

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:

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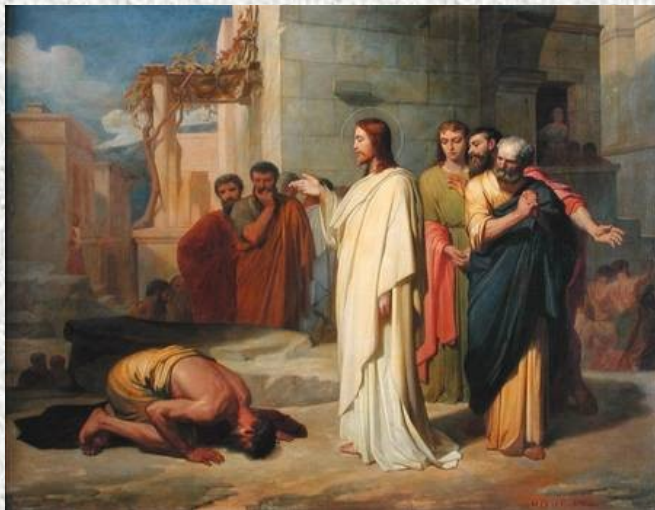
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Church of the Assumption

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021



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	Michael O' Loughlin,
	Chairman, Parish Finance Council

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend Mass Schedule During Pandemic

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 13

7:30am

Carmen Joseph Tornatore

4:30 pm (Vigil)

Harry Paul Engel (5:00pm)

Sunday, February 14

7:00 am

Michael Parillo (7:30 am)

9:00 am

Diane Mistero (9:00 am)

11:00 am

Mariah Rasieleski (10:30am)

4:30 pm

Javier Lebrija (12:00pm)

Family of Assumption(4:30pm)

Monday, February 15

7:30am

John Moran

Tuesday, February 16

7:30am

Charlie French

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

7:30am

Frank Rende Jr.

9:30am

Matthew Donofrio Jr.

12:15pm

Frank Ryan

5:30pm

Terry Andaya

Thursday, February 18

7:30am

June Alley

12:15pm

Martin, Kathleen &
Christopher Lule

Friday, February 19

7:30am

Ryan McKenna

12:15pm

Bill Delano

Saturday, February 20

7:30am

Charlie French

4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sr. Catherine Sheehy (5:00pm)

Sunday, February 21

7:00 am

John Moran (7:00am)

9:00 am

Dorothy Keplesky (9:00am)

11:00 am

Scott Harris (10:30am)

4:30 pm

Family of Assumption(12:00pm)

Eleanor Florio (5:00pm)

IN LOVING MEMORY

The flowers at Mary's statue are in loving memory of
Fr. Phillip T. Morrissey

The candles at Mary's statue burn in loving memory of
Sandra Cordts

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
David F. White

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of
Carmen Joseph Tornatore

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, 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, John A. Pino, Kim Preston, Alexa Prosnitz, C.J. 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

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Mary Fallon, Vincent Penna Jr., Matthew Donofrio Jr.
May they rest in peace.



Weekly Offertory: February 7, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,669.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 4,155.00</u>
	\$ 6,824.00

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 Steeple
- 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

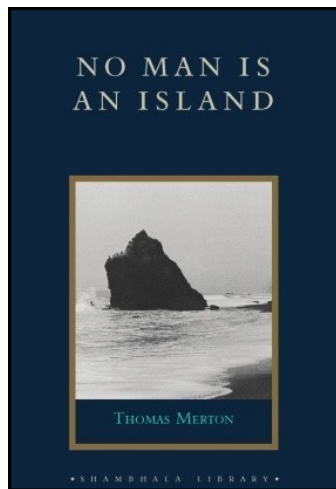
Interested in becoming a part of our faith family?

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** or via email at: helenctman@gmail.com

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:

10:30-11:30am & 2:00-3:00pm

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 assumptionwestport.org/ashes2021



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.

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.

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Year of ST. JOSEPH



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.

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.

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 Original Digital Organ Chimes are No Longer Functioning



*Austin Opus 2786,
Decorated for Christmas*

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 to hear the chimes being played visit our website: assumptionwestport.org/organ

Why We Should Genuflect in Church by Deacon Bill Koniers

Genuflection is a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. Its purpose is for Catholics to acknowledge the presence of and to honor Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist, we truly believe that Jesus is present in His Body, Blood, soul and divinity.



to the altar
(which represents Christ)
whenever we walk past

Profession of Faith, at the
words "and by the Holy Spirit
... and became man"

Reverences

Genuflect



to the tabernacle
(which encloses the Blessed
Sacrament) when we enter
the church



To read the full article on why we genuflect, visit our website: www.assumptionwestport.org/genuflect

Church of the Assumption Pope Francis Food Closet



Thank you for the continued support to the Parish Food Closet. Your donations are helping so many families during these difficult times. If you would like to donate, the following items are in need:

PASTA, SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR, SNACKS & CRACKERS

The back door of the church off the parking lot is open from 7:30am — 5:00pm, Monday thru Friday for your donations or you may have your items shipped directly to the Parish Office: 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880. Thank You again for your generosity!



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