

March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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We welcome all new parishioners and those who wish to return to the Church or to learn more of what we Catholic Christians believe.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

7:30am

5:00pm Vigil

Peggy Thorne

The Patsy DeMace Family

Sunday, March 3

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

Gaetano Passarelli

Augustus Cardello

Michael Connolly

Maurice Taaffe

The Family of Assumption

Monday, March 4

7:30am

Jerald Ryan

Tuesday, March 5

7:30am

Gaetano Passarelli

Wednesday, March 6 — Ash Wednesday

7:30am

9:00am

12:00pm

5:00pm

Carmelina Rick

Lucielle Garthe

Elinor Haight

William Harrington

Thursday, March 7

7:30am

12:00pm

Caterina Scott

Mary Calzi

Friday, March 8

7:30am

12:00pm

Linda McCallum

Raymond & Anne Shea

Saturday, March 9

7:30am

5:00pm Vigil

Charlene Girden

Joseph & Diane Rietano

Sunday, March 10

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

Angelo Calise

Gary Reynolds

Marie Vávrová

Joseph Pasculli

The Family of Assumption



The Flowers at Mary's Statue are in loving memory
of **Kim Cirillo**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory
of **Peggy Thorne**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory
of **Fr. John H. Carroll**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory
of **Fr. James Patrick Ryle**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory
of **Fr. Thomas H. Shanley**

Pray for the Sick

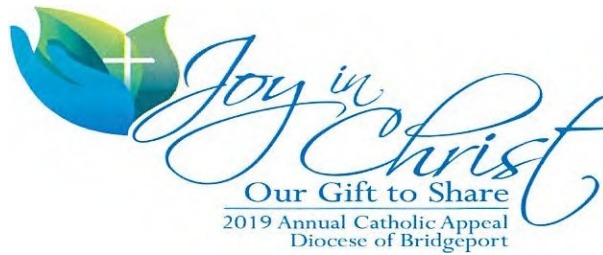


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Please help us update our prayers for the sick list. If there is anyone you would like to add/remove, please call the Parish office, 203-227-5161. Thank you.

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Kim Cirillo, Msgr. William Sangiovanni, Kevin McCaul, Rocco Engongoro, Angelo Palmisano, 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
May they rest in peace



March 2, 2019

Dear Parish Family,

The Season of Lent is a time of renewal and grace for all of us. It is founded on the three pillars of our Catholic Christian faith: prayer, penance and almsgiving. These wonderful virtues help us on our journey as Catholic Christians. This week we begin the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal to provide funds for pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese for Bridgeport. This year's theme, *Joy in Christ, Our Gift to Share*, calls us to come together as a people of God by living and sharing the faith we profess as we carry out the mission of Jesus Christ. When you receive your Appeal Mailing this week, please take time to read the information thoroughly on how you can help. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift.

The Church of the Assumption has always been identified with faith, service and generosity. As your newly appointed Parish Administrator, it is wonderful to follow in the footsteps of our dedicated Pastors who served our Parish with love, sacrifice and commitment. I witnessed the many good works done silently out of love for God and our neighbors. With this in mind, I would like to appeal once again to your generosity to participate in our Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our parish goal this year is \$165,000.

As your Parish Administrator, my goal this year is to increase our participation. I am very grateful for your past generosity and support. Your kindness helps sustain our parishes, schools and different ministries throughout the diocese.

Thank you once again!

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Cyrus M. Bartolome
Parish Administrator

Today's Mass Readings



First Reading -- One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading -- We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel -- A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).



Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;

Next Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 9th
5:00 pm Vigil—Fr. Cyrus

Sunday, March 10th
7:30am—Fr. Augustine
9:00am—Fr. Cyrus
10:30am—Fr. Augustine
12:00pm—Msgr. Shea
5:00pm—Fr. Augustine

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
helenctman@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Council 3688 Meeting Information

Do you want to enrich your faith and model strong values for your family?

The Knights of Columbus offer our members and their families the opportunity to spread God's love through service for our priest, parish and community.

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

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

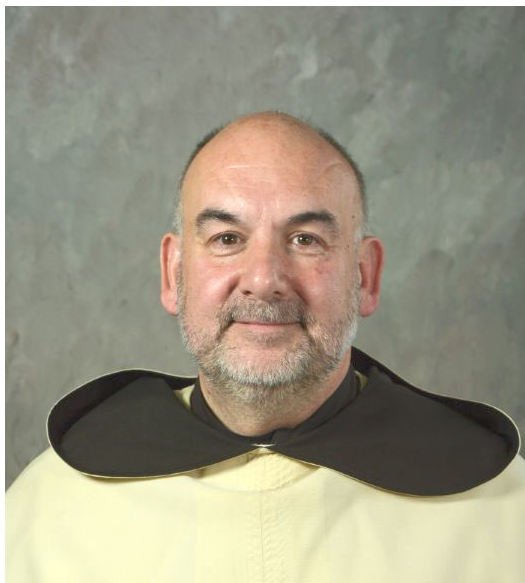
Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

Church of the Assumption



Call to Holiness in Today's World



Fr. Francis Amodio, O.Carm

Meet Our Speaker

Fr. Francis is a member of the Carmelite Order of the Province of St. Elias. He is also the Vocation Director and Provincial Director for the Lay Carmelites.

Using the figure of St. Peter and the Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, "Gaudete et Exsultate".

Please Join Us

Monday - March 25
Tuesday - March 26
Wednesday - March 27

7:00 pm
in the church

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. (14) Pope Francis, "Gaudete et Exsultate".



The Prayer Ministry is a network of over 70 members. If you or someone you know 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.



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
 M/Sgt. Zachary B. Taylor, USAF
 Patrick Tazella, US Army
 Capt. James Tesauero, 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 PEACE

Devotions



Adoration

Monday and Wednesdays 8:00am – 5:00pm.
 Please call Andrea Remlin 203-227-5477 if you would like to take 1/2 - 1 hour of Adoration.



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

Daily Rosary of Peace: 7:00am before daily Mass.

Thank you

A big thank you to Cathy Romano, Michele Harding and Fr. Augustine for organizing this year's Mardi Gras Party!

I'd also like to thank Dennis Stypinski and Matt Hainsworth for their help setting up and breaking down the event.

Finally I'd like to thank all our parishioners who came out to spend the evening with us for this Pre-Lenten Celebration.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin so you can join in on the fun next time we have a community event.

Yours Faithfully in Christ,
 Fr. Cyrus



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, Towel Collection, Lenten Alms, Blankets/Winter Warm-up Collection, 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!

Pope Francis Food Closet



Currently, the Assumption Church Food Closet is in need of the following items:

**COFFEE
SUGAR
FLOUR
COLD CEREAL
COOKIES AND SNACKS**

No donation is ever too small!

All of the families we assist each month are always so grateful. Thank you for your continued support of the Pope Francis Food Closet.

Also, a special Thank You to the anonymous donor for all the food deliveries we have been receiving from Amazon.

We would not be able to have this ministry without the help of all of you.

God bless you and your families!



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**



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

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 6TH

- Daily Mass at 7:30 am and 12:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm
- Reconciliation every Saturday from 4:00pm — 4:45 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
- Wednesday, March 6th — Ash Wednesday
 - Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Ashes will also be distributed at the Saugatuck Train Station from 5:00 pm — 8:00 am
- March 25th, 26th and 27th — Parish Lenten Mission
 - 7:00 pm in the Church
 - Lenten Soup Supper to follow discussion on March 27th
- Monday, April 15th — Reconciliation Monday
 - 3:00 pm — 9:00 pm in the Church
- Thursday, April 18th — Holy Thursday
 - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Friday, April 19th — Good Friday
 - 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy
 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

The Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Bridgeport is pleased to introduce the Family Bible Challenge. Our goal in the first season is to provide 1,000 families with up to two Bibles, a weekly reflection, and access to videos introducing each book of the Bible, trivia questions, and other resources. The first session begins **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**, and continues throughout Lent 2019.

Sunday

Each Sunday, families will receive an email identifying a new passage that they are asked to read together as a family, reflect upon, and discuss. We provide the passage and the questions. You just have to make the time.

Wednesday

Each Wednesday, families will receive trivia questions that can be answered online. These questions will be about the week's passage as well as basic Catholic trivia. New questions appear each week.

What's the challenge?

The 'challenge' is to engage your family with Sacred Scripture. There is no contest. There are no rules. There is, however, the great benefit of falling in love with Jesus through the power of the Good News found in the Bible you will receive.



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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.

Update your contact Information!



Have you recently moved? Changed your email address? Gotten a new phone number?

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or bring or mail to the parish office so we can update our database and keep in touch with you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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.

Assumption Adult Choir



Assumption Adult Choir is currently welcoming individuals who want to experience the satisfaction of working as a team of singing worshipers.

Rehearsals are held in the church on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and the choir participates at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday as well as various liturgical events throughout the Church year.

For more information, kindly email our Director of Music, Frank Matto, at fmattoassumption@gmail.com or speak with him at any Mass.

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, March 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.

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*God bless you.
Fr. Cyrus*



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!



There are still days available for Mass Intentions, flowers and candles for the 2019 Mass Book. Please stop by or call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 to request a Mass Intention.



Please note the First of the Month Utilities Second Collection has been temporarily suspended. Utility envelopes will no longer be provided in your monthly envelope package.

If you would like, you may allocate your Monthly Utility donation to the Parish Crisis Fund.

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.



Contribution statements for the 2018 tax year were mailed 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 did 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!

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.

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