

Church of the *Assumption*

December 26, 2021



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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

Mr. Matthew Fair

Trustee

Mr. Mark Rubino

Trustee

Mr. Joseph Malattera,

Chairman, Parish Pastoral Council

Mr. Michael O' Loughlin

Chairman, Parish Finance Council

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, December 25

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Mary Messemer

Stephen Patrick Chacho

Evan Dean & Jennifer

Dean Burke

Sunday, December 26

7:30am

9:00am

10:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tornatore Family

Joh Barry

John & Rose Palmer

Albert J. Copersino

Jelasio, Julieta,

Amelita & Eden Puntal

Monday, December 27

7:30am

St. John, Apostle

Nereida Martinez

Tuesday, December 28

7:30am

The Holy Innocents

Stewart Markley

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am

The Chila Family

Thursday, December 30

7:30am

St. John of Kanty

Thomas Szabo, Jr.

Friday, December 31

7:30pm

5:30pm

William Harris, Sr.

Helen Magallon

Saturday, January 1

7:30am

5:30am

The Nativity of the Lord

Miriam & Charlie French

Family of Assumption

Sunday, January 2

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

Parishioners (Pro Populo)

William Csontos

Gus Cardello

Kay Nolan

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Elizabeth Licari

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of

Christopher Bertoldo

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of

Carmen Joseph Tornatore

The candles at the Tabernacle burn in loving memory of

John Lener

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

George K. Hart, Jr., Angelo J. Veno, Agnes
O'Loughlin, Joseph DeMattio, Nick Saviano

May they rest in peace

Stewardship

Weekly Offertory: December 12, 2021

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| Sunday Offertory | \$ 7,163.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,669.00 |
| | \$11,832.00 |

**Second Collection
for Retired Priests \$ 2,142.00**

Due to the holiday publication schedule, last week's Offertory will be published in the bulletin on January 2nd.

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



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parish office will be closed on December 27th, January 1st and will be closing at 12pm on December 31st.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Join the Knights of Columbus

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.

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,**

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.

Weekend Mass Times are Changing in 2022

Beginning in January 2022, the weekend mass schedule will be changing to the following times:

Saturday Vigil

5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Please note, the 10:30am and 12:00pm Sunday masses have been combined to the 11:00am Mass.



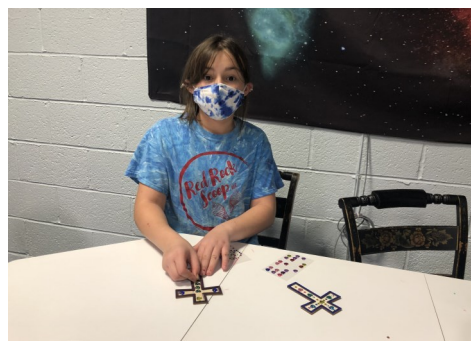
Please join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Patriotic Rosary for the conversion and consecration of our Nation on Saturday, January 1, 2022 after the 7:30am mass in the church. All are welcome!

**As part of our Cultural Choir
Series, we welcome the
Vietnamese Community Choir
on
Sunday, January 3rd at
9:00am mass.**



Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Middle and High School Youth Groups spent time making gifts for those spending Christmas at Westport Rehabilitation Center. Thank you for bringing some cheer to those unable to be home this season! If you would like your 6th-12th grader to join in for service and fellowship please contact our Youth Minister, Michele Harding at mharding@assumptionwestport.org.



Becoming a Catholic/RCIA: Your Faith Journey

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey through which adults discern to become a member of the Catholic Christian Faith. Through discussions, prayers, and reflection, the Church will accompany the person on this faith journey.

This process fosters the spiritual needs of the following persons:

- Those adults never baptized, who seek to become Catholic.
- Those adults baptized in another Christian church, who seeks to be Catholic.
- Those adults already baptized as Catholic, but who have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.



When a person considers becoming a Catholic, the Church welcomes him or her to begin the process from the moment of Inquiry. For more information, please email Walter Avitabile at wavit@optonline.net or call the parish office at 203-227-5161.



ADVENT ANGELS

Thank You Assumption Parishioners

A heartfelt thank you for making our "Advent Angels" project a tremendous success. Many people who would not be able to afford gifts for their families, will enjoy a joyful Christmas because of your generosity. We are very grateful to you for your overwhelming response to the needs of our less fortunate neighbors. A Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

The Church of the Assumption Social Concerns Ministry



A Thank You note to Assumption Social Concerns Ministry

Good Morning Social Concerns Ministry,

I just went through all of the Gift Cards that Assumption Parishioners have given to "The Soup Lady Legacy"! I'm overwhelmed with the outpouring of their Generosity!

I'm sending this via Email because, as you know from our earlier conversation, I couldn't keep my composure and hold back the tears and tell you how overwhelmed I am from the Outpouring of Love and Compassion ...even writing this I'm all choked up .So, as I mentioned to you earlier, please express my overwhelming gratitude to everyone who has Contributed to (Linda's) "Soup Lady Legacy" and know that I will distribute the gift cards and other items that were so generously given for all those in "Need" and obviously the food items will be turned into some delicious soup if I say so myself.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for all that you do & to everyone behind the scenes as well and of course all the wonderful parishioners who make it possible.

*God Bless and Merry Christmas,
Joe E*