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Monday - Saturday: 7:30am

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil:

5:00pm Sunday:

7:30am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:00am~ 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)

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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.













IN LOVING MEMORY

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

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of Carmen & Joseph Tornatore

> The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of John & Mary Calzi

> > The Altar candles burn in loving memory of Bill Smith



Saturday, November 19

7:30am Frank Agonito Sr. 5:00pm Vigil Jadwigar Josefsurel

Sunday, November 20

7:30am

9:00am

5:00pm

11:00am

King of the Universe Elizabeth Petretta Albert J. Copersino Joseph Benincaso Kevin Tuccinardi

Monday, November 21

The Presentation of the **Blessed Virgin Mary Edward Carroll**

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

7:30am

Tuesday, November 22 St. Cecilia 7:30am Vera Kaiser

Wednesday, November 23 St. Clement I,

St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro Jay Topham

7:30am

Thursday, November 24 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30am John T. Moran

9:00am Caitlyn & Owen Lentner

7:30pm

Friday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria Alberta Cifolelli Lamb

Saturday, November 26

7:30am

Donald F. Ryan

5:00pm Vigil

Jerry & Angle Tuccinardi

Sunday, November 27

7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm

First Sunday of Advent

Family of Assumption Marianne Tybur Joseph & Betty Cabral Edith Louise Litman

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Laszlo Korbl, Robert Murtha, Joseph Remlin May they rest in peace.



Weekly Offertory: November 13, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$ 6,615.00 Online Giving: \$ 3,588.00 \$10,203.00

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA \$ 2.054.00

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. God Bless!

Fr. Cyrus





Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer. 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.

Additional funds to our Sunday offertory are:

UCP - Upkeep of Church Property which is used for repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds and the restoration of pews and custom cushioning.

Youth Ministry helps fund youth activities, projects and outreach programs.

Parish Crisis Fund helps those with emergency needs within our community.

We Stand With Christ Campaign Update

A total of **\$1,792,440** has been pledged! We have collected **73%** of our pledge.

To make a payment on your pledge, please visit <u>GiveCentral.org/WSWC</u> or call 203-648-9050.

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, Elijah Capuano, Michael Caputo, Lauretta Carl, Bill Chadwell, Michael Cole, Tonino Covatta, Andrea Charboneau, Alder Crocker, Ann Danilak, Connie & Howard Danner, Matt Dudzik, Colette Dunham, Gail Eichinger, Peter Gakos, Barbara Gentile, Diane Gilbertie, Guy Giordano, Elisabeth Grein, Wilfried Grein, Katarina Hale, Frances Casey Hansen, Amy Hanson, Jane Hawley, Sean Healy, Rose Heiser, Malcolm Heckman, Bob Helfenstein, Logan Howard, Lisa Hughes, Marie James, Kathy Jeary, Bernadette Juoan, Jack Kelly, Nancy Kelly, Laura Kesling, Dan Kiely Sr., Frank Kropf, Mary-Ellen Kuhn, Angelo Labbruzzo, 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,, Stephanie Philo, Kim Preston, Alexa Prosnitz, CJ. Rice, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Charlie Robins, Deanne Rvan, Frank Rvan, 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.

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ADVENT ANGELS

Please choose an Angel from the trees. Each Angel's color identifies the requesting charity/agency and individuals in need and should be taped to the gift.

All of the gifts will be given in time for Christmas!

Please return your gifts to Roncalli House the weekend of December 10/11. WE STOP COLLECTING GIFTS AT 12:30 PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

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. If you have questions, please call Connie at (203) 852-9937.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule Thursday, November 24, 2022

7:30am and 9:00am in the Church

Come and give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings bestowed on us.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

FEED THE HUNGRY - Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards, Palm Sunday Food Donations, Summer Food Collection, Soup Lady Legacy.

CLOTHE THE NAKED - coats, socks, blankets and the Advent Angels' gifts requests.

COMFORT THE LONELY AND MOURNING-Prayer Network and Lenten Alms

WHO WE SERVE – some charities we serve: Soup Lady Legacy, Daughters of Charity, Open Door, Gillespie Center, Missionaries of Charity.





Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing of the Crèche December 3, 2022 - Seeks Sponsors

We are looking for parish families, organizations or businesses to SPONSOR our outdoor event. Please make checks payable to Assumption Church with "Sponsor" written in the memo. You may drop the check in the offertory basket, at the parish office or by mail. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Statue



Dear Parishioners.

This past week our parish, the Filipino Community and the Diocese of Bridgeport received a special gift from the International Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in Antipolo, Philippines. This blessing was brought to us by the rector of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Antipolo, Fr. Reynante Tolentino and Mr. Noel Reves. This replica of the miraculous image of our Blessed Mother is a beautiful reminder for all of us the love of the Blessed Virgin Mary for her people. Our image is the fifth authentic replica around the world. The city of Valladolid Spain has one, two images are in Italy, one in Rome and the other is in Milan. There are two in the United States, one is at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, and the fifth is in our parish.

You might ask what is the story behind this image of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage or commonly called "Our Lady of Antipolo". The original image was brought by the Governor General Juan Nino de Tabora of Mexico via the Galleon El Almirante in 1626. His safe voyage across the Pacific Ocean was attributed to the image and it was names "Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage". The statue crossed the Pacific Ocean six times before it became permanent at the Cathedral of the Diocese of Antipolo. There are so many reported miracles attributed to the original image and the devotion spread not just in the Philippines but all around the world. Once again we are so blessed by this gift.

Fr. Cyrus

Church of the Assumption Presents A Journey to Advent Healing

Join us and guest speaker: Fr. Joel Noble Lopez, OFS

December 5th
Mission Talk
December 6th
Healing Mass

7:00PM in the Church

For more information call (203) 227-5161



Mary's Mantle - Thursdays 1:00pm



Come join us every Thursday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Beard Room at the Roncalli House. No experience necessary! We will teach you how to knit or crochet! This ministry is intended to be a reminder of God's ever present love. The shawls are for every time and every

occasion - - joyful or sorrowful. Some come every week and others knit or crochet at home. For more information or if you know someone who would like a shawl, please call 203-226-5448 or email cromano@assumptionwestport.org

"Prayer wraps unseen arms around those who need a touch of Heaven."

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 McGrath Hall.



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.

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, presurgery, 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.



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
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"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 3:00pm-4:30pm. Meetings during these cold months will be held at Roncalli House, the white house at the north end of the church parking lot. For more information, please contact Helen Thiemann at 203-227-6318 or by email at helenctman@gmail.com.

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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- SMALL SUGAR
- SMALL BAGS OF RICE

The back door of the church off the parking lot is open from 7:30am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday (or before weekend masses) 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! Thank you to our generous anonymous donor!

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