

# Welcome!

## Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am, 12:15pm

## 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](http://www.assumptionwestport.org)

# Church of the Assumption

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021



## CLERGY

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## LAY MEMBERS OF PARISH CORPORATION

Nancy Axthelm, <b>ex officio</b>	Joseph Malatterra,
Mark Rubino, <b>ex officio</b>	Chairman, <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>
	Michael O' Loughlin,
	Chairman, <b>Parish Finance Council</b>

## 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, March 20**

7:30am

Christopher Brunner

**4:30 pm (Vigil)**

Joe & Diane Rietano (5pm)

#### **Sunday, March 21**

**7:00 am**

Mr. & Mrs. Chu (7:00am)

**9:00 am**

Diana Dunev (9:00am)

**11:00 am**

Vinny Penna Jr. (10:30am)

**4:30 pm**

Matthew Donofrio (12pm)

Diomedes Tobias Ragasa  
(5:00pm)

#### **Monday, March 22**

7:30am

Celine Fernandes

12:15pm

Charlie French

#### **Tuesday, March 23**

7:30am

Barbara Policastro

12:15pm

Sue & Javier Lebrija

#### **Wednesday, March 24**

7:30am

Clarence Held

12:15pm

Robert Grossman

#### **Thursday, March 25**

7:30am

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

12:15pm

John Moran

Mary Pullman

#### **Friday, March 26**

7:30am

Valentine Taaffe

12:15pm

Clueth Campbell

#### **Saturday, March 27**

7:30am

Laura McClatchie

**4:30 pm (Vigil)**

Scott Harris (5pm)

#### **Sunday, March 28**

**Palm Sunday**

**7:00 am**

Anne Marie Fanning (7:00am)

**9:00 am**

Vinny Penna Jr. (9:00am)

**11:00 am**

Saverio Fumai (10:30am)

**4:30 pm**

Albert J. Copersino (12pm)

Family of Assumption (5:00pm)

## IN LOVING MEMORY

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of

**Kenneth J. Brown**

The Sanctuary candle burn in loving memory of

**Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of

**Louis Volpintesta**

## 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, CJ. Rice, Charlie Robins, Deanne Ryan, Frank Ryan, Sandra Ryan, Teresa Sacouto, Malia Sanchez-Valdez Adrian Sandiford, Kerry Schroeder, Kazime Seckin, 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**

### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Raymond Simon-Vermot, Patricia Shapiro, Joseph  
Morris, Mary Fallon

***May they rest in peace.***

### **Interested in becoming a part of our faith family?**

Please visit the parish website at  
[www.assumptionwestport.org](http://www.assumptionwestport.org)  
to complete the online parish registration form  
or call the parish office at 203-227-5161.



# Stewardship

**Weekly Offertory: March 14, 2021**

Sunday Offertory               \$ 4,716.00  
Online Giving                 \$ 3,465.00  
  \$ 8,181.00

**Second Collection:         \$810.00**

**The second collection benefited  
Catholic Relief Services.**

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

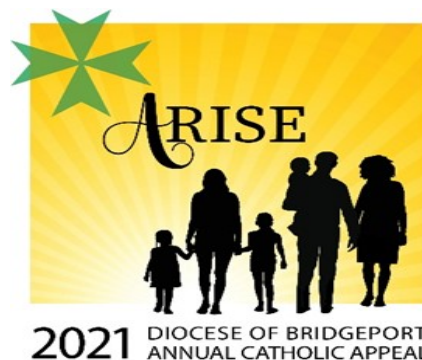
## **WE STAND WITH CHRIST** *A Special Thank you*

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:

- Repair Burr Road sidewalks - **completed!**
- Renovation of McGrath Hall
- Refurbish & Restore Church Steeples
- Faith Formation initiatives and support of charitable organizations.

## **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.*



Dear Parishioners,

I am immensely grateful for your support last year to the Diocese of Bridgeport's 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. What a challenging year it was and thanks to the generosity of so many we were able to serve thousands of Fairfield County individuals and families through our ministries and programs. Catholic Charities alone served over 1.2 million meals since the pandemic began.

Information has been sent out by mail about our 2021, Arise Annual Catholic Appeal and how your support assists the ministries and programs our parishes cannot provide to the community on their own. We cannot do it without you and I am immensely grateful for your support of works of Faith and Ministry; Education and Catechesis; and Charity and Pastoral Services the Appeal provides to all people in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

**Our Parish goal for 2021 is \$146,300**

God Bless You,  
Fr. Cyrus



## **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](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com)

# Palm Sunday Food Drive

## March 27 & 28 Before all Masses



# Help Fight Hunger

We will be holding our Palm Sunday Food Collection to benefit St. Charles Parish and the Missionaries of Charity. Thank you to **Religious Education, Assumption Youth Group, and the Knights of Columbus** for organizing this drive!

Please bring your filled bags to the Roncalli House parking lot entrance before all Masses

### Non-perishable Food Suggestions

**Canned Goods:** Tomato sauce, beans, soups, vegetables, fruits, tuna, canned ham. *(Please remember only non-perishable hams).*

**Boxed Foods:** Juice, rice, pasta, dry beans, dry milk, cereal fruit bars.

**Other:** Jelly, peanut butter, crackers, cookies, coffee, tea, sugar, filled Easter Baskets.

**Please, no glass bottles or perishables.**  
**Thank You for your generosity!**



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Bryan Mercier's Talk on  
**"Living Holy in an Unholy World"**

**Monday, March 29th at 7:15pm**  
at The Church of the Assumption  
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#### **Living Holy in an Unholy World:**

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#### **This is broken down into three steps:**

- 1) Have an excellent prayer life.
- 2) Encounter Jesus and be transformed.
- 3) Become a Saint. Live out your faith and seek to grow in holiness.

Donations to Knights of Columbus Church of the Assumption Council #3688 are suggested

## The Holy Triduum

### Holy Thursday - April 1

7:30am Morning Prayer  
3:00pm Confession  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday - April 2

7:30am Morning Prayer  
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday - April 3

7:30am Morning Prayer  
12:00pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Church  
3:00pm Confession  
8:00pm Easter Vigil



## Easter Sunday

April 4

7:30am Church  
9:00am Church & 9:00am School Gymnasium  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn)  
10:30am Church & 10:30am School Gymnasium  
12:00pm Church  
(No 5:00pm mass)

## ORGAN CHIME PROJECT UPDATE

We are happy to announce that we have raised the funds needed for our chime restoration project! Thank you to all who contributed. Your generosity was overwhelming! The chimes have been ordered from the supplier. Stay tuned for installation updates.

For more history, photos and information about the organ, visit our website:  
[assumptionwestport.org/organ](http://assumptionwestport.org/organ)

## 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*



### 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.

## VACINE INFORMATION FOR HOME-BOUND RESIDENTS

The Westport Weston Health District is currently working with the Department of Human Services to identify home-bound residents that require in-home COVID-19 vaccinations. The recently approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine will allow the Health District to move forward with these vaccinations as soon as the vaccine is procured and the necessary procedural guidelines are developed and implemented. Scheduling will begin as soon as possible. To register home-bound residents please call (203) 341-5037.





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