Welcome!

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Phase II Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am (Seniors) 9:00am 11:00am 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

Church of the Assumption

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2021



CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Cyrus M. Bartolome Pastor and Episcopal Vicar for Filipino Catholics frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org

Deacon Bill Koniers

dnkoniers@assumptionwestport.org Rev. Fr. Augustine Nguyen (Weekday Assistant) Rev. Fr. Frank Hoffman (In Residence)

PARISH STAFF

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (203-226-5448)

Catherine Romano, Director cromano@assumptionwestport.org Marie Vandall, Confirmation Coordinator mvandall@assumptionwestport.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

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, February 6

7:30am 5:00pm (Vigil) Joseph Woods Glen Beuitto

Sunday, February 7

7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm Madeline E. Herman Diodata Izzo John & Rose Palmer Pablo Aviles Scott Sedgwick

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

Moran Family

John Moran

St. Scholastica

Charlie French

Monday, February 8

7:30am

Tuesday, February 9 7:30am

Wednesday, February 10 7:30am

Thursday, February 11 7:30am

Friday, February 12 7:30am

Saturday, February 13 7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday, February 14

7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm **Our Lady of Lourdes** John Moran

Mabel Jean Shakespeare

Carmen Joseph Tornatore Harry Paul Engel

Michael Parillo Diane Mistero Mariah Rasieleski Javier Lebriga Family of Assumption

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Mary Fallon, Vincent Penna Jr., Matthew Donofrio Jr., John Moran, Charles French, Angela Farricielli, Josephine Berardi, Pamela Powers, Eliane Tuccinardi, Constance Ippolito May they rest in peace.

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of Carmen Joseph Tornatore

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of Anna Recupero Tretter

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of Alex Gearing

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of **Sandra Cordts**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of **Dominic & Elvira 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, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, 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 josterndorf@assumptionwestport.org



Weekly Offertory: January 31, 2021

Sunday Offertory \$4 Online Giving \$3 \$5

\$ 4,116.00 <u>\$ 3,465.00</u> \$ 7,581.00

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:

- Repair Burr Road sidewalks completed!
- 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 and at Our Lady of Fatima in Wilton. 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."

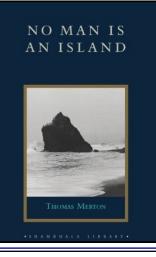
Grief is a painful, complex and complicated process for each who experiences the loss of a loved one. Come share, grieve and heal with others at our group. We meet weekly on Thursdays from 3–4:30pm on Zoom. For more information, contact Helen Thieman at (203) 227-6318 or email at helenctman@gmail.com

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!*

ASSUMPTION BOOK GROUP

Come share ideas and a fun discussion with friends about Thomas Merton. *NO MAN IS AN ISLAND* is Merton's collection of essays shedding light and wisdom on contemporary issues. Merton acknowledges that it is an



individual's responsibility to discover his or her own identity but we help one another in that search. We will read and discuss this book at our meetings on Zoom every Monday from 1 to 3 PM for the next 8 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Helen Thiemann: (203) 227 -6318 via email at: or helenctman@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.

Diocese of Bridgeport Sunday Family Rosary

Looking for a way to grow in faith as a family for 2021? Join with hundreds of other families from around the diocese every Sunday at 7:30pm for the Sunday Family Rosary. Visit either the diocesan website (bridgeportdiocese.org) or the site for The Leadership Institute (formationreimagined.org) and look for the praying hands at the top of the home page. If you and your family would like to volunteer to lead, follow the prompts to sign up for any Sunday you choose.

Anointing of the Sick February 13th & 14th



February 11th is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thousands of people travel to France every year to receive her special gifts of healing. In observance of her feast day, our Parish Priests will offer the same gift of healing after all

weekend Masses on February 13th & 14th for all physical ailments, worries, concerns, hurts and suffering anyone may be experiencing.

The Priest will anoint the forehead and hands of each person with holy oil using a cotton ball, and pray they receive the gift of healing. All are invited to come forward and receive this special grace.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time we are asked to Fast, Pray and Give Alms to help the poor in our community. Beginning the first Saturday of Lent, there will be a basket in the church so you can drop in a donation for those in need.

Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.



A project of Social Concerns Ministry



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

2020 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the 2020 tax year were mailed last week 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 2020. 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** and we will be happy to mail it to you.

Thank You!



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

The Parish Office Will Be Closed on President's Day

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observation of President's day. The office will reopen Tuesday, February 16th.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 17th 2021 Ashes will be distributed at the following times:

> Ash Wednesday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Prayer Service with Deacon Bill Koiners: 3:30pm & 7:00pm

Ashes Only: 10:30am & 2:00pm

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, please note that there will be a change in the manner in which ashes will be distributed. The usual formula found in the Roman Missal will only be said once prior to the general distribution of ashes. Then parishioners will line-up in the center aisle and ashes will be sprinkled on each person's head by the priest or deacon "without saying anything".

For more about how ashes will be distributed this year, visit <u>assumptionwestport.org/ashes2021</u>

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

Nancy Axthelm, ex officio

Mark Rubino, ex officio

Parish Pastoral Council Joseph Malaterra, Chairman

Parish Finance Council Michael O' Loughlin, Chairman

The Original Digital Organ Chimes are No Longer Functioning

In 2004 our Parish installed a custom Austin Pipe Organ to replace the one that had been in service for over 100 years. Unfortunately the original digital organ chimes on the organ are no longer functioning.

We are currently seeking to replace them with authentic tubular chimes in the near future. If you would like to contribute or memorialize a loved one, please contact Fr. Cyrus at the parish office:

(203) 227-5161. For more history, photos and information about the organ, visit our website: <u>assumptionwestport.org/organ</u>



Austin Opus 2786, Decorated for Christmas

