

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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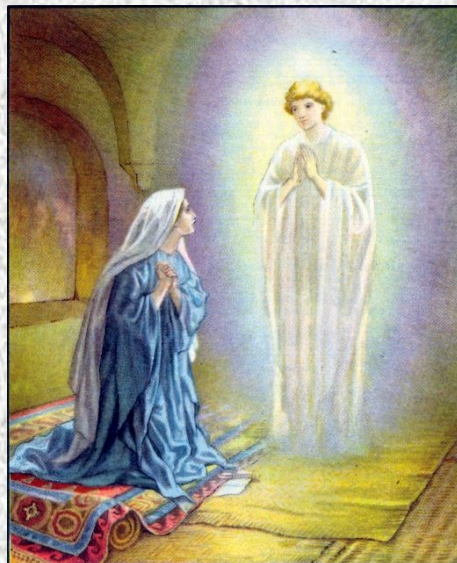
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www.assumptionwestport.org

Church of the Assumption

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020



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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 19

7:30am Nick Thiemann
5:00pm (Vigil) Rev. Phillip T. Morrissey

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Carmen Joseph Tornatore
9:00am Family of the Assumption
10:30am Stephen Patrick Chacho
12:00pm Tom Lyden
5:00pm Diana Dunev

Monday, December 21

7:30am Paul Violette

Tuesday, December 22

7:30am Susan Iannacne Halpern

Wednesday, December 23

7:30am The Meduri Family

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve (Vigil)

7:30am Family of the Assumption
2:00pm Bill Delano
4:00pm John Lener
4:00pm - Gym Ben McKeon
6:00pm John Barry
9:00pm Adelaida Vella
11:00pm Armando Frusciante Sr.

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am Mary Messemer
10:00am Jennifer Dean Burke
12:00am Family of the Assumption

Saturday, December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:30am The Tornatore Family
5:00pm (Vigil) Frank Demace

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of
William Taaffe

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of
John F. Osterndorf

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
John Moran

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of
James Julian

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

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

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



Weekly Offertory: December 13, 2020

Sunday Offertory \$ 6,551.00
Online Giving \$ 4,635.00
 \$ 11,272.00

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

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parish office will be closed on December 24th, December 25th, January 1st and will be closing at 12pm on December 31st.

COVID TESTING AT THE

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. 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

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND CRÈCHE 2020

Last Sunday after the 4:30 Mass, Fr. Cyrus and Deacon Bill blessed the Christmas Tree and Crèche on the Church lawn. Parishioners stayed afterwards for outdoor festivities including food, drinks, music and a visit from Santa!

We'd like to thank JR's for their superb catering, the Knights of Columbus for their help setting up, Frank Matto, and Brenda Todd, Josie Nazzaro, Dolly Perce, Michelle Harding and Cathy Romano for baking delicious desserts! We could not have done it without everyone's help.

We'd like to extend a special thank-you to all those who generously sponsored this special event:

Commons Management, Joe Carpenteri
Dunville's Restaurant, Stephen Carpentieri
Connie Luppino
Thomas and Susan Saracena
Tom and Michele Harding
Harding Funeral Home
M. Bonnie Axthelm, Charitable Foundation
Knights of Columbus Council 3685
Knights Assembly 100

John & Laura Cotter
Lawrence Lau
Joseph & Gretchen Mancuso
Monique Cerullo
Karen Como
Tony and Bridget Buono
The Social Concerns Ministry
Judy Barry
William and Carol Christiaanse





ADVENT ANGELS A MOST GRATEFUL THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

This year has challenged us to find new ways to hold our programs. We know Angels are God's messengers and we turned to them to help get the message out. This year we sent

a letter explaining why there were no Angels on the trees, and asked you to nonetheless open your hearts as you have always done and consider offering a donation either by check or gift cards.

We can't **thank you** enough for your generous donations! We are overwhelmed by your response. So many charities, shelters and families will be helped this Christmas season because of your kind hearts. Your generosity will help bring a Merry Christmas to the following organizations:

Open Door Shelter, Park City Charity, Sister Theresa Tremblay, Assumption Religious Education, Homes with Hope/Gillespie Center, Missionaries of Charity, Westport Human Services, PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home for Female Veterans, Dorothy Day Hospitality House, Child Guidance Center, Merton Center, Adversity to Prosperity, Blessed Sacrament Church, Sepulveda Family Outreach, Waltersville School, High Road School, St. Joseph's Church, Soup Lady Legacy, Assumption Families and Who Are In Need.

May you be filled with Christmas joy and may the Lord keep you safe.

Many thanks!
The Social Concerns Ministry

Thank You For Contributing to The Diocese of Bridgeport 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the **2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**. We have received \$112,519.00. Your donations help many charitable organizations and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!



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. All masses will be lived streamed through the website.

**Please print 75
copies**

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