

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)

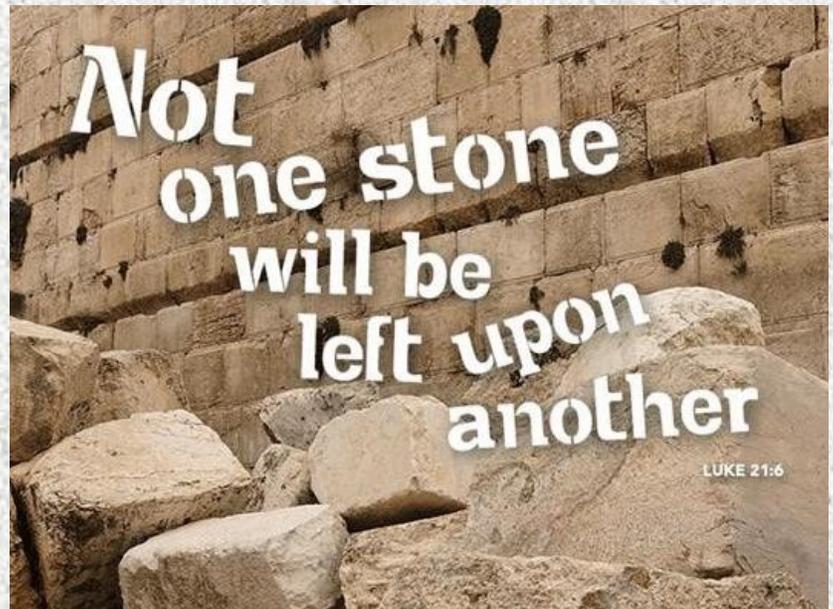
Parish Office Address and Telephone:

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Church of the Assumption

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 17, 2019



CLERGY

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, Pastor

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Fr. Augustine Nguyen (weekend help)
Msgr. Richard Shea (weekend help)

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Frank Matto, Director and Organist
fmatto@assumptionwestport.org
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Saturday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland

7:30am Family of Assumption
5:00pm Kevin & Jerry Tuccinardi, Jr.

**Sunday, November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

7:30am Corinne E. Batchelor
9:00am Aeneas Carroll
10:30am Anna Angrisano
12:00pm Rosaria Vento
5:00pm Eric Mockler

**Monday, November 18 Dedication of the Churches of
Sts. Peter and Paul**

7:30am Grant Leschin

Tuesday, November 19 St. Agnes of Assisi

7:30am Tom Shaughnessy

**Wednesday, November 20 St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne**

7:30am Brendan Hackett

**Thursday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

7:30am Mary Izzo

Friday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Martyr

7:30am Rick Nuell

Saturday, November 23 Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

7:30am Vera Kaiser
5:00pm Luigi and Mary Izzo

**Sunday, November 24 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe**

7:30am Family of Assumption
9:00am Helen Kaestner
10:30am John and Rose Palmer
12:00pm Albert J. Copersino
5:00pm Kevin Malone

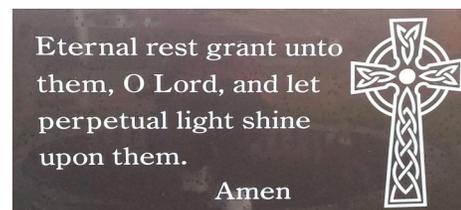
Pray for the Sick

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

Catherine Alter, Mary Ann Andronaco, Noelle Anastasia, Brendan Bachon, Joan Bailey, Henry Baker, Bob Barker, Ryan Brewster, Mary Bulakites, Nancy Burke, Maryann Burriesce, Betty Cabral, Elijah Capuano, Bill Chadwell, Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Amanda DeRosa, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farricielli, Charlie French, Peter Gakos, 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, 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, Rev. Corey Piccinino, Kim Preston, Alexa Prosnitz, CJ. Rice, Charlie Robins, Deanne Ryan, Frank Ryan, Sandra Ryan, Teresa Sacouto, Adrian Sandiford, Kerry Schroeder, Greg Strauss, Cheri Travis, 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.

The flowers at Mary's Statue are in loving memory of **Luigi and Mary Izzo**
The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Elisabeth Strohmaier**
The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Carmen Joseph Tomatore**
The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **John and Mary Calzi**



Pray For Our Recently Deceased

George F. Reilly, Ralph Cipriani and Angela Trucks

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 Tesauo, 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.



Please welcome the newly Baptized members
of our parish family:

**Isla Victoria Duke
Xander Angelo DeGuia Garcia
Lucy Josephina Richnchi**

Adoration

of the
Blessed Sacrament



Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping Jesus Christ, His real presence, in front of the consecrated Eucharist or Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a time for silent prayer. It may be time to read spiritual material, pray a Rosary or other devotion, meditate with Scripture or simply - sit in the presence of the Lord. *We "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist.* By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be. The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed:

Monday 8:00am – 5:00pm

and

Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Please call Andrea Remlin at 203-227-5477 to sign up for a half or an hour with the Lord.

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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, November 23rd

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Cyrus

Sunday, November 24th

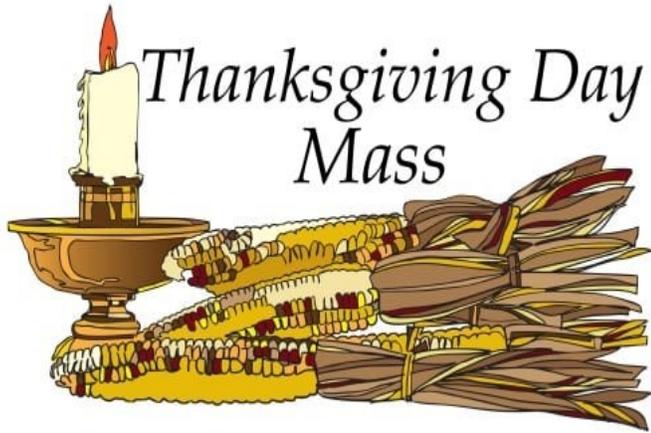
7:30 am Fr. Cyrus

9:00 am Fr. Cyrus

10:30 am Fr. Augustine

12:00 pm Monsignor Shea

5:00 pm Fr. Cyrus



Thanksgiving Day Mass

***We gather in Thanksgiving for
the blessings we have received.
Join us for Mass
Thursday, November 28th
at 7:30am & 9:00am***

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY

Your generosity and kindness warmed not only the hearts but the bodies of our brothers and sisters in Christ. There were 52 new blankets distributed among Gillespie (Westport), Dorothy Day (Danbury) and women veterans (Wilton) shelters. Approximately 45 gently used blankets of various sizes were given to Open Door and Child Guidance, both in Norwalk, where they help families in need.



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Pope Francis Food Closet

The Food Closet is currently in need of:

**PASTA SAUCE, CANNED VEGETABLES
COFFEE, SUGAR, FLOUR, CANNED SOUPS,
CRACKERS, COOKIES and SNACKS**

No donation is ever too small!

All the families we assist each month are grateful to you and your support of the Food Closet.

A special Thank You to the anonymous donor for all the food deliveries we receive from Amazon.

Advent Angels



Sponsored by the Social Concerns Ministry

Please choose a Christmas Angel from the trees. Each Angel's color identifies the requesting charity/agency in need. Therefore it is important the angel be taped to the gift.

As in the past, all of the gifts will be given to charities, agencies and individuals who are in need. Please return your gifts to the truck in the parking lot on the weekend of December 14 & 15.

Please note, the truck leaves the Assumption parking lot for deliveries at 12:30pm Sunday, December 15th.

A Note Regarding Gift Cards:

Some of our parishioners asked why we request so many gift cards. We want to assure you they are very much needed and welcomed. Several of our recipients specifically request gift cards. Many of the parents of the children request gift cards so they can purchase what the children/family need(s) most. Other gift cards will be distributed to individuals who come to Assumption for assistance to help them with their daily needs. Having gift cards enables them to purchase what they wish.

Please make every effort to get the gifts to us by the due date (December 14/15.) If you cannot deliver the gifts the weekend of the collection, you may drop them off at the Rectory during working hours. We want everyone who requested a gift to receive it before Christmas. Delivering the gifts on time assures the recipients are not disappointed and will experience the joy of receiving on Christmas day.

*Thank you for your generosity.
If you have questions, please call
Connie at (203) 852-9937*

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR **Saturday and Sunday** **(December 7 & 8)**

It takes a while to get ready for our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR.

We have many ways you can help support this parish event. Many parishioners inquire how they can help. Some donate their hand crafted items, some are vendors, some donate their time at the booths, some set up or clean up, some donate pre-owned jewelry, some sponsor a booth.

All our Religious Education families contribute to the creation of extraordinary and beautiful THEME BASKETS for the Silent Auction. Let's all help Assumption's Christmas Fair be a huge success!

The Re-New Boutique



Jewelry & Silk Scarves

We will accept any kind of jewelry and gently used or new scarves.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR **Sponsors**

We are looking for parish families, organizations or businesses to SPONSOR our Christmas Fair. We will display a sign with your name in the bulletin, at the fair and on the parish website. It costs \$100.00 minimally, *sponsors are always welcome to donate more if they wish.*

To be a sponsor, volunteer or donate please contact

Cathy Romano at 203-226-5448 or
cromano@assumptionwestport.org



Christmas **Senior Luncheon** **Wednesday, December 11th**

Join us for the 12:00 noon
mass followed by lunch
in McGrath Hall

Please RSVP to the Parish Office
203-227-5161
by Monday, December 9th

Join the **Youth** **Choir!**



Weekly rehearsals are
Thursday afternoons from
4:00pm—5:00pm

The choir will participate at the 9:00am mass once a month.

If you have an interested 3rd grader or older, please contact
Cid Kettles at
ckettles@assumptionwestport.org

Day of Recollection at Enders Island

Last Saturday, more than 20 parishioners and friends spent the day at Enders Island in Mystic, CT. Fr. Brian Mullady, OP was the keynote speaker discussing Growth in Prayer. He also celebrated mass and gave a beautiful homily on the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Lateran. Everyone had a wonderful and spiritual day.



Assumption Youth High School and Middle School groups spent time making scarves to help keep the less fortunate warm this winter. As always there was plenty of time for fun and socializing.



2019 - 2020 Pastoral Council Members

The Pastoral Council and Finance Council consults with the pastor in the spiritual, financial and social affairs of the parish in operation and management.

The pastor and the councils strives to ensure that the pastoral needs of the parish are met. These include Word, Worship, Community and Service. The pastor and councils enable and encourage the broadest participation of parishioners in evangelizing, both within the parish and the larger community. It accepts the responsibility of hearing all voices in seeking to discern the will of God in the local community using scripture and the voice of the Church as their guide.

Finance Council 2019 - 2020

Michael O'Loughlin, *Chair*

Pastoral Council 2019 - 2020

Joe Malaterra, *Chair*
Nancy Axthelm, *Trustee*
George Bory, *Trustee*
Gracemary Avitabile
Thomas Bonaventura
Anthony Buono
Sarah Corneck (*Teen Representative*)
Thomas Devine
Juany Fumai
John LoRusso
Mori Hans-Lemus
William Macnamara
Michele Harding
Michelle Hopson
Dominik Kulis (*Teen Representative*)
Frank Matto
Catherine Romano

“Ever loving God,
You gather us together
at Church of the Assumption,
to carry the Gospel of Christ to all people.
Bless the members of the finance
and parish councils.
Let your spirit enlighten their minds
and guide all their actions
that they may be renewed in faith,
united in love, and bring to fulfillment the
work of your church,
to your greater honor and glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



November 10, 2019 Sunday Offertory \$7,158

**Next weekend's Second Collection is for
Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

*Have you supported the 2019
Annual Catholic Appeal?*

If not - it's not too late! We are \$35,489 from our goal. Thank you to all of the families who have already pledged. Your generosity and contribution to our church provides comfort and hope to those in times of need.



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



Our Church of the Assumption **Parish Prayer Ministry** is a network of members who are praying for you and your intentions. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or a special intention, please contact **Liz Lazarou** at lizlazarou@optonline.net or **Betty Copersino** at 203-226-6702

Please leave a message with the first name of the person you would like to pray for and the prayer request or intention (*last names are permitted for the deceased only*). Your intentions will be forwarded to our network. If you are interested in joining the prayer network, please contact Liz or Betty for more details.