

# Church of the *Assumption*

November 28, 2021



## *The First Sunday of Advent*

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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](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 Anastasia

Pam Davis

### Monday, November 29

7:30am

Nereid Martinez

### Tuesday, November 30

7:30am

**St. Andrew, Apostle**  
Odell Hinson

### Wednesday, December 1

7:30am

The Grimaldi Family,  
Children & Grandchildren

### Thursday, December 2

7:30am

Anne Schanzenbach

### Friday, December 3

7:30am

**St. Francis Xavier**  
Charles French

### Saturday, December 4

7:30am

5:00 pm (Vigil)

**St. John Dumasene**  
Andre Lucas  
Shirly D'Aiuto

### Sunday, December 5

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Elvio Casatelli  
Thomas Daly  
Bobra Harris  
AnneMarie Macnamara  
Family of Assumption

### 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 21, 2021**

**Due to the holiday publication schedule, last week's Offertory will be published in next week's bulletin.**

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*

## 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 McCarthy, 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:

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**Church of the Assumption**  
**Christmas Boutique**

**Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 9 am - 2 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 8 am - 1:30 pm

Pre Owned Jewelry,  
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 in the Parish Hall (beneath the Church)*

## **Blessing of the Crèche and Tree Lighting**

**Next Sunday, December 5th**  
**6:00pm (after the 5:00pm Mass)**

Join your Assumption friends and families for a festive event as we move closer to Christmas. We want to spread a little joy during this second week of Advent. We will be gathering outside on the church lawn to light the Christmas tree and bless the Crèche. **JR's Food truck** will be providing refreshments.

**Santa will be there too!**



## **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**

## Advent Evening of Reflection

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

**Tuesday 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.

## Senior Luncheon December 8, 2021

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

**Please RSVP by  
December 4th**  
to the Parish office 203-227-5161 or  
[cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org)

## 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.



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