

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 26, 2019



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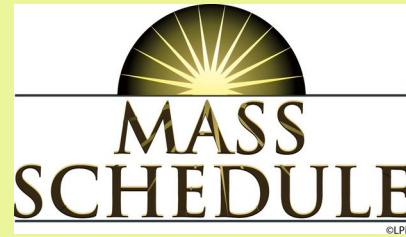
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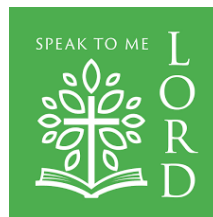


Monday–Saturday: 7:30 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Family Mass), 10:30 am (Choir Mass), 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading -- The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm -- O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading -- John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel -- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.



Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd -6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



Saturday, May 25

7:30am Peggy McSweeney
5:00pm Domenico Palmieri

Sunday, May 26

7:30am Ken Makowka
9:00am Augustus Cardello
10:30am Joseph, Mildred & Joe Izzo
12:00pm John Calzi
5:00pm The Family of Assumption

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

7:30am The Deceased Service
Men and Women in the Military

Tuesday, May 28

7:30am Maria Giunta

Wednesday, May 29

7:30am Sylvia Bell
5:00pm Vigil Thomas Pellicano

Thursday, May 30—The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am Liborio La Magna
12:00pm Albert J. Copersino

Friday, May 31

7:30am George & Audrey May
Washicko

Saturday, June 1

7:30am Felicitas Ballesteros (Living)
5:00pm The Macaluso Family

Sunday, June 2

7:30am Bill Delano
9:00am Peter Anthony Izzo
10:30am William & Marie Belford
12:00am Joseph Cabral
5:00pm The Family of Assumption

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Martha Marranzino, Jim Fannan, Fr. Edward Colohan, Emeric Szlezak, O.F.M., Roland Doran, Kim Cirillo, Msgr. William Sangiovanni, Kevin McCaul, Rocco Engongoro, Angelo Palmisano, Leo Keehan, Msgr. Ernest Esposito

May they rest in peace

Next Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 1

5:00 pm Vigil – Fr. Augustine

Sunday, June 2

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

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Pray for the Sick

Catherine Alter, Mary Ann Andronaco, Noelle Anastasia, Joan Bailey, Henry Baker, Bob Barker, John Barry, Ryan Brewster, Mary Bulakites, Cornelia Buono, Nancy Burke, Betty Cabral, Sr. Lucy Caporaso, Bill Chadwell, Aida Ciferri, Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farricielli, Charlie French, Marge Gabriele, Barbara Gentile, Diane and Anthony Gilbertie, Guy Giordano, Elisabeth Grein, Wilfried 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, Charlie Robins, 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!

Devotions and Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



"Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."
(St. Augustine, Confessions)

The restlessness and stress of daily life too often keeps us from experiencing the peace which The Lord offers us. This peace can be found through an intimate relationship with Jesus in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

We are fortunate to have this opportunity here, in our Parish, where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in Church on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

If you would like to sign up for a half or an hour, please call Andrea Remlin at 203-227-5477.

Please prayerfully consider spending some time each week to be with Our Lord in adoration.



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

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

The Flowers at Mary's Statue are in loving memory of **John Cahill**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Angie & Jerry Tuccunardi, Sr.**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Luigi & Mary Izzo**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **Christopher Bertoldo**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory of **Felicitas Ballesteros (Living)**

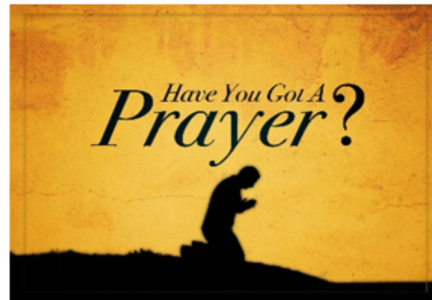


*Pray for our men and women
currently serving our country*

PRAY FOR PEACE

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
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 Tesaro, 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.*



Our Assumption Parish Prayer Ministry is a network of over 70 members who are praying for you and your intentions. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or a special intentions, please contact Liz Lazarou via email at lizlazarou@optonline.net or Betty at 203-226-6702 and leave a message with the first name of the person you would like to pray for, prayer requests and intentions. Your intentions will be forwarded to our network.



Dear Parish Family,

Monday, May 27, 2019 we are observing a National Holiday. It is a day of remembering, prayer and appreciation. Growing up in a military family, with my father being a member of the United States Army, I experienced and witnessed the dedications of the men and women in our Armed Forces. The sacrifices and commitment that they do every day by protecting our Country and our Freedom is truly appreciated.

This is a day when we remember the ultimate sacrifices marked by the hundreds of white granite markers and small flags in our many national cemeteries and cemeteries. Each of the head stones represents the ultimate sacrifice made by a father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend, For this we pray and thank them.

On behalf of the parish community of the Church of the Assumption, we ask God's blessing and protection for the members of our Armed Forces. We send our love, prayers and gratitude to them. We also lift up our prayers for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, the let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen!

Following the Westport Memorial Day Parade, come join Fr. Cyrus and our Parish Knights of Columbus for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on the Parish Lawn at 11:30am.



Dear parishioner of Assumption Church,

I am Guy Dormévil, a seminarian of the Bridgeport Diocese, studying theology at Pope St. John XXIII National seminary in Weston, MA. I will be entering my third theological year this fall. I have been sent to your parish family to help me foster my formation to the priesthood during my summer assignment. It is with great joy and humility that I come to learn from you and to be at your service this summer.

I was born and raised in Haiti. I was married for 29 years to Magalie Adolphe who died of cancer on August 23, 2015. I have 2 children born from my marriage: Guyvensky Dormévil, 27 years old and Guylendy Dormévil, 24 years old.

In 1988, I had to leave my job as an immigration inspector, and take refuge in the U.S. after being miraculously saved from an assassination plot against me. Since my arrival to the U.S. I have worked as a fast food clerk and manager, a certified nursing assistant, a produce clerk, then as a produce Manager for 19 years. I went to college part time. I received a certificate for English as a Second Language and an Associate Degree in Science Business Administration. I have been a very active layman as well. I started very young as an altar server and progressed to be a youth group leader, a charismatic prayer group leader, a liturgical leader, a Eucharistic minister, a diocesan-pastoral council member and a delegate at the fourth Synod of the diocese of Bridgeport.

After my wifes death, my plan was to fulfill the dream of becoming a permanent deacon. However, the Lord had something far better planned for me. He rekindled the call He made to me to become a priest since I was a young adult. So, I prayerfully said yes to the call this time.

I am willing to learn as much as possible from the Pastor, the Parish Staff and parishioners, in order to become a good shepherd to God's people. Here I am, ready to hit the ground running. I will make myself available to help anyone in need of spiritual advice and service during my time in the Parish. Most importantly, I will need your prayers and I will pray for you as well.

Please, do not hesitate to approach me at the end of mass or wherever and whenever the opportunity appears.

I am looking forward to a great summer at your service.

God bless you all,

Guy

Parish Happenings



"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Matthew 25:35

The Church of the Assumption's Social Concerns is an active ministry formed to respond to the needs of our society. We are called to act in response to the physical and spiritual needs of our Parish Family and of those in our neighboring communities. We are involved with the Advent Angels Collection, Thanksgiving Gifts of Plenty, Lenten Alms, Blanket and Winter Warm-up Collections, Easter and Summer Food Collections, Towel Collection, Sock Collection, Blood Pressure Screening and serving breakfast at The Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport. In addition, we are involved with the Parish Prayer Network and A.C.T.S. ministries. We meet on the third Monday of the month from September through June at 7:00 pm at the Roncalli House. If you wish to contact us and/or be involve, please call Connie Luppino at 203-852-9937 or via email at connieluppino@optonline.net.



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The Homebound Ministry is devoted to alleviating what Saint Mother Teresa called "the terrible poverty of loneliness" by providing weekly visits to the homebound and elderly in our area. God calls us to be in relationship with one another. Many of our parish volunteers develop lasting friendships with those they serve. These friendships strengthen the Body of Christ. Parish volunteers also discover that in giving of their time and abilities, their own faith grows. Our parish volunteers form bonds of friendship with those at home or in care facilities by simply being present. Service to the needy is service for Jesus. The priests and parish volunteers are delighted to come and bring Holy Communion.

If you want to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick, our Parish priests will be delighted to come and administer the sacraments. Please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161.

Assumption Bereavement Group



We meet every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm 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

Parish Happenings



"Welcome one another...just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"(Romans 15:7).

The People of God experience the presence of Christ in the world through the ministry of the Church and her members. Christian hospitality is the visible expression of Christian love, drawing people together, opening them to participation in the life of the Church and setting the tone for the way we pray at Mass. More than just performing these functions, the goal of this ministry is to make the love of Jesus more visible and tangible to everyone who comes to the celebration of Sunday Mass.

God is calling you to be the face of Christ. Please consider joining the Hospitality Ministry and serve as an Greeter or Usher. Call the Parish Office or email Anthony Buono at anthonyb27@optonline.net.



The Parish Hospital Visitation Ministry share's God's love by offering prayer, loving support and face-to-face visits to our hospitalized members of the parish. We desire to allow God's grace to work through us by providing encouragement and support to our hospitalized, sick parishioners and their family members. Please let our parish priests know so they will be able to come and visit by calling our Parish Office at 203-227-5161. Our Parish Priests and Ministers of Holy Communion will be glad to see you.

If you are in need of a Catholic priest in the hospital in case of an emergency, there is always a Hospital Catholic Chaplain on call. Please call the front desk of the hospital for immediate help.

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!



**Knights of
Columbus
Council 3688**

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).

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



Many of our parishioners have asked me about the two-bronze crosses displayed on the altar and what they are. They are reliquaries that contain the remains (particles of bones) of two saints. One contains the mortal remains of Saint Charbel Makhlouf.

Who is Charbel Makhlouf?

Youssef Antoun Makhlouf was born on May 8, 1828, in the small village of Biqa-Kafra in the high mountains of Northern Lebanon. His parents were poor but religious, and their fifth child was attracted at an early age to prayer and solitude. Despite the opposition of his family, he left home at the age of twenty-three and entered the Monastery of St. Maron at a place called Annaya. Ordained a priest in 1859, he spent sixteen years there before receiving permission from his reluctant superiors to retire to the nearby hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul.

For twenty-three years Charbel lived an extremely hard life, one of severe mortification. He wore a hair shirt, slept on a straw mattress with a plank for a pillow, and for his one meal of the day came from the insufficient leftovers from the monastery. He displayed a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist, spending hours in preparation for saying Mass and hours in thanksgiving afterwards. In 1898, Charbel suffered a massive stroke while saying Mass and died just eight days later on Christmas Eve. He was seventy years old. After three days he was buried in the monastery cemetery, and as was the custom, without the benefit of a coffin. Like many a holy monk before him he would soon have been forgotten were it not for a very strange happening. For the next forty-five nights his tomb was surrounded by a dazzlingly bright light. This was witnessed by an increasingly large number of people, none of whom could provide an explanation. Permission was sought from the ecclesiastical authorities for the monk's body to be exhumed.

As early as 1925 the monk's name had been put forward in a petition to Pope Pius XI to begin canonical proceedings leading to his beatification, but this did not happen until 1965 during the reign of Pope Paul VI. Two cures accepted as being miraculous were necessary and both selected for the purpose had taken place in 1950.

On October 9, 1977, just twelve years after his beatification, Pope Paul VI presided over the canonization proceedings and announced to the world that Blessed Charbel had joined the ranks of saints in heaven.

(cf. Jim Dunning. *This article was originally published in "Ireland's Own" magazine.* <https://www.mysticsofthechurch.com/2010/10/saint-charbel-sharbel-makhlouf-maronite.html>)

SAVE THE DATE!

Senior Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, MAY
29TH, 2019

Join us for 12:00pm mass followed by lunch
in McGrath Hall.

To RSVP, please call the Parish Office at
(203) 227-5161 by Monday, May 27th.

Youth Group

Wash & Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND FROM 8:00AM—11:30AM

Help the Assumption Youth Group raise
funds for their first ever Mission trip this
July by getting your Car Washed or
buying a baked treat!

Located in the Church Parking Lot.

Suggested Donation: \$10



Family Life



The May Schedule was emailed to all altar servers and families. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Altar Server should contact Juany Fumai at jfumai@hotmail.com.



Interested in becoming a part of our faith family?
Stop by our Parish Office to fill out a registration form!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019

The Parish wishes to congratulate our parishioners who have graduated this year from various High Schools, Colleges & Universities with diplomas and degrees.

During the month of June, we wish to print their names, schools, and degrees in the bulletin as we are proud of them. Let us know by writing their name below and dropping it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office, or emailing the information to aavitabile@assumptionwestport.org.

Thank you! Fr. Cyrus

Graduate:

School:



Religious Ed. registration takes place from May through the end of June. New students must submit a baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at (203) 226-5448 or email Cathy Romano, Director of Religious Ed, cromano@assumptionwestport.org or Nhur Klasky at nklasky@assumptionwestport.org.



In a month Summer Vacation will begin and many families are planning to get away for some well deserve rest. We hope you will continue to make your weekly and/or monthly donations to Assumption Church. You may use our online giving website by going to our website,

www.assumptionwestport.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at 203-227-5161 and ask for Nancy Curcio. Thank you for your dedication to our parish and don't forget to have fun!

Stewardship



Stewardship calls us to be ever grateful for the gifts that God has given. Not only are we called to be grateful to God, but we also must be grateful to one another. Just as we thank God every day, we at Church of the Assumption show our gratitude, recognition and appreciation to our parishioners who have given generously to the support of our parish.

Your sacrificial offering makes all the difference. Thank you for your generosity!

Fr. Cyrus

Offertory for May 19, 2019: \$ 5,461



Our online Giving system provides our parishioners 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!

In addition, if you wish to support the Parish by having your bank mail a check directly, you are most welcome to do so. Please have the checks made payable to Assumption Church. Thank you for your financial support to our parish.

As a part of **Retired Superior Court Judge Holzberg's** investigation into clergy sexual abuse of minors and the Diocesan response to that abuse, a hotline has been established for those who wish to communicate with the Judge and his team.

ONLINE: www.lighthouse-services.com/diobpt

TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE:

English speaking USA and Canada:
833-990-0004

Spanish speaking USA and Canada:
800-216-1288

E-MAIL: reports@lighthouse-services.com (must include company name with report)

When contacting the hotline, an individual may or may not choose to identify him or herself.



Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts have become an essential part of the financial support of our Church. In fact, the vast majority of future gifts established for and ultimately received by Assumption Church are the result of charitable bequests established in one's will or personal trust. Such gifts enable a donor to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. Please reconsider remembering the Church of the Assumption. We are grateful for your generosity.

If you would like to learn more about making a bequest to our parish or other estate planning options, please call the parish office at 203-227-5161.

There are still days available for Mass Intentions, flowers and candles for the **2019 Mass Book**. You may choose to honor your loved ones by offering a Mass for them, request a flower arrangement to be placed in front of the Blessed Mother statue or have the tabernacle and altar candles lit to remember them. Please stop by or call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 to make an arrangement.

The 2020 Mass Book is open!

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