

23 September, 2018  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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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 **Jane Elisabeth Clements Webster**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory  
of **Helen Avitabile**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory  
of **Louis Triozzi**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory  
of **Maureen Kaylor**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory  
of **Bridget Burger**

### 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  
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M/Sgt. Zachary B. Taylor, USAF  
Patrick Tazella, US Army  
Capt. James Tesauro, 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

Louis Triozzi, Harry Welsh, Bridget Burger,  
Sr. Ellen Hathaway SND, Gabriel Eduardo  
Ardila, Carol Mata, Phyllis Shaner, Robert  
Duffy, Charlene Surette, Ann Corbett, Dolores  
Mills, Tom Pellicano Sr.

***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, Betty Cabral, Victoria Callas, Sr. Lucy Caporaso, Bill Chadwell, Lourdes Cawai, 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, 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, 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, C.J. 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 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

### **Monday, September 24**

7:30am Philip Beeners

### **Tuesday, September 25**

7:30am Phyllis Shaner

### **Wednesday, September 26**

7:30am Patricia Hanafin Cassels

### **Thursday, September 27**

7:30am Martin & Kathleen Lule

### **Friday, September 28**

7:30am John Walsh

### **Saturday, September 29**

7:30am Bill & Charlene Surette  
5:00pm Vigil Bill Delano

### **Sunday, September 30**

7:30am Lourdes Cawai  
9:00am June Bieling  
10:30am Mary & Charles Boyle  
12:00pm Richard Leonard  
5:00pm Mario Salvadori

## ***Church of the Assumption We Stand With Christ***

### **Campaign Update**

Statistics are as of September 18, 2018

**WSWC Parish Goal: \$1,392,000**

**Verbal Commitments: 4 (\$103,500)**

**Amount Raised to Date: \$1,316,180**

**Percentage of Goal Raised: 95%**

**Number of Pledges: 75**

**Average Gift: \$17,500**

For questions, or to schedule an appointment with Fr. Tom, please call the parish rectory:

**Phone:** (203) 227-5161



## **A COMMUNITY EFFORT**

We are blessed with the opportunity to address our parish's needs to renovate and restore our steeples, renovate McGrath Hall, repair the sidewalks, and to contribute to our faith formation initiatives and parish charities through *We Stand With Christ*.

## **PARTICIPATION**

**Thank you** to each and every parish family who has already made a gift to *We Stand With Christ*, and to those who are still considering their contribution. As of today, 75 parish families have contributed to our campaign. The outpour of generosity has truly been remarkable. It's so important that **ALL** parishioners participate in this initiative. Remember, this campaign is about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts!

## **PLEDGE COMMITMENTS**

You may complete your pledge over a 5 year (60 month) time period. A pledge allows you to consider a substantial gift that will enable our Parish to fulfill its target. Through thoughtful discernment and prayerful consideration, you can determine the sacrificial gift best suited for your situation. Every contribution will continue to strengthen our Church and community of Faith. Parishioners who intend to pay by check will receive reminders according to their preferred schedule. Those using credit card or direct debit (EFT) please visit [www.givecentral.org/wswc/](http://www.givecentral.org/wswc/) and click "Make A Donation."

We are aware that people'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 the event of a death, illness or another occurrence.





# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**September 16, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$8,261**

**August 2018 Online Collection: \$9,041**

***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.

## **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.

## **Birthright Collection after Mass**

The Knights of Columbus and volunteers from Birthright of Greater Norwalk will be at the church doors after all Masses this weekend seeking donations. With your support, Birthright helps young women in crisis. Your donation will assist both the local Birthright office and the National Hotline. Whether or not you donate , you are welcome to take one of the bookmarks which provide the local number, national 24/7 Hotline and the Birthright web address.

## **Priest Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday, September 29**

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

### **Sunday, September 30**

7:30am Fr. Tom

9:00am Msgr. Shea

10:30am Fr. Augustine

12:00pm Fr. Tom

5:00pm Fr. Tom

**- Subject to change -**

## **Give Online!**

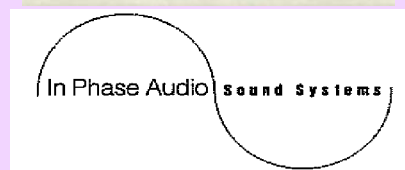
Our Parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. This service is safe, secure and convenient. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting:

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/1429](http://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.

## **August 15<sup>th</sup> BBQ THANK YOU**



**The Bites Company\***

I wish to acknowledge and thank Best in Gourmet for Catering, Jim Durkin of In Phase Audio for providing the sound system and Dina Upton of The Bites Company for providing the delicious cookies! If you need Catering, Sound or Cookies please use them.

THANKS,

Fr. Tom



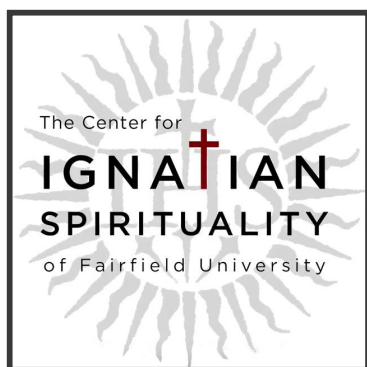
## **Knights of Columbus Council 3688**

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***

## **Ignatian Spirituality for Today**



Ignatian Spirituality For Today is a three part program being presented by the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University beginning in October. It will include four lectures, small faith sharing groups and a week long retreat. For more detailed information please call (203) 254- 4000 ext. 3468

## **Westport Men's Group**

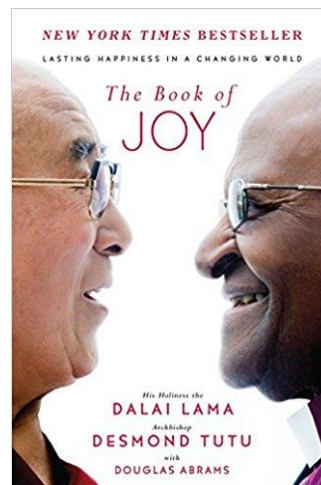
Each Saturday morning men gather for about one hour to listen to the word of God and discuss how it speaks to our daily lives. You'll receive perspective and insight for becoming better members of the faith community.

Come join us and see what we're about.

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

## **Assumption Book Group** *Page 5*

We extend a warm invitation and welcome to anyone who would enjoy an opportunity for a group exchange of thoughts about ***The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*** by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams .



**Two great spiritual masters share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.**

The occasion was a big birthday. And it inspired two close friends to get together in Dharamsala for a talk about something very important to them. The friends were His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The subject was joy. Both winners of the Nobel Prize, both great spiritual masters and moral leaders of our time, they are also known for being among the most infectiously happy people on the planet.

From the beginning the book was envisioned as a three-layer birthday cake: their own stories and teachings about joy, the most recent findings in the science of deep happiness, and the daily practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. Both the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu have been tested by great personal and national adversity, and here they share their personal stories of struggle and renewal. Now that they are both in their 80s, they especially want to spread the core message that to have joy yourself, you must bring joy to others.

The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the Beard Room at the Roncalli Parish center. For more information, please call or email Helen Thiemann at (203) 227- 6318, [helenctman@gmail.com](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com)

# 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.

## 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**

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 began 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.



## **OPEN HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD PREP**

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Fairfield College  
Preparatory School

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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.

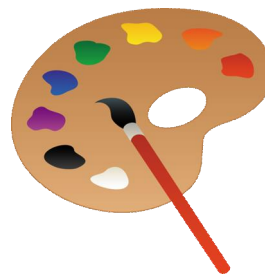
## **Laurelton Hall**

Connecticut's First Catholic College-Prep School for Girls

Laurelton Hall in Milford will host Open House 2018 on Sunday, September 30th from 1:00pm– 3:00pm. The entrance exam will be given on Saturday, October 13th or Saturday, October 20th at 8:00am. Pre-register for the exam online at [www.laureltonhall.org](http://www.laureltonhall.org). Also, we invite 8th grade girls to spend a day as a shadow student from October 2nd through December 7th. Any questions, please call our Admissions Office at (203)877– 2786 ext. 125.

## **Benefit Art Festival**

September 30th from 1:30pm to 4:00pm



Sponsored by Queen of the Clergy Residence  
Free admission and Refreshments

278 Strawberry Hill Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06920



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

The disciples may have been a bit slow to understand how Jesus was re-defining the Messiah he was going to be, but they were not stupid on all accounts. They picked up on the reaction Peter got when he rebuked Jesus for talking about suffering rejection and death. So, when Jesus brought up the subject for a second time in today's Gospel, they just listened politely, then dropped back out of earshot and changed the subject to a more pleasant one—themselves, and who was the greatest.

Things have gotten quite animated because when they got home, Jesus asked about it. Their silence surely disappointed him, since he could surmise what had engaged them. But like a good teacher, he tries another way to make his point. There must have been a child nearby, because he called over and places his arms protectively around her, and says to them, "If you want to be first, then be last. If you want to be in charge, then serve. When you take in the least, you take in not only me but my father." Class dismissed.

It has proven a hard lesson to learn. Or maybe few of us really want to learn it. When you look out at the world, most seem to want to be first, the greatest, the one with the most and best toys, a wielder of power and influence and authority. Choosing to serve the least doesn't make the top ten of most people's "to do" list.

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

## 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)

## Middle School BBQ



**ASSUMPTION YOUTH HELD A BARBECUE AND BINGO EVENT TO KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMBERS ENJOYED FOOD, VOLLEYBALL, FOOTBALL AND LAWN GAMES BEFORE PLAYING BINGO IN THE YOUTH ROOM. IF YOUR 6-8TH GRADER WANTS TO JOIN IN THE FUN, PLEASE CONTACT YOUTH MINISTER MICHELE HARDING AT [ASSUMPTIONYOUTH98@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ASSUMPTIONYOUTH98@GMAIL.COM)**



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.

## **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.



**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.



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](mailto: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.

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## 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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