

January 27, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
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Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm or by appointment

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

Pray for the Sick

The Flowers at Mary's Statue are in loving memory
of **Ron Clayton**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Michelle Dunne**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory
of **Rev. Patrick Keating**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **Leo Keehan**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **Stephen Chacho**

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
L. Cpl. 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
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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

Leo Keehan, Msgr. Ernest Esposito, Theodore
Donald Hegedus, Msgr. John Sanders, Anthony
Lisi, Msgr. Thomas Driscoll, Peggy Thorne, Ann
Troy, Jean Reale, Dick Healey, Shirley D'Aiuto,
Richard Romano, Sharonlyn Arenz, Julie Halka,
Susan Creevy, Brian Anderson, Michele Dunne
May they rest in peace

Catherine Alter, Mary Ann Andronaco, Noelle Anastasia, Joan
Bailey, Henry Baker, Bob Barker, John Barry, Ryan Brewster,
Mary Bulakites, Cornelia Buono, Betty Cabral, Sr. Lucy
Caporaso, Bill Chadwell, Aida Ciferri, Tonino Covatta, Andrea
Charboneau, James Cordia, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie
& Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Matt Dudzik, Colette
Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farriacielli, Charlie French,
Marge Gabriele, Diane and Anthony Gilbertie, Guy Giordano,
Elisabeth Grein, Katarina Hale, Jane Hawley, Malcolm
Heckman, Bob Helfenstein, Logan Howard, Susan Izzo, Marie
James, Kathy Jeary, Bernadette Juoan, Jack Kelly, Nancy
Kelly, Laura Kesling, Dan Kiely, Sr., Frank Kropf, Mary-Ellen
Kuhn, Abigail Lamb, Eddy & Rita Leyden, Michelle Lombardi,
Cara MacDonald, Frank Machi, Helen Maggio, Dorothy Matto,
Gabriella McCrae, Eric Moakler, Clarissa Moore, Estelle Murray,
Danielle Murrugarra, Denise Murtha, Lisa O'Connor, Donna
Olsen, Ginny O'Neill, Lisa Orr, 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, Carl
Viesti, Pat Viesti, Lee Watkins, 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, January 26

7:30am Frank Bonelli
5:00pm Vigil Sabine Welsch-Lehmann

Sunday, January 27

7:30am Mr. & Mrs. Chu (Living)
9:00am Katherine Padua
10:30am Michael Connolly
12:00pm Augustus Cardello
5:00pm The Family of Assumption

Monday, January 28

7:30am Peggy Thorne

Tuesday, January 29

7:30am Peggy Thorne

Wednesday, January 30

7:30am Edward Francis Sacca

Thursday, January 31

7:30am Lenore Clark

Friday, February 1

7:30am Eloise Briskin

Saturday, February 2

7:30am Sandra McDevitt
5:00pm Vigil Julie Halka

Sunday, February 3

7:30am The Family of Assumption
9:00am Ann Arciola
10:30am Linda Santarella
12:00pm John McVeigh
5:00pm Augustus Cardello

Pray For Peace!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 20, 2019 Sunday Offertory: \$5,271

God bless you for your charity. Thank you!

Online Giving

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.

2018 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the 2018 tax year were mailed this week to all parishioners who donated \$250.00 or more to the parish. The statements will also include donations for Masses, flowers and candles booked in 2018. On your contribution statement they will be listed as "Mass and Prayer Intentions".

If you do not receive a statement, or you made a contribution of less than \$250.00 and wish to receive one, please call the Parish Office at (203) 227-5161 and we will be happy to mail it to you.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

When a priest celebrates Mass daily, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person. Most often for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person.

In addition to Mass Intentions, we also offer the option to purchase cards for the candles and flowers that adorn the sanctuary. These are placed weekly in loving memory of those that have passed.

There are still Mass Intentions, flowers and candles available for the 2019 calendar year. Please stop by the Parish Office or call (203) 227-5161 to make arrangements.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Psalms: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19)

Second Reading: In one spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14,27])

Gospel: The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10,11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, January 27th: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, January 31st: St. John Bosco

Friday, February 1st: First Friday, World Day of Prayer

Saturday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

Next Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 2nd

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

Sunday, February 3rd

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

Our Newly Baptized Parishioner



Cecilia Marie Cuff
Sophie Elizabeth Visconti

Welcome to Assumption!

Dear Parish Family,

It's that time of the year and, as you are aware, the winter months coincide with the influenza (flu) season which generally extends through the end of March. We all need to take precautions to minimize the spread of the flu within our community. Out of an abundance of caution I am suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at all our Masses until further notice.

For those scheduled to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), please be aware that there will be NO CUP served at Mass.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and have a blessed and healthy new year.

Sincerely,
 Fr. Cyrus

Dear Parish Family,

Let us continue last week's reflections on the newly revised Liturgical Norms of the Diocese of Bridgeport that come from the Leadership Institute:

To Whom Do the Norms Apply?

The norms, promulgated on December 2, 2018, offer standards and required formation for those who serve as Readers (Proclaimers of the Word at Mass) Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), Altar Servers and Musicians.

Most of the formation for Altar Servers will happen at the parish level. Musicians are invited to watch one online module and then attend a face-to-face conversation with Bishop Caggiano on February 16, 2019. Readers and EMHC's who are grandfathered into the formation will need to complete an online module and a face-to-face gathering, which can be hosted at their parish. Assumption will be hosting one of these face-to-face gatherings on Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00pm.

Why Do I Need Formation if I am Already Serving in This Ministry?

We know that many of those who currently serve in parish ministries are faithful people with generous hearts. Though the local formation that happens in many of our parishes is worthwhile, the diocesan formation will provide a standard norm across all the parishes in the diocese. This formation gives those in ministry the opportunity to hear directly from their Bishop and gather with others in the ministry to discuss the norms and offer feedback.

Through the sacraments of initiation, we become members of Christ's Body, called to holiness and charged with the responsibility to embrace Christ's mission of salvation. The majority of laity exercise their influence in the secular arena i.e., with family, friends and at work. They bring gospel values to the primary question of society and culture. Some, like you, will join the ordained in forming and shaping parish communities into God's household. Your part in that, as liturgical ministers, substantially contribute to the mission of the church. Therefore, ongoing formation is key.

Can the EMHC Bless People Who Come Up With Their Arms Crossed?

On occasion, a person may approach the EMHC with their arms crossed over their chest in lieu of receiving the blessed sacrament. For many this is a sign that they would like a blessing instead of Holy Communion. Perhaps they are seeking a spiritual Communion for personal reasons or perhaps they are not Catholic. Whatever the reason, the fact remains: If the person is in the line of the *Ordinary Minister* (bishops, priests or deacons) a blessing may be offered. The purpose of the Communion line, you see, is to receive Holy Communion. The blessing of the assembly occurs at the end of the Mass. As the body of Christ, the assembly is blessed together before we depart to live the fruits of the liturgy.

So what is an EMHC to do? Since it is the role of the EMHC to distribute Communion and not to retrieve or repose it, it is also not the role of the EMHC to offer a blessing. That is reserved for the *Ordinary Minister during Mass*. After Mass, we may all bless each other. While liturgical law restricts ordained ministers the imparting of liturgical blessings, lay people are not forbidden from using similar gestures in non-liturgical settings.

In the Diocese of Bridgeport, an EMHC may, without the Blessed Sacrament or any gesture of blessing, offer these words to anyone who comes forward to join in a spiritual Communion:

"Receive the Lord Jesus in your heart."

- Fr. Cyrus -

Healing Mass



In observance of St. Blaise's feast day on February 3rd, our Parish Priests will offer a blessing of the throats after all weekend Masses on February 2nd and 3rd.

All are invited to come forward after Mass to receive this special blessing.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS NEXT WEEKEND

B/P screening is a simple procedure that takes only a few minutes. However, it is one of the most important screenings available because without any outward signs to indicate a problem, hypertension can be overlooked. Frequently high blood pressure is discovered in a random screening.

Take a minute next weekend after the Saturday 5:00pm mass and the Sunday 7:30am mass to have your blood pressure checked by a parish volunteer nurse. It's good for your health!

Save the Date

Saturday, February 9, 2019

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Parents' Night Out

Would you like a night out for
Valentine's Day?

We will entertain your kids while you
enjoy a night off!

Our night will include fun arts & crafts,
active play and a family-friendly movie.
Your child will be supervised closely by
Virtus trained adult parishioners along
with the High School Youth Group.

Drop your kids off at 5:30 pm and pick
them up any time before

8:00 pm in the school building.

\$25.00 per family.

Call the Religious Education Office for
more information:

(203) 226-5448

**Sponsored by our
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January 26/27, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America. Last year, when Pope Francis opened registrations for World Youth Day in Panama, he said, "WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?" (Message for the Thirty-Third World Youth Day, February 11, 2018).

Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. Young people are the future of our Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith.

You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith by your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity is helping the young people of the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with one another, with their peers throughout Latin America, and with the rest of the world as they prepare for World Youth Day 2019—which a delegation of young people from our own diocese will be attending! This is a tremendous event in the life of the Church, and these young people are now experiencing it to the fullest! You have given them the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

Please be generous in this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with young people in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



**Knights of
Columbus
Council 3688
Meeting
Information**

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

**Next meeting will be
February 5th.**

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

New members are always welcome!



The Westport Men's Ministry is a gathering of men from Assumption and Saint Luke striving to grow in our spiritual journey.

Our vision is to experience our faith lives as more than a set of beliefs and to deepen our personal relationships with God through our faith community.

JOIN US TO GROW IN FAITH

We meet Saturday's from 8:30am-9:30am at Saint Luke Church.

Call Jim Meehan for more information
(860) 209-4793



Up 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 Generosity!
- The Social Concerns Ministry -**

**Come Join Us
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
6:30pm in McGrath Hall**

Join us as we view the award winning DVD:

**Word Made Flesh, True Bread of
Heaven:**

**The Mystery of the Liturgy and the
Eucharist**

World acclaimed Bishop Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day and the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God."

Bishop Barron describes all the parts of the Mass and shows how the sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith. With the beautiful cinematography and sacred music, he brings us to such diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto and Mexico City.

Father Augustine will lead us in discussion following the DVD presentation. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 12th by calling the Parish Office at (203) 227-5161.

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 cat.j.rom6@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join Assumption Book Group as we read and
discuss:

THE RESTLESS HEART by Ronald Rolheiser

Fr. Rolheiser promises an interesting view of
common, personal experience. "Using
contemporary parables from literature, film and his
own life, Rolheiser shows loneliness can be a
tremendously creative and valuable force toward
growth."

The Book Group shares thoughts, feelings and ideas
(none ever right or wrong) which creates an
interesting and fun gathering. The group meets
Wednesdays, from 1:00pm-2:30pm in Roncalli
House for eight weeks beginning February 6th. For
additional information, contact Helen Thiemann at
(203) 227-5161 or helenctman@gmail.com



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.

Anointing After Mass



Our Lady
of Lourdes

February 11th is the feast day of Our Lady of
Lourdes. Thousands of people travel to France
every year to receive her special gift of healing.

In observance of her feast day, our Parish
Priests at Assumption will offer that same gift of
healing after all weekend Masses on **February
9th and 10th** for all physical ailments, worries,
concerns, hurts and suffering anyone may be
experiencing.

The Priests will anoint the forehead and hands
of each person with holy oils as he/she
approaches the altar and pray the person receive
the gift of healing. All are invite to come forward
to receive this special grace.

Sick and Homebound

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.

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Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesdays following the 7:30am Mass.

Daily Rosary of Peace: 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, February 7th 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.

News Around the Diocese & Beyond

- **January 27th, 2019: Open House at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Pre-K 3's through 8th Grade, 10:00am—12:00pm**

Take a guided tour of Pk3-4, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle schools; visit with classroom teachers and administrators; meet current families. Learn more about our academic goals, school culture, enrichment programs, sports and after-school offerings. All families of Pk3-8th grade students for the 2019-2020 school year in Fairfield, Westport and the surrounding area are invited to attend. Please note: we now offer a two-year Pre-k program, eligible children must turn 3 on or by August 31st.

- **January 27th and 28th, 2019: Open House at All Saints Catholic School Pre-K through 8th Grade**

January 27th : 12:00pm—2:00pm

January 28th: 9:00am—10am

For more information call the Admission Office at (203) 847-3881.

- **January 27th and 28th 2019: Open House at Fatima School for Pre K3 to Grade 8**

January 27th: 2:00pm—4:00pm

January 28th: 10:00am—11:00am

February 1st: 10:00am—11:00am

Explore our Personalized Approach to Learning! Traditional classroom learning blended with the latest technology infrastructure that provides personalized learning for each student. Small class sizes, STEM curriculum, a nurturing environment and more! Rolling admissions for all grade levels! Rolling admissions for all grade levels! Contact Principal Stanley Steele for information ssteele@olfcatholic.org

- **Friday, February 1st, 2019, 7:30pm: First Friday Lecture Series at St. Luke Church in Westport**

Msgr. Andrew Varga, D.Min, will discuss the history and theology of the Liturgy of the Mass. The evening will begin at 7:00pm with a wine and cheese reception. The lectures begin promptly at 7:30pm and conclude with a question and answer session until approximately 8:45pm, after which many gather to meet the speaker and discuss the lecture with each other. St. Luke community welcomes our diocesan communality to join us at these first Friday lecture.

- **Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, 11:00am: Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Michael James Vian Clark at St. Gabriel Parish (Stamford)**

Save the date for the upcoming Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Michael James Vian Clark. Light reception to follow at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, Ct.

- **Saturday, February 9th, 2:30pm: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick at St. Aloysius Church (New Canaan)**

All, especially the sick, handicapped and the frail are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick offered. Refreshments will follow. Welcome begins at 2:30pm and Mass begins at 3:30pm.

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For questions or information,
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