

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION ON SAUGATUCK THE MOTHER CHURCH OF WESTPORT

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MASS SCHEDULE

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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Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm or by appointment

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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 **Florence Iannacone**

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

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory
of **Michelle Dunne**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **John Lener**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **Andrew Accardi**

Pray for our men and women currently serving our country

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

Michelle Dunne, Evan Dean, Mary Louise
Krone, Phyllis Featherston, Dorothy Tiernan,
Augustus Cardello, Carrie Bennette, Lena
Febbraio, Ann Arciola, Louis Triozzi,
Harry Welsh, Bridget Burger
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, Aida Ciferri, Tonino Covatta,
Andrea Charboneau, James Cordia, Susan Creevy, Alder
Crocker, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Matt
Dudzick, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farricielli,
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, Eric
Mockler, 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
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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, December 1

7:30am The Washicko Family
5:00pm Vigil Diedre Kiley

Sunday, December 2

7:30am The Family of Assumption
9:00am Joseph Artale
10:30am Jean Donovan
12:00pm Anthony & Angelina Manere
5:00pm Loretta Walsh

Monday, December 3

7:30am Ursula Burns

Tuesday, December 4

7:30am Andre Lucas

Wednesday, December 5

7:30am Ann Marie Macnamara

Thursday, December 6

7:30am Augustus Cardello

Friday, December 7

7:30am Robert E. Rush
5:00pm Mary & Peter Swank

Saturday, December 8

7:30am Helen Kaestner
12:00pm Augustus Cardello
5:00pm Vigil The Burke & Surette Families

Sunday, December 9

7:30am The Family of Assumption
9:00am Phyllis Shanner
10:30am John W. Mulcahy
12:00pm Sue Lebrija
5:00pm Charles Adolff

Pray For Peace!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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November 18, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$10,719
November 24, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$8,691
Campaign for Human Development 2nd Collection: \$825
God bless you for your charity. Thank you! Fr. Tom

Capital Campaign

The campaign is over!

If you have any questions regarding payments or remittance statements, please contact Janice Baldino of the diocese at (203) 648- 9050 or jbaldino@diobpt.org.

Thank You !

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-

Add Assumption to Your Christmas List



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a one time gift, a special remembrance or your end of the year contribution. The system allows you to schedule contributions to be withdrawn on the date you specify. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It is easy and convenient!

Go to our parish website at www.assumptionwestport.com and select Online Giving.

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.

Priest Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 8

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

Sunday, December 9

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

- Subject to change -

Come to the Fair



This Weekend!

Saturday, December 1, from 10am to 5pm

Sunday, December 2, from 8am to 1:30pm

In McGrath Hall



*Local Vendors,
Pre-owned Jewelry,
Theme Baskets Silent Auction,
Ornaments, Bake Sale,
a Visit From Santa
and much more!*

Admission is Free!

Complementary coffee and cookies while you shop

Santa's Workshop



Come to our first annual Santa's Workshop

**Next Saturday, December 8, 2018
9:00am- 12 noon in McGrath Hall**

Christmas Gifts Kids Can Make & Take

There's nothing more personal and meaningful than a handmade gift from a child!

Participating children will have the opportunity to create and wrap ten gifts by hand. These will make great gifts for Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Siblings, Friends or Pets.



Cookies and
Lemonade will be
provided.

Santa will be stopping
by for pictures!



\$20.00 per child or \$50.00 for three or more children

We welcome ages 5 and up.

Please fill out and return by December 3rd

Family Name _____ Number of children attending _____

Email _____ Telephone # _____

**Please make checks payable to Church of the Assumption and return to the
Religious Ed. Office**

Christmas Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, December 12th

Join us for the 12:00pm Mass followed by lunch in McGrath Hall!

Please RSVP to the Parish Office,
(203) 227-5161, by Monday, December 10th.

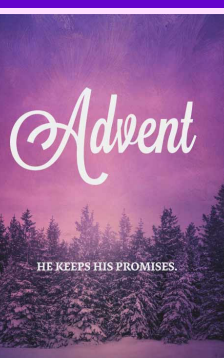
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times:

Friday, December 7th Vigil: 5:00pm

Saturday, December 8th:
7:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm



Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22
from 4:00pm- 4:45pm

Tuesday, Dec. 18 from
7:00pm- 9:00pm

Blood Pressure Screening 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 5:00pm Mass and the Sunday 7:30am Mass. It's good for your health!



ASSUMPTION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
in the Church

ONLY TWO ALL-CAST REHEARSALS

For this reason, it is **REQUIRED** for your child to attend **BOTH** rehearsals. They are scheduled for: **Saturday, December 15th** from 10:00am-11:00am and **Friday, December 21st** from 4:15pm- 5:30pm.

If you have any questions please contact Aidan Andrews at nadiagz@yahoo.com.

(If needed, additional rehearsals for principal roles will be scheduled on an individual basis.)

PLEASE RETURN completed form to the Parish or Religious Ed. Office by
Sunday, December 9th.



Please fill out participation block below. Girls, grades K- 6, are welcome to be angels; Boys, grades K-2, are welcome to be sheep; Boys, grades 3-6, are welcome to be shepherds.

Principal Roles open to children grades 4-8. To be considered for any of them: please list below under "role interested in". Those chosen for principal roles will be contacted directly.

Principal Roles (Mary, Joseph, Archangel, King, Narrator, Shepherd Leader, Donkey, Camel, Camel Leader and Star/Lantern Angel)

Child's Name	F/M	Grade	Role Interested In
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Parent Contact Name: _____

Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent Help Sign-Up

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Crowd Control for December 15, 21 and 24. *

*You must be able to help for both rehearsals and pageant.

PLEASE RETURN completed form to the Parish or Religious Ed. Office by **Sunday, December 9th.**

Reflecting on God's Word

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing "a just shoot" (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God's designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus' words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus' words are strong: Don't cower; stand erect. Don't let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God's love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

-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



Advent Angels

*Sponsored by the
Social Concerns Ministry*



*We encourage you to please
choose a Christmas Angel from
the trees.*

*As in the past, all of the gifts
will be given to charities,
agencies and individuals who are
in need. Each Angel's color
identifies the requesting charity/
agency in need and should be
taped to the gift.*

***Please return your gifts by
next weekend, December
8th/9th. The truck leaves the
Assumption parking lot for
deliveries at
12:30pm, Sunday December 9th!***

***Thank you for your generosity!
If you have questions, please
call Connie Lupino at
(203) 852-9937.***

Assumption Christmas Concert



December 24th at 9:30pm

Once again, Assumption Choir will
be presenting a concert of seasonal
favorites on Christmas Eve
beginning at 9:30pm.
Mass will follow at 10:00pm.
Please come and enjoy!

Coats for Kids



Assumption Parish Knights gave away "Coats for Kids" at St. Joseph Parish in South Norwalk on Black Friday. Thank you for your generous work to help those in the local communities.

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Knights of Columbus Council 3688 Meeting Information

The Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of the month at Assumption Church at 7:30pm in Roncalli House (44 Lincoln Street).

**Next meeting will be
December 4th.**

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

New members are always

2018 Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

(No 7:30am Mass)

4:00pm Mass in Church (Christmas Pageant)

4:00pm Mass in School Gym

7:00pm Mass in Church

9:30pm Concert with the Assumption Choir &

10:00pm Mass in Church

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm Masses in the Church

(No 5pm Mass)

Monday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

7:30am and 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 1st

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30am and 12:00pm



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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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, December 13th 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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