

Welcome!

Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Holy Day: 7:30am, 12:15pm
and 5:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday and Wednesday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

2nd and 4th Sundays: 1:00pm
or by appointment.

Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for
first time parents. Please call the parish
office to schedule the class.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please contact Michelle Hankey in the
parish office at least six months prior to
wedding date.

New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome you and your family
to our parish community. Please contact
the parish office to register.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm
(closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
(closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

Parish Office Address and Telephone:

98 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880
Phone: 203-227-5161 Fax: 203-227-1206

Website: www.assumptionwestport.org

Church of the Assumption

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 22, 2019



**"The person who is trustworthy in very small
matters is also trustworthy in great ones."**

Luke 16:10

CLERGY

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, Pastor

frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org

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Michele Harding, Youth Minister

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Frank Matto, Director and Organist

fmatto@assumptionwestport.org

Cidalia Kettles, Youth Choir

ckettles@assumptionwestport.org



Saturday, September 21 St. Matthew
Apostle and Evangelist
 7:30am Joe Pascale
 5:00pm Tom and Nettie Rietano

Sunday, September 22 25nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions
 7:30am Family of Assumption
 9:00am Ed and Lucille Anastasia
 10:30am Lillie Kaiser Yeager
 12:00pm Mary and Stanislaw Copersino
 5:00pm Regina Morrissey O'Hara

Monday, September 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Priest
 7:30am Tim Currie

Tuesday, September 24 Blessed John Henry Newman
 7:30am Angelo Amato

Wednesday, September 25 Sts. Louis Martin and
Zélie Guerin
 7:30am Kathryn Quattrochi

Thursday, September 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Martyrs
 7:30am Ralph Guadagno

Friday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul
Priest
 7:30am Milva Pace

Saturday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus
Martyr
 7:30am Phil Palmer
 5:00pm Bill Delano

Sunday, September 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Angels
 7:30am Lawrence Chu
 9:00am Diodata and Peter Anthony Izzo
 10:30am Augustus Cardello
 12:00pm James Takacs, III
 5:00pm Mary Frawley Ring

The flowers at Mary's Statue are in honor of
Matthew Loman (living)

The candles at Mary's Statue burn for
Sebastian Sanmiguel Lopez (living)

The Sanctuary candle burns for
Joseph Cain (living)

The candles at the Tabernacle burn for
Pablo Aca-Tecuanhuehue (living)

The candles at the Altar burn for
Matheus de Arajo Seixas (living)



Pray for the Sick

Please remember in your daily prayers all the sick of our Parish and their caregivers, especially:

Catherine Alter, Mary Ann Andronaco, Noelle Anastasia, Joan Bailey, Henry Baker, Bob Barker, Ryan Brewster, Mary Bulakites, Cornelia Buono, Nancy Burke, Betty Cabral, Bill Chadwell, Aida Ciferri, Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Amanda DeRosa, Frank Donovan, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farricielli, Charlie French, Ed Gargiulo, Barbara Gentile, Diane & Anthony Gilbertie, Guy Giordano, Elisabeth Grein, Wilfried Grein, Katarina Hale, Jane Hawley, Malcolm Heckman, Bob Helfenstein, Logan Howard, Marie James, Kathy Jeary, Bernadette Juoan, Jack Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Laura Kesling, Dan Kiely Sr., Frank Kropf, Mary-Ellen Kuhn, Abigail Lamb, Grant Leschin, Eddy & Rita Leyden, Michelle Lombardi, Cara MacDonald, Frank Machi, Michael Macnamara, Helen Maggio, Dorothy Matto, Gabriella McCrae, Clarissa Moore, Estelle Murray, Danielle Murrugarra, Denise Murtha, Lisa O'Connor, Donna Olsen, Lisa Orr, Kevin Palaez, Frank Palmieri, Stephanie Philo, Kim Preston, Alexa Prosnitz, CJ. Rice, Charlie Robins, Deanne Ryan, Frank Ryan, Sandra Ryan, Teresa Sacouto, Adrian Sandiford, Kerry Schroeder, Greg Strauss, Cheri Travis, Angela Trucks, Carl Viesti, Pat Viesti, Jean Wanat, Lee Watkins, Paula Weltens, Phyllis & Bob Wentworth, Victoria Whalen, 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 contact the Parish office at 203-227-5161 or bulletin@assumptionwestport.org.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Amen



Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Brian Patrick Prindiville

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

*Lord God, creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support,
gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector,
leading them from darkness to light. Amen.*

Sgt. Randy Ackerman, US Army
L.Cpl. Durry Becker, USMC
Matthew Bradstock, US Army
James Branson, USN
Lt. Griffin Burke, 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 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 More Novenas

The original email novena reminder.

A Novena is an ancient devotion that consists of
9 days of prayer. Novenas are often prayed for
a specific intention. Go to

www.praymorenovenas.com

and feel the power of praying with hundreds of thou-
sands of people around the world!

**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
where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed
in our Church on Monday and Wednesday
from 8:00am to 5:00pm, 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 Miraculous Medal originated in the year 1830 after
St. Catherine Labouré experienced an apparition of the Virgin
Mary at a convent in Paris, France - "God wishes to charge you
with a mission." Our Lady asked Catherine to have the image
made into medallions and distributed, saying
"All who wear them will receive great graces."

Catherine reported that Mary came framed in an oval and
standing upon a globe. Rays of light shone from her hands.
Around the edge of the oval, these words appeared: *O Mary,
conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 28

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Cyrus

Sunday, September 29

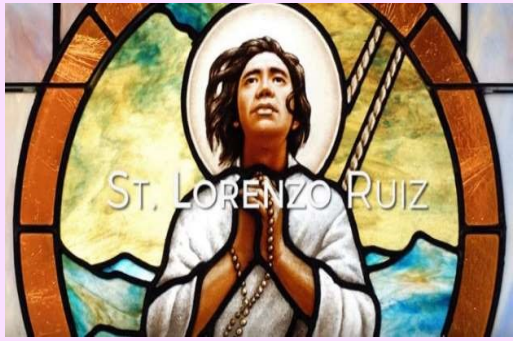
7:30 am Fr. Augustine

9:00 am Fr. Cyrus

10:30 am Fr. Augustine

12:00 pm Monsignor Shea

5:00 pm Fr. Augustine



You are cordially invited to the joint celebration of the Feasts of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod

Sunday September 29, 2019

Church of the Assumption

Mass @ 2:00pm

Main Celebrant:

Most Reverend Bernardito C. Auza

Titular Archbishop of Suacia

Apostolic Nuncio to the United Nations

Concelebrant

The Reverend Fr. Cyrus Bartolome (Pastor)

Reception following Mass in the Gymnasium

Food, games, raffles and dancing ...

Assumption Bereavement Group

It is especially wonderful to witness the comfort, acceptance, support and strength shared by those who gather with others as they allow grief to heal them and find hope.

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!

Helen Thiemann 203-227-6318 helenctman@gmail.com



We are excited to begin a

Youth Choir

program here at
Church of the
Assumption!

Choir is a wonderful way to involve young people in liturgy and ministry. The focus on text lends itself to scriptural study and insightful discussion of faith.

Beginning September 19, 2019

Thursday afternoons from 4:00pm—5:00pm

Weekly Rehearsals

The choir will participate in one liturgy each month. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cid ckettles@assumptionwestport.org



Are you interested in knowing more about the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic Church?

Are you not baptized but are now seeking a Church family?

Or perhaps returning to the Church after an absence and have not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

Becoming Catholic is a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This is a process that involves study of the Sacred Scripture, Catholic teaching and practices, and Christian morality and values. It also involves time to deepen in a life of prayer and a closer relationship with Christ, as well as a time to get to know a local Catholic community. Participants prepare for the reception of the sacraments, and for a whole new way of life.

If you or a friend or loved one is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, please contact

Fr. Augustine

FrAugustine@assumptionwestport.org

or 203-227-5161)

with any questions or to become part of our RCIA program in September.



**September 14th -
October 19th**

You can donate BLANKETS

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:35*

Soon winter will be here and in local shelters our sisters and brothers, young and old, will be cold. They need your help.

PLEASE donate, new twin size or gently used any size, clean blankets for Open Door Shelter in Norwalk, Dorothy Day Shelter in Danbury and Bacharach Community and Gillespie Center in Westport. There will be boxes available at the front and rear entrances of the church.

If you wish to shop online and donate new twin size blankets, please send items to the attention of:

Church of the Assumption - Social Concerns
44 Lincoln Street, Front Porch
Westport, CT 06880



CONFIRMATION NEWS

If you were unable to attend the September 15th 7th & 8th grade Parent Meeting, your information folder is in the Religious Education mailbox on the front porch of the Roncalli House. Please pick it up at your earliest convenience. This folder contains new guidelines/requirements, key dates and forms for both 7th & 8th graders. If you registered after September 15th, please e-mail mvadall@assumptionwestport.org so that a folder can be assembled and left for you in your name.

FIRST CLASS for 7th Grade Tuesday is **OCTOBER 1st**

FIRST CLASS for 7 & 8th Grades Sunday is **OCTOBER 6th**

Please check your e-mail for drop-off and dismissal procedures.

LOOKING AHEAD: CONFIRMATION RETREAT is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th. All 8th graders are required to attend with 1 parent.

The retreat takes place at St. Philip's in Norwalk and begins with Mass at noon and concludes around 4:00pm. Pizza lunch will be served. Attendance at the retreat is mandatory for all Confirmation candidates.

Religious Education



Registration is open!!

As we begin this new year of Faith Formation, please be assured that the staff at Church of the Assumption Parish and the catechists in our program are dedicated to helping your children grow in our Catholic faith and draw closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers in the faith. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family. We strive to support you in your ministry as you work at home in developing a love of Christ and His Church.

New students must submit a baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Our formation classes are continuous and build one year upon the next. Sacramental preparation: Grade 1 is required for Grade 2 in which the children are prepared for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Grades 3 through 7 are required for Grade 8 Confirmation preparation. Students enrolled in a Catholic school must attend First Eucharist and Confirmation classes here at Assumption Church.

The RE office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and during the school year Sundays 8am to 12 noon. We follow the Westport Public School calendar for holidays and school vacations.

Please call the Religious Education Office at 203- 226-5448 or email Cathy Romano, DRE cromano@assumptionwestport.org with any questions or for further information.

**You may download registration forms
from our website
www.assumptionwestport.org
or pick them up at the
Religious Education office.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

SEPT. 25 - NOV. 3, 2019

The next life-saving campaign is coming soon to locations around the world. Will you speak for those who cannot speak for themselves?

Bridgeport Location

Public right-of-way outside
Planned Parenthood

4697 Main St. | Bridgeport, CT

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bridgeport/>

Danbury Location

Public right-of-way outside
Planned Parenthood

44 Main St. | Danbury, CT

For more information and to sign up for vigil hours visit
<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/danbury/>

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



**For this Youth Ministry Mission Trip
Fundraiser, your checkbook stays home...
and this time, you take home the money!!!**

Please take a moment to look through your jewelry boxes at home for:

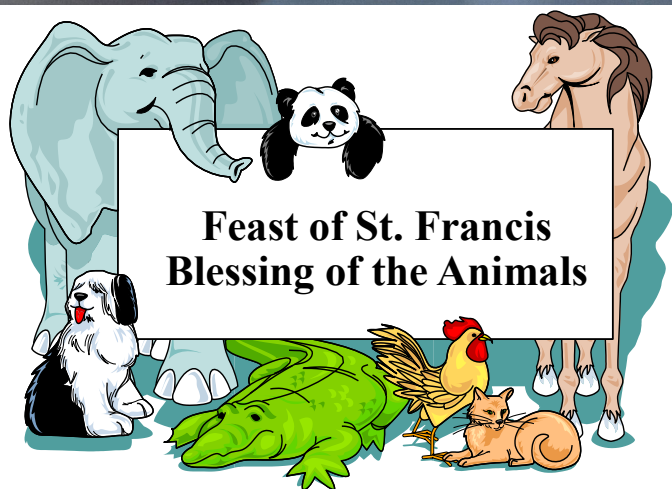
- Broken gold chains and bracelets
- Single earrings (*half pairs*)
- Old school rings
- Rings with missing stones
- Jewelry you never wear
- Gold non-working watches
- Sterling silver jewelry, flatware, hollowware
- Platinum and palladium

then bring it with you to the McGrath Hall:

Friday	October 11th	10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday	October 12th	10:00am to 4:00pm
Sunday	October 13th	8:00am to 4:00pm

Bob the Gold Man, will buy your "old gold and silver" and hand you a check. Then, 60% of whatever profits are made (after the refining process), will be donated, in your name, to help to support Youth Ministry mission work and other youth ministry offerings designed to bring our young people into a greater relationship with Christ and strengthen their Catholic identity!

Any questions, please email bob@libertygoldct.com



We will gather on the lawn between the church and Rectory for the Blessing of the Animals on
**Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm and
Sunday, October 6th at 2:00pm.**
All animals are welcome. Animal food donations for local animal shelters are welcome.



Knights of Columbus
will be collecting donations for the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas outside the church doors after all the Masses on October 5th and 6th.

Every penny you donate goes directly to support the victims of hurricane Dorian - all fees and expenses associated with Knights of Columbus Charities, are covered by the Knights of Columbus -

Together, we will make a difference in the lives of so many who have lost so much!





Altar Server Training Sessions for all 4th – 12th grade students who are interested in serving our parish community as Altar Servers will be held at the Church during the month of October.

Classes will be Thursday, October 3rd through Thursday, October 31st (4 weeks), 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

God bless you! We are truly grateful for your dedication to serving the parish. Any questions, please contact Altar Server Coordinator

Juany Fumai jfumai@hotmail.com

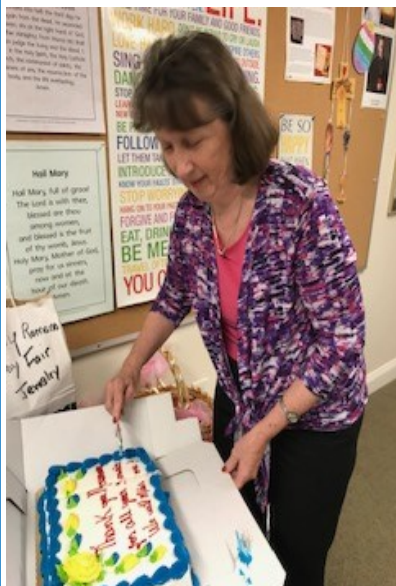
SOCK DRIVE



September 14th —October 13th

Please donate **NEW SOCKS FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS** for the Family and Children's Agency of Norwalk, the Missionaries of Charity and the Soup Lady Legacy.

As the weather gets **COLDER**, the need becomes greater. Please place the socks in the baskets marked with a picture of a "yellow sock" located at the doors of the church.



Thank you!

Maureen Belford
We appreciate your consistent presence and participation in our community. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish in a number of ways, most recently as Parish Council Chair.

Our Parishioners are the Body of Christ!

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 must also be grateful to one another. Your sacrificial offering and generosity makes all the difference. Thank you! Fr. Cyrus

September 15, 2019 Sunday Offertory \$7,898.00
September 15, 2019 2nd collection \$2,072.00
(Birthright of Greater Norwalk)

A Special Thank You to Paul Garavel and Maikel Carmenati of Garavel, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram car dealership in Norwalk for their generosity in so many ways to the people of Church of the Assumption.



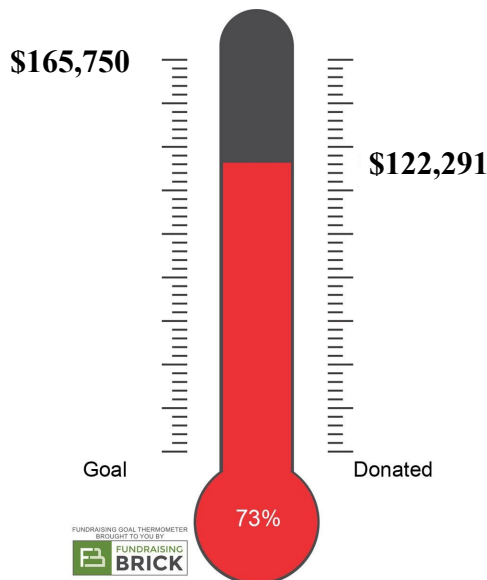
Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

Our Online Giving system provides 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!

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website www.assumptionwestport.org and selecting the Online Giving link.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress

Thank you to the 265 families that have generously participated so far.
We have \$43,459 remaining to reach our goal.
We need everyone's support, consider making your gift today.



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