

Welcome!

Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Phase II Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am (Seniors)
9:00am
11:00pm
4:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 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

Parish Office Address and Telephone:

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Church of the Assumption

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020



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MASS INTENTIONS

Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule During Phase II

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00pm, 4:30pm

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

Saturday, November 28

7:30am Special Intention
5:00pm (Vigil) Jerry & Angie Tuccinardi

Sunday, November 29

7:30am Susan Creery
9:00am Family of Assumption
10:30am Joseph Cabral
12:00pm Margaret Macnamara
5:00pm John Anastasia

Monday, November 30

7:30am **St. Andrew, Apostle**
Sr. Catherine Sheehy

Tuesday, December 1

7:30am Special Intention

Wednesday, December 2

7:30am Bridget Dooley

Thursday, December 3

7:30am **St. Francis Xavier**
Diane Mistero

Friday, December 4

7:30am Andre Lucas

Saturday, December 5

7:30am Anne Marie Macnamara
5:00pm (Vigil) The DeMaria Family

Sunday, December 6

7:30am Family of Assumption
9:00am Helen Kaestner
10:30am Mary Connolly
12:00pm Andrew Accardi
5:00pm Anthony & Angelina Manere

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

**Josephine Berardi, Pamela Powers, Eliane Tuccinardi,
Fr. Roy Henderson, Constance Ippolito, Joan
Harrington Schwartz, Patricia Rodgers, William
Delaney, William DePalma, Sr. Catherine Sheehy, RSM**

May they rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of
Henry O'Neill

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of
Barbara Bouton

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
Anthony Pirone

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of
Carmen & Joseph Tornatore

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of
John & Rita Calzi



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, Rose Heiser, 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**



Weekly Offertory: November 22, 2020

Due to early submission of the bulletin, (publisher holiday schedule) last weekend's offertory will be available in next weeks bulletin.

Thank you to all the parishioners who contribute their weekly offering 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 these times. 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

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**. Your generosity will enable the following projects to be completed at Assumption:

- Renovation of McGrath Hall
- Refurbish & Restore Church Steeples
- Faith Formation initiatives and support of charitable organizations.

Our pledge collection is ongoing! 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 may 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 would like to speak with me about the campaign or your pledge, please call the parish office. Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Cyrus

COVID TESTING AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

COVID-19 testing is available by appointment at the Catholic Center in Bridgeport. Progressive Diagnostics is offering testing Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. To schedule an appointment please visit www.progressive-diagnostics.com/c19testing

Testing is also available through Hartford Healthcare. They can be reached at (860) 972 - 8100. **Stay Safe!**

PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Please pray for all those who are bravely defending our nation and especially pray for those who have been wounded or have sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace.



Assumption Bereavement Group

"Blessed are they who mourn...they shall be comforted."

Grief is a painful, complex and complicated process for each who experiences the loss of a loved one. Come share, grieve and heal with others at our group. We meet weekly (all safety requirements met) on Thursdays from 3-5pm in McGrath Hall. For more information, contact **Helen Thiemann** at (203) 227-6318 or email at helenctmann@gmail.com



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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SESSION Round 2

Please join us for Round 2 of our bible study program **Walking with Purpose**, entitled "Keeping in Balance". **We meet on Monday evenings 7:30pm - 8:30pm via Zoom.** For more information and to register for sessions please contact Joyce Sixsmith at joyce.sixsmith@gmail.com

Mary's Mantel

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Come join us in McGrath Hall—no experience necessary! We will teach you how to knit or crochet! This ministry is intended to be a reminder of God's ever present love which is as near to you as your own body is to your spirit. The shawls are for any time and every occasion - - joyful or sorrowful. For more information or if you know someone who would like a shawl, please contact Cathy Romano at 203-226-5448 or email her at cromano@assumptionwestport.org We follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing.

Interested in becoming a part of our faith family?

Please visit the parish website at www.assumptionwestport.org to complete the online parish registration form or call the parish office at 203-227-5161.

Welcome to Assumption Church!

Sponsor Our Blessing of the Crèche & Tree Lighting

We are looking for parish families, organizations or businesses to SPONSOR our Advent Celebration.

In the past, many of you have sponsored our Annual Christmas Fair but due to the virus we are unable to hold the fair. Instead we are planning to have an outdoor event.

Sponsoring costs \$100 minimally, but you are always welcome to donate more if they wish. Checks are made payable to Church of the Assumption, and please indicate in the memo line "Advent Sponsor". You may mail your check, or drop off in the offertory basket or at the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

The event will be:

**Sunday, December 13th
Outside after the 4:30pm Mass.**

Jr's Food Truck

will be providing Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Hot Tomato Soup, Hot Chocolate and Dessert.

Santa will be there too!

We will follow all the CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing.



Religious Education & Confirmation Toy Drive

The Religious Ed. & Confirmation programs are holding a Toy Drive to help parishioners of St. Charles Church in Bridgeport. This project will help young people recognize how they are encountering the presence of Jesus in those they serve. We are asking for children's gifts worth at least \$10. Please ensure that all gifts are new and unwrapped.

Please bring your donations to the Religious Ed. office any time from
Now to December 6th

There are bins on the front porch at the Roncalli Building (44 Lincoln St.)

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Religious Education

All Religious Education classes will be Online for the remainder of 2020

In-person Religious Ed. classes for grades 2 thru 8 have been suspended for the remainder of the year. Given that there has been a rise in COVID cases, it was decided to move class online for the remainder of 2020. We will closely monitor the situation in the next month mindful of guidelines and restrictions set forth by the State of Ct. and the Diocese of Bridgeport. All families with children enrolled in in-person classes will be e-mailed as to our plans moving forward. Please contact Cathy Romano cromano@assumptionwestport.org or Marie Vandall mvandall@assumptionwestport.org if you have any questions or concerns during this time.



A Message from the Advent Angels

A letter from the Advent Angels have been mailed explaining why there are no angel requests on the trees this year in the church.

Nonetheless, the pandemic won't stop us from helping our neighbors. Please open your hearts, as

you have always done, and consider offering a donation either by check or gift cards from Walmart, Visa or Stop & Shop and return them to Assumption Church.

If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Assumption Church and indicate in the memo line "Advent Angels". You may mail, drop in the offertory basket or at the Parish office.

If you purchased gift cards, please drop them in the offertory basket at mass or at Parish office (Please do not mail).

Please return your donations no later than the weekend of DECEMBER 5TH AND 6TH.

This will give us time to distribute to those in need, so they will have a Merry Christmas!

Blessed Advent, Joyous Christmas, Advent Angels!

The Social Concerns Ministry

ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP

If your 7th -12th grader is interested in serving those in need, making new friends and having fun please contact Assumption Youth Minister, Michele Harding at mharding@assumptionwestport.org