

Welcome!

Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Phases 2 Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am

9:00am

11:00pm

4:30pm

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 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Sundays at 1:00pm

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

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 for the month of July)

Parish Office Address and Telephone:

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WEBSITE:

www.assumptionwestport.org

Church of the Assumption

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, Pastor

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

Frank Matto, Director and Organist

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Aidan Andrews, Cantor



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25	St. James
7:30am	Ross Colletti
5:00pm (Vigil)	Dorothy Matto
Sunday, July 26	St. Joachim, St. Anne
7:30am	Mary Valiante
9:00am	John P. Slevin
10:30am	Bill Durdach
12:00pm	Anna Tartarone
5:00pm	Donna Paoletti
Monday, July 27	St. Pantaleon
7:30am	Finola O'Donneld
Tuesday, July 28	St. Samson, St. Victor
7:30am	Miles Stoby
Wednesday, July 29	St. Martha
7:30am	Raymond Claudio
Thursday, July 30	St. Peter Chrysologus
7:30am	Veronique Angus
Friday, July 31	St. Ignatius of Loyola
7:30am	Angus Family (Living)
Saturday, August 1	St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori
7:30am	David DeSimone
5:00pm (Vigil)	John Anastasia
Sunday, August 2	St. Peter Julian Eymard
7:30am	Jon-Alec Chervin
9:00am	John Anastasia
10:30am	Andrew Avitabile
12:00pm	Fr. Joseph Daly
5:00pm	Family of Assumption

**All scheduled Sunday Mass Intentions will be read
at all Sunday masses.**

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Charles Heiser, Thomas Leyden,
Brandon Carner, Danielle Murrugarra,
Lily Derwin, Peter Izzo

May they rest in peace.

In Loving Memory

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of
Fred & Shirley D'Auito

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of
Miriam French

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
John & Rose Palmer

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of
Charles Heiser

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of
David Ellison



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, Mitza Arena, 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 Farricielli, Charlie French, Peter Gakos, Barbara Gentile, Diane & Anthony Gilbertie, Guy Giordano, Elisabeth Grein, Wilfried Grein, Bill Guzewicz, Katarina Hale, Frances Casey Hansen, Jane Hawley, Sean Healy, 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, Caitlyn Llorens, Owen Llorens, Sean Llorens, Michelle Lombardi, Frank Machi, TerryAnn McDonald, Helen Maggio, Gabriella McCrae, Clarissa Moore, Estelle Murray, Denise Murtha, Lisa O'Connor, Donna Olsen, Lisa Orr, Kevin Palaez, 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
mhankey@assumptionwestport.org**



Parish Prayer Ministry is a network of members who pray 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 (*last names are permitted for the deceased only*). Your intentions will be forwarded to the network. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Network, please contact Liz or Betty for more details.



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

SGT Randy Ackerman, US Army
L.Cpl. Durry Becker, USMC
Matthew Bradstock, US Army
James Branson, USN
Lt. Griffin Burke, USN
1LT Andrew Chappo, US Army
Tony Cuseo, USMC
Ryan J. David, USN
2LT 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
2LT Karl Kuechenmeister
Cpl. Michael Linnen, USMC
1LT Lyle Regalado, US Army
Sgt. Andre Mercado-Divoff
SPC 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
CPT 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.***

Adoration & Daily Rosary

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
Monday and Wednesday
8:00am – 5:00pm

Please call Andrea Remlin 203-227-5477 if you would like to take ½ - 1 hour of Adoration. Private daily Rosary for Peace 7:30am - 5:00pm.



NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

During this time of uncertainty in our society and in our nation, we realize that some of you may want to speak with the clergy. If you would like to speak over the phone or meet in person with Fr. Cyrus or Deacon Bill, please call the parish office at 203-227-5161 or email directly at:

frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org or
dnkoniers@assumptionwestport.org

Phase 2:

Mass inside the Church Mass Schedule for Phase 2

Weekday:	Monday - Saturday - 7:30am
Confessions:	Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm
Saturday Vigil:	4:30pm
Sunday:	7:00am (reserved for Seniors), 9:00am, 11:00am and 4:30pm

Please visit www.assumptionwestport.org
to reserve a seat.

A maximum of 100 people (50 upstairs and 50 downstairs in McGrath Hall) at each mass by reservation. Please wear your facemask. If you forget or do not have a one we will provide a disposal facemask in a ziplock together with gloves and hand sanitizing pads for your safety and the safety of others. For reservations and more information regarding the guidelines please visit the website.

PLEASE NOTE: The schedule for Mass times are designed to make sure there is enough time to sanitize and disinfect the building (pews, doors knobs, etc.) after each Mass. We ask you to please be patient as we try to make sure your safety and the safety of others are observed. During the celebration of Masses the church's restrooms will be CLOSED.

All masses will continue to be live-streamed & available for replay through the parish website
www.assumptionwestport.org



Weekly Offertory: July 19, 2020

Sunday Offertory	\$ 5,224.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 4,702.00</u>
	\$ 9,926.00

Thank you to all of the parishioners who have continued sending in their weekly offertory either at mass, by mail or through Online Giving. Your contributions help support the parish and all of the outreach ministries that are in need during this crisis. If you would like to donate through **Online Giving** please visit our website at www.assumptionwestport.org It's easy, safe and convenient. Thank you again for your ongoing support. God Bless!

Fr. Cyrus

Diocese of Bridgeport 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



THANK YOU to all who have donated to the **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**. We have received \$86,889 (52.42%) towards our \$165,750 goal. Your donations help many charitable organizations and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

PROJECT BELOVED

Project Beloved is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-open medical practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: Family Practice Physician (FT or PT), Nurse Practitioner (FT or PT), Medical Assistant (FT), and Receptionist (FT). Project Beloved Inc., is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please visit www.projectbeloved.co to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: info@projectbeloved.co



WE STAND WITH CHRIST

A Special Thank you

We thank all of our parishioners who have made a pledge to the **We Stand With Christ Campaign** and we would like to invite those who have not yet made a pledge to do so, if possible, at this time. Your generosity to We Stand With Christ will enable the following projects to be completed at our parish:

- Repair Burr Road sidewalks - *completed!*
- Renovations of McGrath Hall
- Refurbish & Restore Church Steeples
- Faith Formation initiatives and support of charitable organizations.

As our pledge collection period continues, please mail your payments to the Campaign Office at: We Stand With Christ Diocese of Bridgeport, P.O. Box 158, Kensington, CT 06037 or you can also visit www.givecentral.org/wswc to set up your account online. If you have any questions about your pledge or payments, you may contact the Campaign Office at 203-648-9050.

If you have any questions about the campaign or would like to speak with me about your pledge, please contact me at the parish office and I will be happy to schedule a time to meet with you. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Cyrus



ASSUMPTION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SUMMER SESSION

We would like to welcome all women from the parish to join our exciting new bible study program called "Walking with Purpose." **We meet on Monday evenings 7:30pm - 8:30pm via Zoom and will run for six weeks.** All women are welcome to join in at any time during the sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your prayer life, grow closer to the Lord, learn more about the word of God and connect with other women from Assumption! For more information and to register for the summer sessions please contact Joyce Sixsmith at joyce.sixsmith@gmail.com.

The Placement of the Tabernacle

As announced at all masses last weekend, we are planning to move the tabernacle from the side altar to the center of the sanctuary. The Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils were informed and the project was approved by the bishop.

Why is this change being made?

1. The *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* (no. 276) states that the Tabernacle should be placed in a location in the Church that is prominent. The current location of the tabernacle, while beautiful, is not prominent. In fact, the celebrant's chair is currently more prominent. The presider at Mass should not be in a position that is more prominent than our Lord in the Eucharist.
2. Placing the Eucharist at the center of the sanctuary is a visible reminder that when we gather as a parish community for the celebration of the Eucharist (which Vatican II calls the "source and summit of our lives"), our Lord Jesus is the center of our worship. Our gathering for prayer does not revolve around the celebrant but instead around Jesus. The tabernacle then, should have that place of prominence.
3. When our church was originally built, the tabernacle was in the center of the sanctuary. Moving the tabernacle back is a restoration of the original plan and architectural design of the church.

Some other Frequently asked questions:

1. How much is this going to cost? The tabernacle will simply be picked up and moved. A new pedestal will be installed for the tabernacle to be placed upon. The statue of the Blessed Mother that was donated to our church a few months ago will be put on the pedestal where the tabernacle is currently located right now. A parishioner has generously donated funds to cover the cost of this simple project.
2. Was anyone consulted? Yes. The Parish Council and the Finance Council along with parish staff. Finally, the Diocesan Sacred Arts Committee approved the plan.
3. What should I do now when I enter the Church as a sign of reverence? The customary reverence is to genuflect on one knee (the right knee) toward the tabernacle whenever one passes in front of it or before entering your pew. If genuflecting is difficult for physical reasons, a reverent bow is appropriate.
4. What do the red candles mean? The red candles burn as vigil lights, indicating that the Blessed Sacrament is present in the tabernacle.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP

Members of the Assumption Youth Group spent the week volunteering at the Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse Summer Camp at Bridgeport's Veterans Park. The organization provides a free camp which teaches lacrosse, team building, nutrition and more to children in the area who do not have access to typical summer camps.



Interested in becoming a part of our faith family?
Have you changed your cell phone or email address?
Please contact the Parish Office 203-227-5161 or
email mhankey@assumptionwestport.org for
a registration form or to update
your contact information.