

# 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.

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### 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](http://www.assumptionwestport.org)

# Church of the Assumption

## Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2019



### CLERGY

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, Pastor

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Msgr. Richard Shea (Weekend Help)

### PARISH STAFF

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### SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY (203-227-5161 ext. 105)

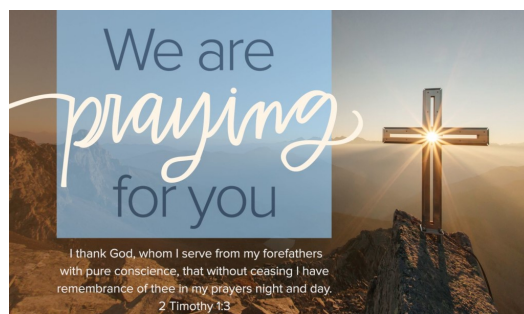
Frank Matto, Director and Organist

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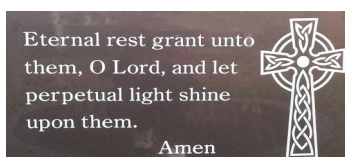
Cidalia Kettles, Youth Choir

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<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b> Bishop and Doctor of the Church Barbara Bouton Sue Lebrija
7:30am	
5:00pm	
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30am	John Santella Family
9:00am	Eric Mockler
10:30am	Josephine and Dominic Pellicano
12:00pm	Rosaria Vento
5:00pm	Family of Assumption
<b>Monday, December 9</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
7:30am	Augustus Matie Jr.
12:15pm	Max Dobler
5:30pm	For the intentions of the El Shaddai community
<b>Tuesday, December 10</b>	<b>Blessed Adolph Kolping Priest</b>
7:30am	Mary and Peter Swank
<b>Wednesday, December 11</b>	<b>St. Damasus I Pope</b>
7:30am	Tim Currie
<b>Thursday, December 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
7:30am	Sylvia Bell
<b>Friday, December 13</b>	<b>St. Lucy Martyr</b>
7:30am	Harry Engel
<b>Saturday, December 14</b>	<b>St. John of the Cross</b>
7:30am	Priest and Doctor of the Church
5:00pm	Jerald Ryan
	Rev. Philip T. Morrissey
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30am	Raymond and Mary Ferri
9:00am	Betty Caprio
10:30am	Jospeh Cabral
12:00pm	Stephen Barrett
5:00pm	Family of Assumption



**Pray For Our Recently Deceased**  
Winifred McKenna and Rocco Urciuoli

### 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, 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, 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](mailto:bulletin@assumptionwestport.org).**

#### The week of December 7th—December 13th

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Tina LaRusso**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Carol Maniatakis**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **John Lerner**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory of **Stephen Patrick Chacho**

**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.*

**Visitation of the Sick**

I'm a Catholic



Call a Priest

If you, or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, it is important that you identify yourself to the hospital as a Roman Catholic parishioner of Church of the Assumption. Please notify the parish office of your hospitalization, as well. A member of the clergy will only be able to visit if we know you are in a hospital.

**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, December 14th**

5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

**Sunday, December 15th**

7:30 am Fr. Cyrus


9:00 am visiting priest

10:30 am visiting priest

12:00 pm Monsignor Shea

5:00 pm Fr. Cyrus





**Sacred Sounds of  
Christmas  
presented by the  
choir of Church of  
the Assumption**

December 24th, Christmas Eve, the traditional late evening concert, a prelude of sacred music and carols begins at 9:30pm followed by 10:00pm Mass.



**CHRISTMAS** is coming  
and so is the **PAGEANT!**

Presented every year at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Church.

**SIGN-UP DEADLINE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

Look for an email from Church of the Assumption or go to the parish website: [assumptionwestport.org](http://assumptionwestport.org) for the sign up flyer.

Questions? Email Aidan Andrews  
[nadiagz@yahoo.com](mailto:nadiagz@yahoo.com)



**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

**All Are Invited!**

**Blessing of the Crèche,  
Christmas Tree Lighting,  
Caroling and  
Open House at the Rectory for  
Holiday Cheer and Fellowship.  
Sunday, December 15, 2019**



Join us at the conclusion of the  
5:00pm Mass  
we will bless the Crèche, ceremoniously  
light the Christmas Tree, and sing carols as  
we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

*"Prepare the way of the Lord." Isaiah 40:3  
Advent is a season of prayer and  
reflection followed by anticipation,  
hope and joy!*



*Join us each week at Mass as we light  
another Advent candle in preparation for  
Christmas.*

***Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (not a Holy  
Day of Obligation this year) -  
Monday, December 9th  
7:30am, 12:15pm and 5:30pm Mass*

***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
(Patron Saint of the Americas - not a Holy  
Day of Obligation) -  
Thursday, December 12th  
7:30am Mass*

***Advent Penance Service and  
Individual Confession**  
Tuesday, December 17th  
7:00pm*

*♪ Let every heart prepare him room ♪*

*Advent is a time of preparation  
for the coming of Jesus...  
at Christmas, at the end of time, and  
into our hearts each and every day.*

*Our Parish Advent Penance Service is  
an opportunity to examine our lives,  
go to confession, and prepare our  
heart and soul to receive Jesus at  
Christmas!*

## *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 and/or individual  
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/or individuals who are  
in need. Please return your gifts to the truck in  
the church parking lot on the weekend of  
December 14th and 15th.*

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

*A Note Regarding Gift Cards:*

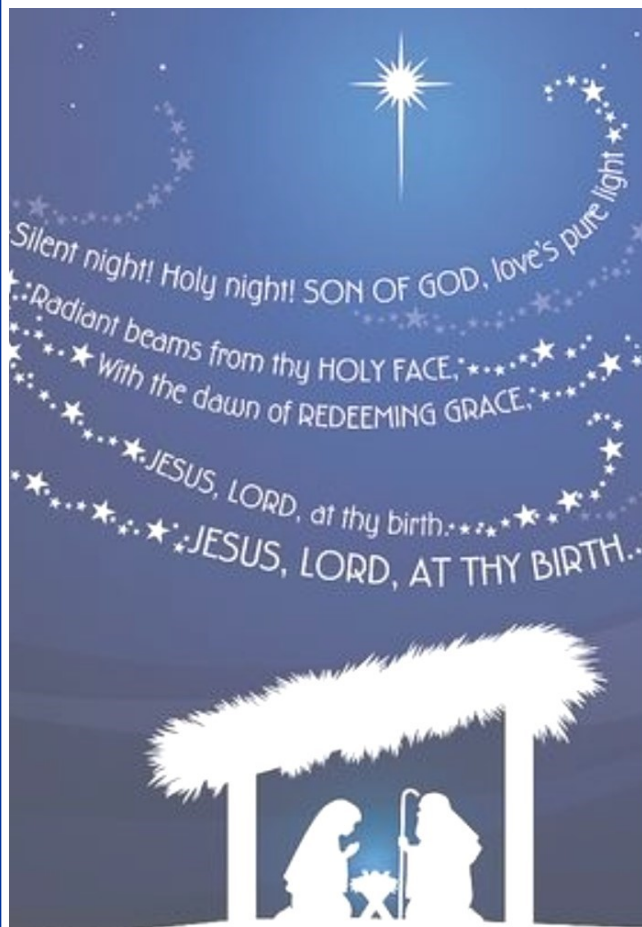
*Some of our parishioners asked why we request  
so many gift cards. We want to assure you they  
are very much needed and welcomed. Several of  
our recipients specifically request gift cards.  
Many of the parents of the children request gift  
cards so they can purchase what the children/  
family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

*Please make every effort to get the gifts to us by the  
due date (December 14th and 15th). If you cannot  
deliver the gifts the weekend of the collection, you  
may drop them off at the Rectory during office hours.  
We want everyone who requested a gift to receive it  
before Christmas Day. 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*



*Celebrate the joy of Christmas  
with your Parish family!*



## *The Nativity of the Lord*

### *Christmas Eve Vigil Masses -*

*Tuesday, December 24, 2019*

*4:00pm Church*

*4:00pm School Gymnasium*

*7:00pm Church*

*10:00pm Church (Sacred Sounds of  
Christmas prelude at 9:30pm)*

### *Christmas Day Masses -*

*Wednesday, December 25, 2019*

*8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm in Church*

*Christmas season*

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph -*

*Sunday, December 29, 2019*

*Regular Mass times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm*

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - holy day of obligation*

*Tuesday December 31, 2019*

*Vigil Mass: 5:30pm*

*Wednesday, January 1, 2020*

*Mass: 7:30am and 12:15pm*

*Epiphany of The Lord - Sunday, January 5, 2020*

*Regular Mass times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm*

*Baptism of The Lord - Sunday, January 12, 2020*

*Regular Mass times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and 5:00pm*

Advent is a season of hope and anticipation.  
You are invited to celebrate the season with a  
Filipino Advent tradition, a nine-day Novena of Masses -

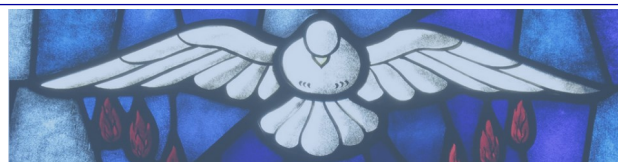
***Simbang Gabi*** - leading up to Christmas Eve.  
The term *novena* is from the Spanish word *nueve*,  
which means nine. These nine Masses represent  
the nine months wherein the Blessed Virgin Mary  
carried Jesus in her womb.

Join us at Church of the Assumption  
as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ!



### ***Simbang Gabi - 2019 Novena Mass schedule***

December 16<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00am



**All 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** There are **NO** morning classes on  
Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. **INSTEAD** please plan to attend  
the 5:00pm Mass and then join your parish community for  
the blessing of the outdoor crèche and lighting of our  
Christmas tree. An Open House with refreshments follows  
in the Rectory.

Plan Ahead: On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm,  
you are invited to our parish Advent Prayer Service and  
Sacrament of Reconciliation. All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and  
their families are urged to attend. We receive the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare our hearts for the  
coming of the Christ Child. *Extra priests will be available  
so that waiting time will be minimal.*

8<sup>th</sup> graders: **SPONSOR FORMS ARE NOW PAST DUE.**  
**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE**  
**SUBMIT YOUR SPONSOR FORM AS SOON AS**  
**POSSIBLE. IF YOU NEED A SPONSOR FORM,**  
**PLEASE DOWNLOAD FROM OUR PARISH**  
**WEBSITE AT [www.assumptionwestport.org](http://www.assumptionwestport.org) under**  
**Religious Education/Confirmation.**

*Come to the Fair  
Church of the Assumption*



*December 7th Saturday 10am - 5pm*

*December 8th Sunday, 8am - 1:30pm*

*in the Parish Hall*



*Local Vendors,  
White Elephant Table,  
Pre-Owned Jewelry,  
Theme Baskets Silent Auction,  
Ornaments, Bake Sale,  
a Visit From Santa  
and much more ...*

*Admission is Free  
complimentary coffee and  
cookies while you shop*

*Stewardship*

*"As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another."  
1 Peter 4:10*

November 24, 2019 Sunday Offertory \$6,257.00

November 24, 2019 2nd collection - Campaign  
for Human Development \$1,269.00

December 1, 2019 Sunday Offertory \$7,956.00



Church of the Assumption

**Pope Francis  
Food Closet**

The Food Closet is currently in need of:

**PASTA SAUCE,  
CANNED VEGETABLES  
COFFEE,  
SUGAR,  
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.*



Online Giving  
from OurSundayVisitor

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](http://www.assumptionwestport.org) and selecting the Online Giving link.