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Twenty-Sixth 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 **Andrew and Helen Avitabile**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Walter & Florence Latterman**

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

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **Basil August Petricca**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **Lourdes Cawai**

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 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 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

Monday, October 1

7:30am The Burke & Surette Families

Tuesday, October 2

7:30am William L. Hall

Wednesday, October 3

7:30am William Monahan

Thursday, October 4

7:30am Adele Held

Friday, October 6

7:30am Valerie & Jerry Held (Living)

Saturday, October 7

7:30am Antoinette Spizzirri
5:00pm Vigil Fred D'Auito

Sunday, October 8

7:30am Peter Carusone
9:00am Joseph Izzo
10:30am Diana Connolly
12:00pm Debra Murphy-Bell
5:00pm Thomas Shaughnessy



Assumption Church *We Stand With Christ* Capital Campaign



We Stand With Christ is a \$75 million diocesan-wide capital campaign that will help us address our needs to renovate McGrath Hall, refurbish and restore the Church steeples, repair Burr Street sidewalks, and contribute towards our local charities and faith formation programs. 50% of campaign funds we raise will support Assumption's capital priorities, while the remaining 50% will fund endowments supporting Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and Pastoral Ministries throughout Fairfield County.

For 143 years, the parishioners of Assumption have preserved the beauty of our church and the vitality of our ministries. As stewards of this community, we have a responsibility to sustain this growth and ensure that our worship continues to flourish, and our outreach expands.



Our Parish Goal is **\$1,392,000**, which includes our 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (\$195,000).

Thanks to **87 generous parishioners**, we have surpassed our parish goal having raised **\$1,411,780!** The campaign is structured such that Assumption will receive **75% of the monies raised above goal**. Given this immense opportunity and the costs of our projects, we hope to continue our positive trajectory.

We hope to have ALL parishioners participate, so if you have not confirmed your pledge, please consider doing so today!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 23, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$7,493

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.

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.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The header features the title 'BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS' in large, white, sans-serif capital letters against an orange background. Below the text are several dark blue silhouettes: a figure of St. Francis on the left, a dove in flight above the 'S' in 'BLESSING', a horse on the right, and a dog, a cat, and a bird at the bottom.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th
at 5:00pm**

The traditional blessing of animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi is rooted in his love for animals. Each year we gather on the lawn between the Church and Rectory for a special blessing. Please be sure to have your pets leashed or caged for their safety and the safety of others.

PETS OF ALL KINDS ARE WELCOME!

We will also be having a collection for local animal shelters. Please help out by bringing dry or canned animal food and toys to the blessing. Collection bins will be located on the lawn.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at (203) 227- 5161.

Bring the Family for Lunch, Fun and Pumpkin Carving



**Sunday, October 21, 2018
1:00pm, Church Parking Lot**

Come for lunch, pumpkin carving, face painting, bouncy house, games and lots of fun. **The Famous Big Green Pizza Truck** will be serving a variety of pizzas, ice cream, & soft drinks.
Carving tools will be provided.

Please bring your own pumpkins to carve.

\$30 per Family

Family Name _____

Number attending Adults _____ Children _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____



Please make checks payable to Church of the Assumption and mail to 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880 by October 15th. or drop off at the Religious Ed office.



ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP



Assumption Youth took part in International Coastal Clean-Up Day, and organized a clean up at Longshore Golf Club. The youth group teamed up with Staples High School AP Environmental Science students and managed to collect nearly 370lbs of garbage from the shoreline surrounding the golf club. If your 6-12th Grader is interested in joining in for future events, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at assumptionyouth98@gmail.com.



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.

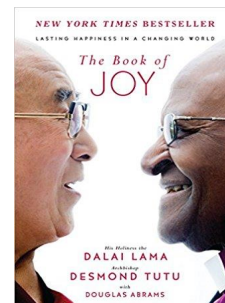
Please place your donations in the boxes that will be provided at the front and rear entrances of the church. If you wish to shop online, please send items to the attention of: **Social Concerns**

**44 Lincoln Street, Front Porch
Westport, CT 06880**

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

Assumption Book Group

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 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

Reflecting on God's Word

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people...were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responded to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this proverb is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others away with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way.

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



NEXT WEEKEND

Please take a few minutes for a quick blood pressure check by a Parish Nurse at the back of the Church after the Saturday 5pm Mass and the Sunday 7:30am on the first weekend of the month. It's good for your health!

Nancy Engel, RN CRNI
Social Concerns Ministry

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

Mary's Mantel



Stitches from the Heart

A Prayer Shawl Ministry dedicated to the Blessed Mother, Mary

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays at 1:00pm

Come join us

every Thursday afternoon at 1:00pm in the
Beard Room at the Roncalli House.

No experience necessary! We will teach you how
to knit or crochet!

This ministry is intended to be a reminder of
God's ever present love which is as near to you
as your own body is to your spirit. The shawls
are for every time and every occasion - - joyful
or sorrowful.

For more information or if you know someone
who would like a shawl,
please call (203) 226-5448.
or email cathy.romano@parishmail.com

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 or 203-227-9110.



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 November 6th.**

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

New members are always welcome!

Assumption Adult Choir



Assumption Adult Choir is presently welcoming interested participants to sing through the Autumn and Christmas seasons. Rehearsals are held in the church on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

The choir sings at the 10:30am Mass on Sundays as well as Christmas Eve and special liturgies throughout the year. The ability to read music is helpful but not essential. Attend a rehearsal or two and give it a try!

If you would like more information, contact our Director of Music, Frank Matto at frankmatto@sbcglobal.net or in person after Mass.



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.

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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, November 8th 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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