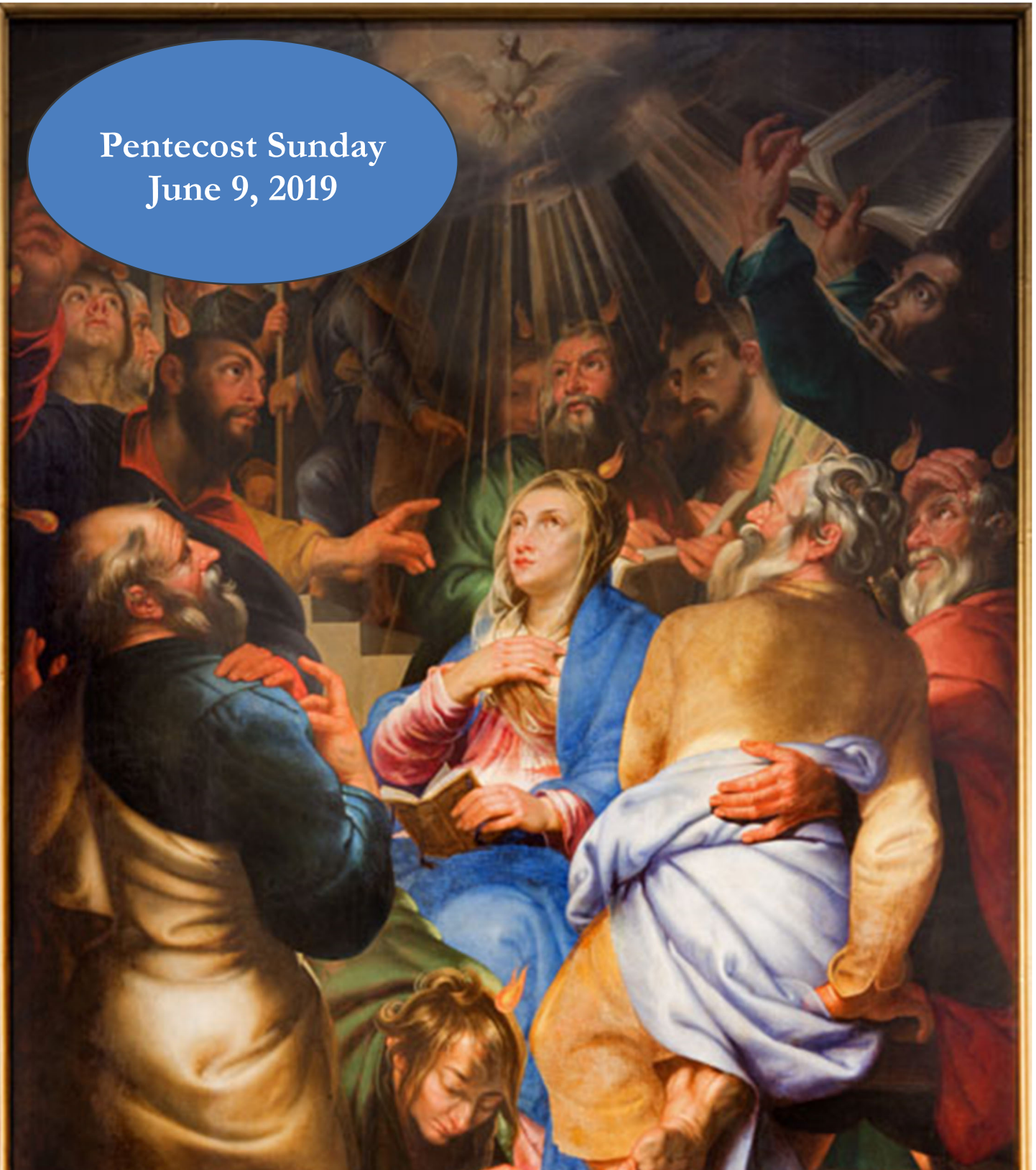


Pentecost Sunday
June 9, 2019



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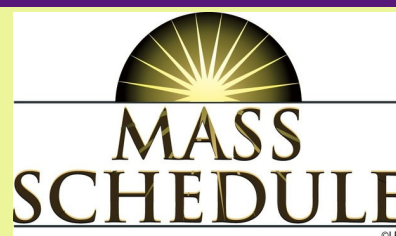
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Monday–Saturday: 7:30 am

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 -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm -- Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading -- In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel -- Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.



Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

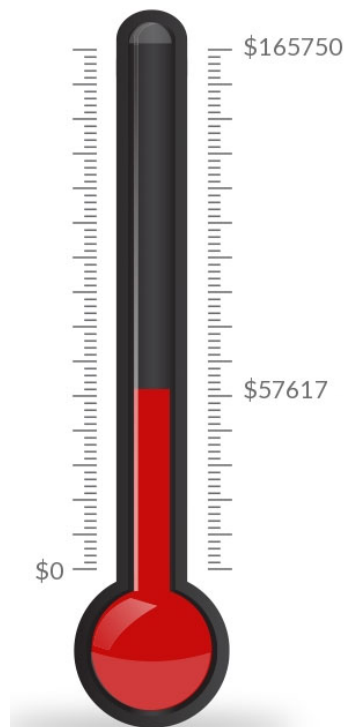
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



Please prayerfully consider donating to
the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.
Thank you in advance for your
generosity!

Saturday, June 8	
7:30am	Georgene Caldwell
5:00pm	Anthony & Anita Anastasia
Sunday, June 9	
7:30am	The Family of Assumption
9:00am	Mary McGuire
10:30am	Michael Connolly
12:00pm	Angelo Palmisano
5:00pm	Michael Wong
Monday, June 10	
7:30am	Terry Wolz
Tuesday, June 11	
7:30am	Carol Maniataks
Wednesday, June 12	
7:30am	Patricia McGovern
Thursday, June 13	
7:30am	Harry Engel
Friday, June 14	
7:30am	Patricia Sweeney
Saturday, June 15	
7:30am	Msgr. John H. Landry
5:00pm	The Family of Assumption
Sunday, June 16	
7:30am	The Tran Family
9:00am	Elizabeth & Frank Melia
10:30am	William Belford
12:00am	Albert J. Copersino
5:00pm	The Passarelli Family



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.

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 15
5:00 pm Vigil – Fr. Cyrus

Sunday, June 16
7:30 am – Fr. Augustine
9:00 am – Fr. Cyrus
10:30 am – Fr. Cyrus
12:00 pm – Fr. Augustine
5:00 pm – Fr. Augustine

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 **Maureen Kaylor**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Jameson Daniel Conte**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **John Cahill**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **Martha Marranzino**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory of **Jim Fannan**



*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
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.

PRAY FOR PEACE



Dear Parish Family,

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2:2-4).

The Acts of the Apostles recounts this wonderful event where the Lord Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate. The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us of the gifts of the Spirit, these gifts that empower us to be missionaries, to preach and to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the call for the “New Evangelization”.

Pentecost is the birth of the Church. When the Breath of Life descended into the Apostles and Disciples, it gave them the courage and conviction to go and be witnesses of Christ. It is conceived by the deep experience of prayer. This encounter gave them unity and divine joy that transcended all differences.

We read from the Scripture that the Apostles and Disciples gathered in fear and uncertainty. That they hid in the upper room. When the Holy Spirit came to them, a great transformation happened, courage replaced fear and confusion turned into understanding. They were called to be missionaries and witnesses of the Good News, to evangelize! It is Jesus Christ who sent them and it is up to us to make Him known and to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

From this divine calling, Pentecost then is a day of outreach and of New Evangelization. Looking back from the words of Pope Benedict XVI, in his homily at Saint Patrick Cathedral in New York City, he used the analogy of the great stained-glass windows. The Holy Father said that one cannot appreciate the beauty of the window from the outside, it looks dreary and hopeless, one must go inside to see its beauty where the light from the sun illuminates its colors. It is alike in the Church, from the outside it looks old and outdated, one must go inside to see, witness and to be in awe at the splendor of its beauty.

In our pilgrimage as missionaries, where we preach the Gospel, we must accompany it with how we live our daily Christian lives. We know that world that we are living in is full of challenges, especially for us Catholic Christians, but it is not so different from the early Church. We are being called to be bold witnesses of the Gospel. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will give us the necessary skills to be faithful and courageous, echoing the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, “Be not afraid”.

Having a missionary spirit will reenergize the Church. We must be reminded that the risen Lord will accompany us along the way, just as it happened on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). As we meditate on the Third Person of the Trinity in our lives, let us go forth and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth!” **Amen.**

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome

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
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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
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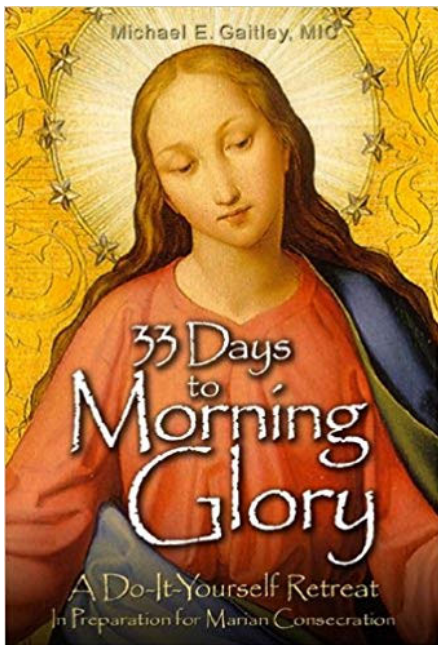


THANK YOU!



The Assumption Youth and Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse would like to thank our wonderful parishioners who generously supported our fundraising car wash and bake sale. We truly appreciate it!

33 Days to Morning Glory



As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, join us in a do-it-yourself retreat!

Looking for more peace and holiness in your life and for your family? Join us as we begin a 33 day preparation for Marian Consecration starting on July 13 and concluding for The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th (Mass time TBD). All are welcome to participate! For six weeks we will individually read 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley and reflect on four great Marian saints – St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa and Saint Pope John Paul II. The daily reading is 2 pages long. You will then ponder the passages throughout the day in imitation of our Blessed Mother. For those that would like to supplement their reading, there will be various evenings to meet and view a video by Fr. Michael Gaitley and have a brief discussion (attendance optional).

To sign up please email:

gracemaryavitabile@gmail.com or call the parish office 203-227-5161.

Lay Dominicans

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of faith and truth? Come follow us in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Our Lady of Fatima, affiliate chapter at St. Theresa Church is growing! Please join us for an Informal Inquiry Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00pm.

St. Theresa Church (Lower Parish Center)
5301 Main St.,
Trumbull, CT 06611

For more information call, text or email Michelle Rowe: Orapronobis20@gmail.com or Michael Miller: Michaelmiller910@hotmail.com

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:

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Family Life



The June 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.



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.



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

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:



Soon 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 June 2, 2019: \$6,487

Offertory for Ascension Thursday: \$921



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.



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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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