

December 16, 2018
Third 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 **Sue Lebrija**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Liz Golia**

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

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
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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

Shirley D'Aiuto, Richard Romano, Sharonlyn
Arenz, Julie Halka, Susan Creevy, Brian
Anderson, Michele Dunne, Evan Dean, Mary
Louise Krone, Phyllis Featherston, Dorothy
Tiernan, Augustus Cardello
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, 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, Jane Hawley, Malcolm
Heckman, Bob Helfenstein, Logan Howard, Susan Izzo, Marie
James, Bernadette Juoan, Robert Kaps, Jack Kelly, 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, CJ.
Rice, Deanne Ryan, Sandra Ryan, Teresa Sacouto, Adrian
Sandiford, Kerry Schroeder, Greg Strauss, Peggy Thorne,
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 15

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

Sunday, December 16

7:30am The Family of Assumption
9:00am Chandra Allen
10:30am Joseph Cabral
12:00pm Rev. Stephen Barrett
5:00pm Rev. Philip T. Morrissey

Monday, December 17

7:30am Nick Thiemann

Tuesday, December 18

7:30am William Kern

Wednesday, December 19

7:30am Ruth & James Thorne

Thursday, December 20

7:30am John McVeigh

Friday, December 21

7:30am The Burke & Surette Families

Saturday, December 22

7:30am Thomas Howes
5:00pm Vigil Frank DeMace

Sunday, December 23

7:30am Carmen Joseph Tornatore
9:00am Rev. Stephen Barrett
10:30am Mark Regan
12:00pm John & Mary Ellen White
5:00pm John Robert Waupotitsch

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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December 9, 2018 Sunday Offertory: \$11,059

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1,518

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 22

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

Sunday, December 23

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

- Subject to change -

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 5:00pm 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

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!

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, December 22nd from 4:00pm-
4:45pm

Tuesday, December 18 from 7:00pm- 9:00pm

Farewell Mass and Reception

On Sunday, December 23rd,
Fr. Tom will be saying his farewell
mass at 12:00pm.

All are invited!

Immediately following will be a
reception in McGrath Hall.
Please stop by to send Fr. Tom off
with a Merry Christmas, Happy
New Year and the best of luck in
retirement!

**The Parish Office
will be close
Monday, December,
24th and Tuesday,
December 25th for
Christmas.**

Thank you!

A big thanks to all who made Santa's Workshop a fun morning! The children made gifts for their families, then tagged and wrapped them to take home for Christmas giving. Many thanks to Santa, Julie Taubner, Christie Stanger, Annette Potter, Brenda Todd, Dolly Perce, Deanna & Gianna Amatuzzi, Judy York, Slade Anastasia, Nhur Klasky, Madeline Fitzgerald, Cathy Romano, Michele Harding and the Middle and High School Youth Groups who shared their talents by preparing and being on hand for the workshop.



Advent Angels



The Social Concerns Ministry thanks you very much for donating the gifts requested during our Advent Angels Collection. Christmas will be happier for many needy neighbors because of your generosity.

We are very grateful to the many people who volunteered and worked hard to make this collection a success. A very special thanks to the Triple S Family who helped with the collection and delivery of gifts again this year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

-The Social Concerns Ministry-



Reflecting on God's Word

'Tis the season for the bell choirs and brass renditions of beloved carols. Church musicians are rounding up trumpeters and French horn players to rehearse for Christmas liturgies. What would a Christmas television special be without pealing bells in the closing sequence? The joyful sounds of brass instruments herald the good news that the Lord of the universe has entered into human history once and forever in the poor infant Jesus.

There is another kind of bell that seems to follow us wherever we go at this time of year– the Salvation Army bells. They remind us that not everyone has experienced the good news of salvation yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. Today's scriptures remind us that the Lord is with us to save us from our sinfulness, so that justice, love, and peace might reign at last in the world. Then all God's people will be able to rejoice.

-Virginia Stillwell-

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.



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 January 8th.

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

New members are always

Social Concerns Ministry Christmas Dinner 2018



Each Year in Advent between the Thanksgiving Gifts of Plenty and the Advent Angel Collection the Social Concerns Ministry gathers for a brief "time out" to celebrate the anticipation of Christmas and the charity of our Parishioners.

Thank you for all that you do!

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

RCIA Rite of Welcome

At the Saturday evening Vigil Mass on the Second Sunday in Advent we celebrate the Rite of Welcoming for our candidate Melysa Smith. The Rite of Welcoming is for the candidate who has completed the inquiry process and who is welcomed into the community and acknowledges herself to be part of it because she is seeking full communion in the Catholic Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please keep Melysa in your prayers as she candidate prepares to receive her sacraments at the Easter Vigil.



During these COLD months, many of our sisters and brothers must sleep outside or crowded in shelters.

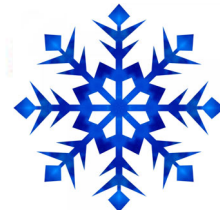
Please help by donating
NEW OR GENTLY USED CLEAN

Sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.

Beginning the weekend of January 1st until January 31st there will be boxes located in the front vestibule and rear doors of the Church for your donations. The items will be distributed as they are received.



Thank you for your continued generosity!
-The Social Concerns Ministry-





Please join us on
Sunday

December 23rd
at 7:00 PM

St. Philip Church
One Fr. Conlon Place
Norwalk, CT

for

Lessons and Carols

an evening of scripture, music & caroling
celebrating the birth of our Lord

presented by the combined choirs
and instrumentalists of St. Philip Church
and Assumption Church in Westport

call Maria O' Kelly for information 203-847-4549
admission is free and a reception will follow in the mansion

a good will offering will be taken to support the work of the Music Ministry



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

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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, January 3rd 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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