

# 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:

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



## CLERGY

Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, Pastor

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Fr. Augustine Nguyen (Weekday Assistant)

Msgr. Richard Shea (Weekend Assistant)

Fr. Frank Hoffman (In Residence)

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Dennis Stypinski, Parish Custodian

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## YOUTH MINISTRY (203-222-8486)

Michele Harding, Youth Minister

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Frank Matto, Director and Organist

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Aidan Andrews, Cantor

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule During Phase II

**Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm**

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

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

#### **Saturday, December 5**

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

#### **Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent**

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

#### **Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose**

7:30am Margarita Menendez  
5:30pm Vigil Patrick Brady

#### **Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

7:30am Peter & Mary Swank  
12:15pm Edoardo Porzio (Living)  
5:30pm Ben Jorgensen

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

7:30am Ron Sanderleaf

#### **Thursday, December 10**

7:30am Dominick Pellicano

#### **Friday, December 11**

7:30am Vincent Brady

#### **Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:30am John Walsh  
5:00pm (Vigil) Shirley D'Aiuto

#### **Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30am John Barry  
9:00am Sue Lebrija  
10:30am Harry Engel  
12:00pm Fr. Stephen Barrett  
5:00pm Family of the Assumption

### **Pray For Our Recently Deceased**

**Angela Farricielli, Josephine Berardi, Pamela Powers,  
Eliane Tuccinardi, Fr. Roy Henderson,  
Constance Ippolito  
May they rest in peace.**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of  
**Angela Farricielli**

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of  
**John Moran**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of  
**Christopher Bertoldo**

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of  
**Josephine Berardi**

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



### **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, John di Zerega, 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, Elizabeth Petretta, 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, Maryann Stypinski, 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**

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,014.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 3,904.00</b>
	<b>\$ 9,918.00</b>

**November 29, 2020**

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 3,923.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 4,205.00</b>
	<b>\$ 8,128.00</b>

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.progressive-diagnostics.com/c19testing)

Testing is also available through Hartford Healthcare. They can be reached at **(860) 972 - 8100. Please 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](mailto:helenctmann@gmail.com)



### **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](mailto:joyce.sixsmith@gmail.com)



## A Message from the Advent Angels

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

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 this weekend, 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*



**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](mailto: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.

## Outdoor Blessing of the Crèche & Tree Lighting Celebration

**Next Sunday, Dec. 13th  
5:30pm (after the 4:30pm Mass)**

Join your Assumption friends and family for a festive event as we move closer to Christmas. We want to spread a little joy during this third week of Advent. We will be gathering outside on the church lawn to light the Christmas tree and bless the Crèche.

### **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.

To help keep you warm we have rented outdoor heaters, so come and celebrate. Don't forget to remember to dress warm.

We hope you can join us for this festive, parish tradition.

## Mary's Mantel

The knitting gatherings are suspended until further notice. All of the Knitters are still working hard at home. If you know of someone who would like a shawl contact Cathy Romano at [cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org)

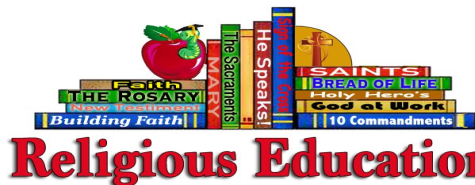
## Thank You for a Successful Toy Drive

Thank you to all of the Religious Ed. families who completed their November and December Service project. They donated toys to the children of St. Charles Church in Bridgeport.

Also, a big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donation of stuffed animals. Through the generosity of our families and the Knights many children will have a Merry Christmas.



Bill Macnamara representing  
the Knights of Columbus.



## Religious Education

**All In-person 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](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org) or Marie Vandall [mvandall@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mvandall@assumptionwestport.org) if you have any questions or concerns during this time.



## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

*Thursday, December 24, 2020*

2:00pm in the Church (Reserved for Seniors)

4:00pm in the Church • 4:00pm in the  
School Gymnasium

6:00pm, 9:00pm and 11:00pm all in the Church

#### Christmas Day Masses

*Friday, December 25, 2020*

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

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26, 2020 • Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 2020 • Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Friday, January 1, 2021

7:30am and 12:15pm

### Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 2021 • Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday, January 3, 2021

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

### Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9, 2021 • Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday, January 10, 2021

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

Seating is limited. To register for a mass,  
please visit the parish website at  
[www.assumptionwestport.org](http://www.assumptionwestport.org).  
All masses will be lived streamed  
through the website.