

November 21, 2021

Church of the Assumption



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm

Sunday:

7:30am ~ 9:00am ~ 10:30am ~ 12:00 pm ~ 5:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday and Wednesday

8:00am - 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

(closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Lay Members of the Parish Corporation

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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. We meet on Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM in McGrath Hall, following appropriate safety guidelines. Please enter from the parking lot and take the stairs immediately on the left. For more information, please contact Helen Thiemann at (203) 227-6318 or by email at helenctman@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 20

7:30am

5:00 pm (Vigil)

Elizabeth & Frank Melia

Luigi & Mary Izzo

Sunday, November 21

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Elvio Casatelli

Ann Ahern

Patricia Kendall (Living)

Albert J. Copersino

Denny Gibson

Monday, November 22

7:30am

St. Cecilia

Vera Kaiser

Tuesday, November 23

7:30am

St. Clement, St. Columban

Anne Chatlos

Wednesday, November 24

7:30am

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

John T. Moran

Thursday, November 25

7:30am

9:00am

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Nerieda Martinez

Mrika Xhelma

Friday, November 26

7:30am

Peter J. Swank Jr.

Saturday, November 27

7:30am

5:00 pm (Vigil)

Jeanette Byxbee (Living)

Jerry & Angie

Tuccinardi

Sunday, November 28

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

First Sunday of Advent

The LaRoche Family (Living)

Dennis Gibson

Joseph Cabral

John Anastasua

Pam Davis

IN LOVING MEMORY

The candles at the tabernacle burn in loving memory of

John & Mary Calzi

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

**Nick Saviano, Janet LaReau,
Frank Migliarese**

May they rest in peace

Stewardship

Weekly Offertory: November 14, 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,408.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,543.00
	\$ 9,951.00

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*

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, Enza Cassato, 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, 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, John J. McCarthy, TerryAnn McDonald, Helen Maggio, Tom McMarthy, 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, C.J. 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.



We need you:

The Funeral Service Ministry is a group of adult volunteers who perform all altar server duties during Funeral Masses.

What we do:

- Arrive 15 minutes before Mass to help set up
- Perform all altar server duties during the Mass, carry a candle or cross.
- Are caring, compassionate individuals who believe that serving on the altar during funerals is a quiet yet meaningful way to assist our priest and help comfort those who mourn
- Have flexible schedules and can serve on weekdays and Saturdays on short notice.

Call the Parish office 203-227-5161 to sign up.

Sick and Homebound Visitation

We are a parish family. The priests and laity who bring Holy Communion are delighted to share with you the Body of Christ. If one of the priests visits, he can also share Sacramental Absolution and the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick (Holy Oils).

We need your help. When you or a family member is sick at home, whether for a short period, home with a chronic illness, or simply homebound, we are happy to visit. You can help us by calling the parish office 203-227-5161 so we can schedule a visit at your convenience.

The Anointing of the Sick is not just for life threatening illness but for any illness—cancer, pre-surgery, depression. The sacrament is for the sick and prays for healing. It is not Last Rites or Extreme Unction. We look forward to visiting you.

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, SAUCE, CANNED SOUPS, CRACKERS,
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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!



ADVENT ANGELS

Please choose a Christmas Angel from the trees. Each Angel's color identifies the requesting charity/agency in need and should be taped to the gift. As in the past, all of the gifts will be given to charities, agencies as well as individuals who are in need.

Please return your gifts to Roncalli House the **weekend of December 11 & 12.**

WE STOP COLLECTING GIFTS AT 12:30PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

A Very Important Request

Please make every effort to get the gifts to us by the due date (December 11/12.) If you cannot deliver the gifts the weekend of the collection, you may drop them off at the Parish Office during working hours. We want everyone who requested a gift to receive it before Christmas. Delivering the gifts on time assures the recipients are not disappointed and will experience the joy of receiving on Christmas day.

A Note Regarding Gift Cards

Some of our parishioners ask why we request so many gift cards. We want to assure you they are very much needed and welcomed. Many charities and families specifically request gift cards to purchase what they need. Thank you for your generosity.

Sponsored by the Church of the Assumption Social Concerns Ministry



Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your Catholic faith? Would you like to

see how scriptures apply to everyday life? We invite you to consider partaking in our Walking With Purpose Program through our parish. All women 18 and over are welcome. There are two groups available. One meets every other Tuesday from 8pm-9pm via ZOOM using the Walking With Purpose course "Grounded In Hope." Contact Lori Torrano at 203-984-4177 for more info.

Our other group meets once per month on a Monday from 8pm-9pm via ZOOM. "Keeping In Balance" is the Walking With Purpose course we're studying. For more info contact Joyce Sixsmith at 917-678-0543.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule

The office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 24th and will reopen Monday, November 29th at 8:30am

Thanksgiving Day Masses

On Thanksgiving day, November 25th, we will have two masses, **7:30am and 9:00am.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Advertiser of the Month

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The Church of the Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 3688 is looking for Catholic men age 18 and over to join. Please contact Bill Macnamara 203-856-2854. The council meets the first Tuesday of each month in St. Joseph's Hall in the basement of the school building.

GIFTS OF PLENTY

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE GIFTS OF PLENTY COLLECTION!

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks for your generous donations to the Gifts of Plenty collection. Your donations totaling \$4,560 were distributed to 14 local charities and individuals in need.

Because of your kind donations many hungry people in our community will enjoy a good Thanksgiving meal.

God bless you and keep you safe,

**Church of the Assumption
Social Concerns Ministry**

Advent Evening of Reflection

Come treat yourself to an evening retreat, in preparation for the Greatest Gift of All!

**Thursday November 30, 2021
7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Church**

Speaker: Fr. Peter Towsley

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time. The season of Advent helps us in preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Confession is available during the evening of reflection.

Christmas Weekend Event Sponsors


We are looking for parish families, organizations or businesses to SPONSOR our Christmas Fair. We will display a sign with your name in the bulletin, at the fair and on the parish website. It costs \$100 minimally. Sponsors are always welcome to donate more if they wish.

Liturgy News!

We now have a permanent Hymnal!

Journey Songs contains the three-year cycle of readings and a balanced selection of familiar music in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary. This new hardbound hymnal replaces the disposable, newsprint missalette which need to be purchased every year. Three hundred and fifty hymnals are available and may be gifted to the parish in honor of an individual or family (living or deceased) for the amount of \$50 each. A commemorative label will be placed on the inside cover. A portion of your contribution goes towards Music Ministry needs.


Envelopes for this purpose may be found in the vestibule or near the baptismal font. Thank you for your continued support! May these beautiful new hymnals enliven our worship through Word, ritual and song!



Senior Luncheon December 8, 2021

Come celebrate at the 12:15 Mass. After Mass enjoy a delicious lunch, fun and fellowship in our newly renovated McGrath Hall

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