

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,
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:

Second and fourth Sunday at 1:00pm.
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

The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2020



CLERGY

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Saturday, February 1

7:30am Phyllis Wentworth
5:00pm Marianne Savarese

Sunday, February 2

7:30am Ilse Herman
9:00am Anna Callahan
10:30am George Reilly
12:00pm Jeff Bell
5:00pm Burke & Surette Family

Monday, February 3

7:30am Marion E. Visconti

Tuesday, February 4

7:30am Maureen Cummings

Wednesday, February 5

7:30am Joan Murphy Potts

Thursday, February 6

7:30am Trish Lawrence

Friday, February 7

7:30am Elevterio Buan

Saturday, February 8

7:30am John Carroll
5:00pm Pablo Aviles

Sunday, February 9

7:30am Maria Carusone
9:00am Diodata Izzo
10:30am John & Rose Palmer
12:00pm Angela Trucks
5:00pm Family of Assumption

Pray for the Sick

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

Catherine Alter, Meghan Andrews, 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, Michael Cole, Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie & Howard Danner, Nicholas DeMatteo, Amanda DeRosa, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Angela Farriacielli, Charlie French, Peter Gakos, 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, TerryAnn McDonald, Helen Maggio, 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, Kazime Seckin, Greg Strauss, Cheri Travis, Carl Viesti, Pat Viesti, Jean Wanat, Lee Watkins, Paula Weltens, 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 candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Maria Carusone**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Rocco Urciuoli**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **Dominic & Elvira Lener**

The candles at the Altar burn in loving memory of **Dorothy Matto**

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Karen Backus, Ed Gargiulo, Cynthia Mackie, Dorothy Matto, Eileen McCabe, Phyllis Wentworth and Joseph Williams

May they rest in peace.

**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

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
**Mondays and Wednesdays from
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, February 8, 2020

5:00 pm Fr. Cyrus

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:30 am Fr. Augustine
9:00 am Msgr. Shea
10:30 am Fr. Nielsen
12:00 pm Fr. Nielsen
5:00 pm Fr. Cyrus

Blessing of the Throats **This weekend**



In observance of St. Blaise's feast day on February 3rd, our Parish Priests will offer a blessing of the throats after all weekend Masses on February 1st and 2nd.

All are invited to come forward after Mass to receive this special blessing.

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.

All are welcome to join us Wednesdays,
3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Beard Room
at Roncalli House

*(The parish center at the Lincoln Street
end of the parking lot).*

Helen Thiemann 203-227-6318

helenctman@gmail.com

Come Celebrate!

Saturday, February 8
@ 2:00 pm

All, especially the sick, the frail and the handicapped are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Mass will be celebrated and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered.

Refreshments will follow.

Welcome begins at 1:30 pm

Mass celebrated @ 2:00 pm

St. Aloysius Church, Cherry Street, New Canaan

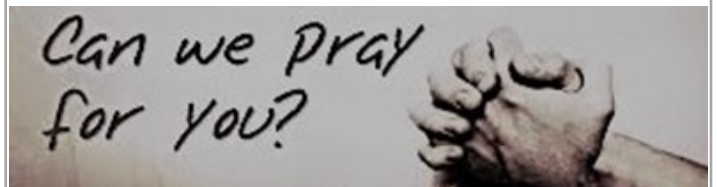
Anointing After Mass **Next weekend**



February 11th is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thousands of people travel to France every year to receive her special gift of healing.

In observance of her feast day, our Parish Priests at Assumption will offer that same gift of healing after all weekend Masses on **February 8th and 9th** for all physical ailments, worries, concerns, hurts and suffering anyone may be experiencing.

The Priests will anoint the forehead and hands of each person with holy oils as he/she approaches the altar and pray the person receive the gift of healing. All are invited to come forward to receive this special grace.



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.

Fr. Cyrus Blesses Bibles



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has instituted the *Sunday of the Word of God* to be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study it as a regular part of our lives.

Sick and Homebound Visitation

We are a parish family. The priests and laity who bring Holy Communion are delighted to share with you the Body of Christ. If one of the priests visits, he can also share Sacramental Absolution and the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick (Holy Oils).

We need your help. When you or a family member is sick at home, whether for a short period, home with a chronic illness, or simply homebound, we are happy to visit. You can help us by calling the parish office 203-227-5161 so we can schedule a visit at your convenience.

The Anointing of the Sick is not just for life threatening illness but for any illness—cancer, pre-surgery, depression... The sacrament is for the sick and prays for healing. It is not Last Rites or Extreme Unction. We look forward to visiting you.

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Pope Francis Food Closet

The Food Closet is currently in need of:

**CRACKERS
PASTA SAUCE
CANNED VEGETABLES
COFFEE
SUGAR
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.



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.

Join Us For
**Palms To Ashes
Ceremony**

After the 5pm Mass
Saturday, February 22nd
before we go to Mardi Gras



This year we wanted to reinforce the origin and symbolism of the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. It makes Ash Wednesday a little more real and it brings us back to last year's Palm Sunday - the triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then going immediately into the Passion. We have absolute joy on Palm Sunday and we use these same things (palms burned to ashes) to show repentance and the need for salvation the following Ash Wednesday. The ashes are produced by burning the palms which were blessed during the previous year's celebration of Palm Sunday.

We ask you to bring last years palms to the church to be thrown into the fire. There will be baskets at the church doors for the palms.



Everyone is Invited



Pre-Lenten



Saturday, February 22

6:00pm (school hall)

DJ, Games, Fun & Fellowship

Admission - Bring a potluck dish to share



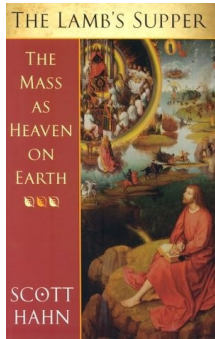
RSVP by February 17th

203-226-5448 or

cromano@assumptionestport.org



Assumption Book Group



We extend a warm invitation and welcome to anyone who would enjoy reading and discussing a book to enrich and deepen your love and appreciation of the Mass and the Eucharist. It is an informal, informative and friendly gathering. This selection promises to benefit our Lenten journey towards the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

THE LAMB'S SUPPER, the Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hahn. Scott Hahn enlists his knowledge of Scripture, using clear approachable language, to enable us "to see the Mass with new eyes, pray the liturgy with a renewed heart and enter the Mass more fully, enthusiastically, intelligently and powerfully than ever before."

We will meet weekly for 8 Wednesdays beginning the 5th of February from 1-3pm @ Roncalli House (Parish Center)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information please phone: Helen Thiemann at (203) 227-6318 or email at helenctman@gmail.com

2019 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the 2019 tax year were mailed to all parishioners who donated \$250.00 or more to the parish. The statements will also include donations for masses, flowers, and candles booked in 2019. On your contribution statement they will be listed as "Mass and Prayer Intentions."

If you do not receive a statement, or you made a contribution of less than \$250.00 and wish to receive one, please call the Parish Office at (203) 227-5161 or email mhankey@assumptionwestport.org and we will be happy to mail it to you.



**January 26, 2020 Sunday Offertory
\$6,198.00**

**Church in Latin America
\$1,936.70**

Thank you for your continued generosity!



**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



**Knights of Columbus
Westport Council
No. 3688**

Join us at 7:30pm the first Tuesday of each month in Roncalli House.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please contact Bill Macnamara at billmacnamara@outlook.com