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)

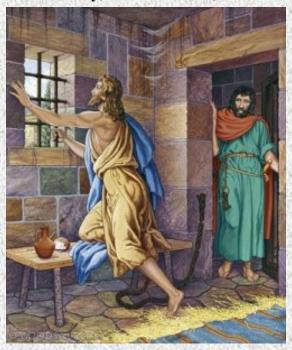
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Church of the Assumption

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday Sunday, December 15, 2019



CLERGY

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Saturday, December 14

St. John of the Cross Priest and Doctor of the Church Jerald Ryan Rev. Philip T. Morrissey

Sunday, December 15

7:30am

5:00pm

3rd Sunday of Advent 7:30am Raymond and Mary Ferri 9:00am Betty Caprio 10:30am Jospeh Cabral 12:00pm Rev. Stephen Barrett Family of Assumption 5:00pm

Monday, December 16

7:30am

Blessed Honoratus Kozminski Tim Romano and family (living)

Tuesday, December 17

7:30am

St. Hildegard of Bingen Rev. Phillip T. Morrissev Church of the Assumption 10th Pastor

Wednesday, December 18

7:30am

Blessed Anthony Grassi Jeffrey J. Bell

Thursday, December 19 Blessed Pope Urban V

7:30am

Nick Thiemann

Friday, December 20

St. Dominic of Silos

7:30am

Priest Carmen Joseph Tornatore

Saturday, December 21

7:30am 5:00pm St. Peter Canisius

Priest and Doctor of the Church Kenny Potter

Frank DeMace

Sunday, December 22

7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Meduri Family Victor Paolantonio Jameson Daniel Conte Florence Gerlach Family of Assumption

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

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Winifred McKenna, Rocco Urciuoli, Rev. Mark A. Connolly and Janusz Zwolinski



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 and Victoria Whalen.

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 week of December 14th—December 20h

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Roselle Como**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

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

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory of The Tuccinardi's

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 Tesauro, 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

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Call a Priest

I'm a Catholic

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.



Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshiping 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 worshiping 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 21st 5:00 pm Vigil Fr. Augustine

Sunday, December 22nd

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

Thank You To All Who Made the Christmas Fair A Success









Thank You to all who worked on the fair. donated to the fair, helped the day of the fair, attended the fair and generously donated their time, talents or treasures in any way.

Special thanks to Santa for spreading the Christmas spirit, to Filomena Carusone



M. Bonnie Axthlem Charitable Foundation

The Coppersino Family

Joann and Charlie French

The Social Concerns Ministry

Karen Como

In Memory: Maria Carusone

Betty Cabral



who with her team baked 30 trays of Italian cookies which flew off the tables, Michele & Tom Harding, Dolly Perce, Brenda Todd, Madeline Fitzgerald, and the Youth Ministry who spent hours preparing before during and after the fair with set up and clean up, June & Krissy Richardson who endlessly sorted jewelry and displayed it beautifully, for our vendors who brought their hand crafted



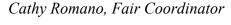
Judy Barry in memory of John Barry Mr. and Mrs. John Peloso Harding Funeral Home items to sell, our fair sponsors, all the families who baked such delicious goodies, our Youth Group who held a



Allegretta Construction LLC raffle for their Mission Trip, to Dennis and Matt our custodians for their help



Commons Management Joe Carpenteri



enjoy themselves in fellowship with each

They are an amazing group of dedicated and creative people who brought a

wonderful spirit to the weekend. It is always a wonderful sight watching people **Dunvilles Restaurant**



Lucille and John Chacho Don and Ann Rully Marci and Carlo Palmer The Lau Family Maryann and Bill Stirling Triple S



setting up and cleaning up.

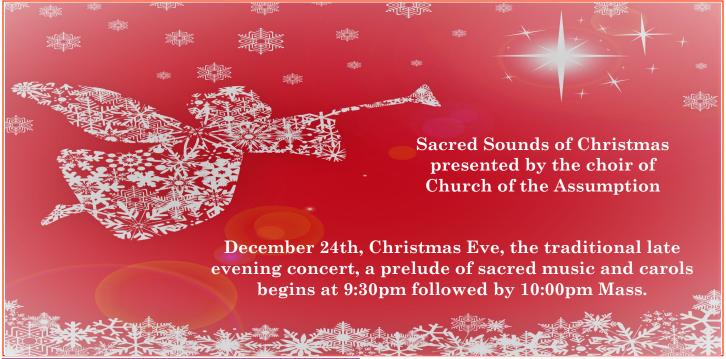




other.







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



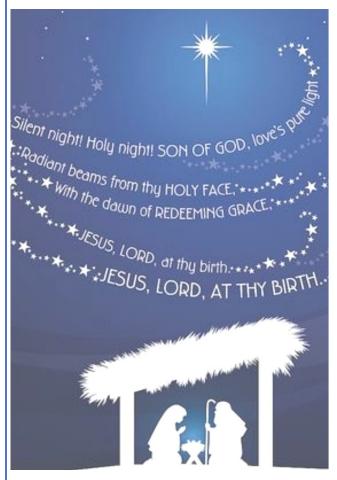
Let every heart prepare him room
 Advent is a time of preparation
 for the coming of Jesus ...
 at Christmas, at the end of time, and
 into our hearts each and every day.

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!



a good will offering will be taken to support the work of the Music Ministry

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 16th through December 23rd December 24th

5:00am

8:00pm



Cathy Romano

Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish by coordinating another wonderful Christmas Fair, the proceeds of which supports Religious Education and Music Ministry. Your time and talent have been a precious gift to our community!

Our Parishioners are the Body of Christ!





During these COLD winter months, many of our sisters and brothers must sleep outside or in crowded shelters.

Please help by donating **NEW OR GENTLY USED CLEAN**

Sweater, coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.

January 4, 2020—January 31, 2020 There will be boxes located at the entrances of the Church for your donations. All items will be distributed as they are received.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Social Concerns Ministry







Merry Christmas from Knights of Columbus Westport Council No. 3688



December 8, 2019 Sunday Offertory \$7,615.00

December 8, 2019 2nd collection Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,833.00

Have you supported the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal?

If not - it's not too late! We are \$34,589 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.



May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the new year!

The parish office holiday hours:

Monday, December 23, 2019 - 8:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - closed
Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - closed
Thursday, December 26, 2019 - closed
Friday, December 27, 2019 - 8:30am - noon
Monday, December 30, 2019 - 8:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 8:30am - noon
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - closed
Thursday, January 2, 2020 - normal hours resume



Online contributions may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online contributions are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year. You can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time by contacting the Parish Office. Sign up by visiting www.assumptionwestport.org.

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