can help us by calling the rectory, so we can set a time to visit at your convenience.

The Anointing of the Sick is not just for life threatening illness but for any illness—cancer, pre-surgery, depression... The sacrament is for the sick and prays for healing. It is not Last Rites or Extreme Unction. (These terms were deleted 50 years ago as a result of Vatican II.) We look forward to visiting you.

Hospital Visitations

With today's HIPPA regulations...that is, **the right of privacy for hospital patients**, clergy have difficulty knowing if/when parishioners are hospitalized. Even, if when registering you identify yourself as a Catholic, it does not guarantee you will be visited by a priest or Eucharistic Minister from Assumption because we are not informed by the hospital.

Please call the rectory if you wish a priest or Eucharistic Minister to visit you. All parishes provide for the salary of priests on duty in our Fairfield County hospitals—hospital chaplains. While in the hospital you or a family member are able to ask for the **Hospital Catholic Chaplain** to visit and provide the sacraments.

Thank You

We want to thank the advertisers whose businesses are listed on the back page of the bulletin.

Please patronize their local establishments.

If you would like to place an ad in our weekly bulletin, please contact J.S.Paluch, Co., Inc.
1-800-524-0263

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesdays following the 7:30am Mass.

Daily Rosary of Peace - at 7:00am before daily Mass.

Silent Adoration: Monday and Wednesdays 8:00am – 5:00pm. Please call Andrea Remlin 203-227-5477 if you would like to take ½ - 1 hour of Adoration.

Baptismal Prep Class

Mothers and Fathers who are parents for the first time are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. **The next Pre-Baptismal Class will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 7pm in the Oscar Romero Room at Roncalli House** (*the Parish Center at the end of the parking lot.*)

Please call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 to register for the class. **Please note, Godparents must be practicing, Confirmed Catholics and age 16 and over.**

Sacramental Information

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism. Baptisms are on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm, one to four families.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Communion: We welcome the opportunity to visit our homebound parishioners. Please call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Rectory prior to surgery or at the onset of an illness.

RCIA: The process by which an adult joins our Catholic Faith Community. Contact Marilyn Moran at 203-286-6939.

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