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Twenty-Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ON SAUGATUCK

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Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00am - 5:00pm (in silence)

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 **Lourdes Cawai**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory  
of **John Cahill**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory  
of **Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory  
of **Eileen Infurchia**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory  
of **Bill Delano**

### 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  
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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, Lourdes Cawai, Aida Ciferri,  
Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, James Cordia, Susan  
Creedy, Alder Crocker, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas  
DeMatteo, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger,  
Angela Farricielli, Charlie French, Marge Gabriele, Kevin  
Geigetter, 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,  
Gabiella McCrae, Rhoda Miller, Clarissa Moore, Estelle  
Murray, Danielle Murrugarra, Denise Murtha, Lisa O'Connor,  
Donna Olsen, Ginny O'Neill, Kevin Palaez, Frank Palmieri,  
Stephanie Philo, Kim Preston, Alexa Prosnitz, CJ. Rice, Deanne  
Ryan, Sandra Ryan, Teresa Sacouto, Adrian Sandiford, Kerry  
Schroeder, Greg 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 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

### **Monday, September 17**

7:30am The Bell Family

### **Tuesday, September 18**

7:30am Sylvia Bell

### **Wednesday, September 19**

7:30am Iris Rayford

### **Thursday, September 20**

7:30am Donna Mae Demyan

### **Friday, September 21**

7:30am Daniel J. Geelan

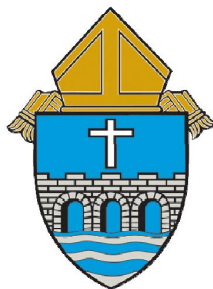
### **Saturday, September 22**

7:30am Lillie Yeager  
5:00pm Vigil Regina Morrissey O'Hara

### **Sunday, September 23**

7:30am Lawrence Chu  
9:00am Lourdes Cawai  
10:30am Regina Zuzelski  
12:00pm Daniel J. Geelan  
5:00pm William Walsh

# We Stand With Christ



## CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, WESTPORT CONNECTICUT CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER – September 2018

**ASSUMPTION  
REACHES 91% OF  
ITS GOAL**

The success of WE STAND WITH CHRIST at Assumption continues. To date, 68 generous families have brought us 91% of the way to our goal with a total of \$1,267,430 raised!

**NEXT BENCHMARK:  
EXCEED 100% OF  
GOAL BY  
September 24, 2018**

We hope to reach at least 100% of our goal by September 24, 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



### 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**

Parish Goal	\$1,392,000
Total Amount Raised (Documented)	\$1,267,430
Verbal Commitments	\$108,500 (5)
Total Documented and Verbal	\$1,375,930
Percentage of Documented	91%
Percentage of Documented and Verbal	98%
Total Number of Gifts (Documented)	68
Total number of Gifts (Verbal)	5

*Numbers Updated as of September 11, 2018*

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**September 9, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$6,121**  
**Catholic University of America Collection: \$833**  
**Catholic Relief Service Collections: \$10,000**

*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-

## **Priest Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday, September 22**

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Tom

### **Sunday, September 23**

7:30am Fr. Augustine

9:00am Fr. Augustine

10:30am Fr. Tom

12:00pm Msgr. Shea

5:00pm Fr. Tom

## **2018 Towel/Sheet Collection** **THANK YOU**



The Social Concerns Ministry extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the parishioners of Assumption for generously donating towels and sheets during the 2018 collection.

The members of the Bacharach Community and Gillespie Center in Westport, Open Door Shelter in Norwalk, and Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury will reap the benefits of this year's drive. The shelter administrators and their residents are very appreciative of the supply of towels and sheets donated. Thank you once again for your constant generosity.

-The Social Concerns Ministry-



# SOCK DRIVE



**September 9th—  
October 14th**

Again, this year, **Social Concerns** will be collecting **NEW SOCKS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**. The socks will be given to the Family and Children's Agency of Norwalk, the Missionaries of Charity and the Soup Lady Legacy.

As the weather gets COLDER, the need becomes greater. Please place the socks in the baskets marked with a picture of a "yellow sock" located at the doors of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Rully at [adrully@aol.com](mailto:adrully@aol.com) or 203-227-9110.

## Birthright Collection



The Knights of Columbus and volunteers from Birthright of Greater Norwalk will be seeking donations at all of the Masses next weekend, September 22nd and 23rd. With your support, Birthright helps young women in crisis pregnancies choose life for themselves and their babies. Your donation will assist both the local Birthright office and the National Hotline.

## BLANKET COLLECTION



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

**September 8th- October 14th**

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.

***-The Social Concerns Ministry-***

# Religious Ed News

## *Welcome to a new year of Religious Education*

We will open the year with prayer and blessings for our catechists and our families at the 9:00 am Mass on September 23rd.

All families are invited.

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.

The Religious Ed team is looking forward to working with you and your children this coming year.



[www.assumptionwestport.com](http://www.assumptionwestport.com)



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



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Each child must re-register every year. If you have not registered please do so immediately. We are setting up classes and obtaining needed catechists.

Our formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next. New students must submit a baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Sacramental Preparation 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.

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



**Sunday sessions** both 9 and 10:10 start on September 30.

**Tuesday sessions** start on October 2nd, 4:30-5:30pm.

**Confirmation sessions** will begin with Mass on October 14th, at 9:00am.

## 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

## What is RCIA?

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 [msmoran52@optimum.net](mailto:msmoran52@optimum.net).

## Altar Server Training

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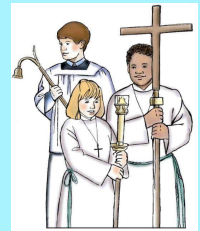
Training Sessions for all 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in serving our Parish community as Altar Servers will be held in the Church on Thursdays during the month of September.

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!

Please contact Juany Fumai at [jfumai@hotmail.com](mailto:jfumai@hotmail.com) for more information.

God Bless,  
Juany Fumai  
Altar Server Coordinator



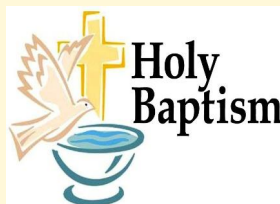
## OPEN HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD PREP



Fairfield College  
Preparatory School

**A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence**

Fairfield Prep invites all seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm Meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about what Fairfield Prep has to offer. For directions to Prep and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, please visit the Fairfield Prep website at [www.fairfieldprep.org](http://www.fairfieldprep.org) and click on the Admissions page.



**Robert Kelly Farnen  
Rowan Asher Nowak**

**Welcome to the Parish!**

## Assumption Bereavement Group

We meet every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Beard Room at Roncalli House (the parish center at the Lincoln Street end of the parking lot). All are welcome.

It is especially wonderful to witness the comfort, acceptance, support and strength shared by those who gather.



Helen Thiemann  
(203) 227-6318  
[helectman@gmail.com](mailto:helectman@gmail.com)



## Knights of Columbus Council 3688

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 by calling (203) 981-3083 or by emailing [wavit@optonline.net](mailto:wavit@optonline.net).

***New members are always***

## 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.

## The End of the World

People are forever predicting the end of the world.

In Christian circles, this is generally connected with speculation around the promise Jesus made at his ascension, namely, that he would be coming back, and soon, to bring history to its culmination and establish God's eternal kingdom. There have been speculations about the end of the world ever since.

Our real worry should not be that the world might suddenly end or that we might unexpectedly die, but that we might live and then die, asleep, that is, without really loving, without properly expressing our love, and without tasting deeply the real joy of living because we are so consumed by the business and busy pressures of living that we never quite get around to fully living.

Hence being alert, awake, and vigilant in the biblical sense is not a matter of living in fear of the world ending or of our lives ending. Rather it is a question of having love and reconciliation as our chief concerns, of thanking, appreciating, affirming, forgiving, apologizing, and being more mindful of the joys of living in human community and within the sure embrace of God.

Buddha warned against something he called, "slouching". We slouch physically when we let our posture break down and become slothful. Any combination of tiredness, laziness, depression, anxiety, tension, over-extension, or excessive pressure can bring down our guard and make our bodies slouch. But that can also happen to us psychologically and morally. We can let a combination of busyness, pressure, anxiety, laziness, depression, tension, and weariness break down our spiritual posture so that, in biblical terms, we "fall asleep", we cease being vigilant, we are no longer alert. So we need to be awake spiritually, not slouching.

But, still, what about the question of when the world will end?

Perhaps, given the infinity of God, it will never end. Because when do infinite creativity and love reach their limit? When do they say: "Enough! That's all! These are the limits of our creativity and love!"?

-Ron Rolheiser, OMI-





SAVE THE DATE

# Senior Luncheon

**Wednesday, October 10th, 2018**

Join us for 12:00pm mass followed by lunch in McGrath Hall.

To RSVP, please call the Parish Office at  
(203) 227- 5161 by Friday, October 5th.

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the disciples. Beginning with this event, Jesus begins to educate them about what it means to be his disciple. He starts with the basics: Who he is. Like a good teacher, he engages them in a discussion, asking two questions, going from the easier one to the more demanding one: Who do others say I am? Who do you say I am?

The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one gets only Peter's response. By saying "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to restore Israel's political kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But this was not to be. Jesus counters Peter by speaking of himself as the Son of Man who must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days.

Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind him. Peter is blocking his way, like an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (Satan), preventing Jesus from going in the direction he is heading. Peter had learned about a Messiah of the power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah, not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross.

But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer his question: Who do you say that I am?

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



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](mailto: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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