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Twenty-Seventh 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 **Matthew & Mary Cahill**
The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Mary Geiger**
The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory
of **Lena Febbraio**
The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **Harold & Alice Halpin**
The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **Ann Arciola**

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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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

Lena Febbraio, Ann Arciola, 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
Creedy, 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,
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Murrugarra, Denise Murtha, Lisa O'Connor, Donna Olsen,
Ginny O'Neill, Kevin Palaez, Frank Palmieri, Stephanie Philo,
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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, October 6

7:30am

Antoinette Spizzirri

5:00pm Vigil

Fred D'Auito

Sunday, October 7

7:30am

Peter Carusone

9:00am

Joseph Izzo

10:30am

Diana Connolly

12:00pm

Debra Murphy-Bell

5:00pm

Thomas Shaughnessy

Monday, October 8

7:30am

Lawrence Rubin

Tuesday, October 9

7:30am

Chandra Allen

Wednesday, October 10

7:30am

Lillian Russo

Thursday, October 11

7:30am

The Camacho-Martinez Family

Friday, October 12

7:30am

The Pellicone Family

Saturday, October 13

7:30am

Harry Engel

5:00pm Vigil

Andrew & Ashlyn Held (Living)

Sunday, October 14

7:30am

The Family of Assumption

9:00am

Richard Leonard

10:30am

Ann & Isabelle Marranzino

12:00pm

The Ferrone Family

5:00pm

Ronnie Viesti

ASSUMPTION

WE STAND WITH CHRIST

**Thank you to the generous individuals
who have made a pledge to
*We Stand With Christ***

We Stand With Christ offers a promising opportunity to continue our mission of serving God and celebrating the sacraments together. This campaign will allow us to preserve our beautiful spiritual home and enhance our faith formation initiatives and charity outreach. 80% of the monies will be used to restore our church's two steeples, renovate McGrath Hall and repair the sidewalks. 10% of the campaign funds will be allocated for our religious education programs and the remaining 10% will be used for our charities.

Now that we have reached our WSWC goal of \$1,392,000, we are entitled to 75 cents to every dollar raised! Due to the costs of our projects and our wish to provide more funds for our faith formation and charitable initiatives, we hope to continue this success!

All registered parishioners were sent campaign materials in the mail. If you did not receive a mailing, please pick up a packet in the Parish Office. Pledges can be fulfilled via credit card, EFT or check. To make your pledge please:

1. Fill out the pledge form you received in the mail and mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office
2. Visit www.GiveCentral.org/WSWC to complete your pledge online
3. Call or stop by the Parish Office to fill out a pledge form

Assumption's Needs



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 30, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$7,253

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

Thank You!

Birthright would like to thank all the parishioners at Assumption for their very generous donations last weekend. We collected \$1,134.10. We are extremely appreciative of your willingness to help mothers and their babies both born and unborn. Assumption is always a very loving and giving parish community and we at Birthright are very grateful to you.

Give Online!



Online Giving

from OurSundayVisitor

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.

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

Priest Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Tom

Sunday, October 14

7:30am Fr. Augustine

9:00am Fr. Augustine

10:30am Fr. Tom

12:00pm Msgr. Shea

5:00pm Fr. Tom

- Subject to change -

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parish Family of Assumption,

I wish to thank the many parishioners who have expressed to me their prayers and support for the victims and our church as we move through another wave of media attention 15 years after the first wave. I join our Holy Father Francis, Bishop Frank and Fr. Augustine in expressing with them a sincere apology and sorrow for the tragic failure of our Church in the past that has caused so much hurt and pain. These past 15 years, under the leadership of the USCC (U.S. Catholic Conference) and the Dallas Charter, each bishop returned to his respective Diocese and enacted the Charter. Here, in the Diocese of Bridgeport, with the help of Erin O'Neil on the Diocesan Level and Nhur Klasky on the Parish Level, we have worked hard to make sure that all priests, deacons and holy laity who are in service activities, are in full compliance with the Charter. I thank and praise Bishop Frank, Erin and Nhur for their hard work which is always in progress as volunteers leave, move and new ones come on board...it is an ongoing, unending and difficult process to protect God's children.

Recently, Bishop Frank has written two letters to the Diocese which were read at all Masses and related literature was made available at the Church doors. The Bishop has plans which will be implemented in the near future, to launch a full review, headed by an independent individual or group (TBD), so that the report is without question. When it is completed it will be shared with all. I have met parishioners who expressed concern and I welcome others to give me a call. I would be happy to speak with you to both listen to and learn from your concerns. We pray the prayer to St. Michael after all Masses as a spiritual exercise to enlist the power of prayer, the intercession of St. Michael for protection, reconciliation and repentance. I shall say the Monday morning Mass on Oct. 15th for the intention of reparation for all the hurt and pain. This has been done in the Cathedral with our bishop on two occasions in the past.

I have always preached and firmly believe that despite the sin and scandal, we remain a holy Church, thanks to the holy laity, the women and men who I have seen over these 42 years of being a priest. This is a tragic situation. It is real and it has been and shall continue to be addressed. We are in very good hands with Pope Francis and Bishop Frank and let me say it again, I am most confident all shall be well thanks to the virtue, holiness and intellectual wisdom of the laity who advise both our Pope and Bishop. Thanks for your prayers, support, and hope for the future. Let me close with this prayer please...

"Loving God, we are sorry for the children and families who have been hurt and wounded and we lift them in prayer that they be healed and that inner peace be restored in their hearts and minds. We thank you for the holy laity who serve, give life and bring mercy to our Church and world. Help us through this crisis to never lose sight of the sin, the brokenness, the pain and may this vision inspire us to bring mercy, health and comfort to all your people. With grateful hearts we pray through the intercession of Our Lady to the Assumption and St. Michael the Archangel. Amen."

Warm, kind grateful wishes always,

Father Tom

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.

OBSTACLES TO PRAYER

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There's a congenital disquiet inside us and it creates an obstacle to prayer. This natural restlessness is fanned to a high flame by the culture: five hundred TV channels are within our reach, the internet brings the whole world into our private rooms, there are new movies that we haven't seen, new songs we haven't heard, sporting events that seem to be on everyone's mind, to distract us. Beyond that, everyone around us seems to be traveling to interesting places, doing interesting things, meeting interesting people. We alone, it seems, are missing out on life, stuck, outside the circle, with nothing interesting to do.

It's hard to pray when we are restless and, mostly, we are. Henri Nouwen puts this well: "I want to pray," he says, "but I also don't want to miss out on anything – television, movies, socializing with friends, drinking in the world."

Our deepest greed is not for money, but for experience. We don't want to miss out on life. Thus, to pray is truly a discipline because when we sit or kneel in prayer so many of our natural cravings feel starved and begin to protest.

Restlessness is a great impediment to prayer. Beyond the headaches and restlessness, there is the ambiguity of prayer itself. Simply put, prayer isn't easy because we don't understand it, don't know how to do it, and don't understand how the experience should feel.

Talking to God, hearing God's voice, and centering ourselves in God is not as easy as we sometimes make it out to be. God's reality, while massively real and the ground of the whole universe, is not physical and tangible like the things of this world. The world seems more real; family and friends can be hugged, touched, and talked to, and physical sensation of all kinds doesn't leave us doubting its reality. But relating to God demands something else and it's easy to find ourselves bored, doubting, distracted, and anxious to get on to something else when we try to pray.

What we experience in prayer is just as real as the physical world, but we need to be at a certain depth of prayer to know this – and that's the paradox: Because prayer can seem unreal we often stop doing it, but it will only seem real if we persevere in it long enough and do it deeply enough. We often give up too soon.

Prayer isn't easy.

-RON ROLHEISER, OMI-

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.



Knights of Columbus Council 3688 Meeting

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!***

Reflecting on God's Word

Of all the events and circumstances that draw people together, it would seem that marriage is the most universal and obvious manifestation of that longing to be one. Though some may sacrifice marriage for what they deem to be a greater good or need, and other may never find their heart's way to that dream, all of us long to be touched by the magic of committed love. There is something woven into the warp and woof of our lives that passionately searches for it. More than anything, it is the idea of marital love that reveals what we are meant to be— all of life and love so united to one another that there is nothing to divide, since there is no longer anything but pure oneness. Then we are no longer two simply because we are one, one flesh.

That is what makes divorce such a sadness, such a personal and even communal tragedy— that it shatters the vision of what we are meant to be. That is also why it causes such pain, such a wrenching; for if marriage fails, might not then also God's dream of who we shall be? That seems to be too unbearable even to dare consider.

Into such fragile human becoming, then, comes the Lord Jesus, among the married and the divorced, among the sad and the joyful, among the lost and the hopeful, into what we are no matter what we are. He is the most profound and transforming revelation of that unity to which we are called simply because he unites and embodies both the human and the divine in such a way that it can never again be alienated.



THIS 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
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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



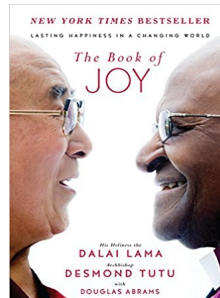
September 9th—October 14th

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.

Assumption Book Group ^{Page 9}

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

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.

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, 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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