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Third 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 ~ 11:00am~ 5:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

First Saturday Devotion to
Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage: 4:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday and Wednesday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

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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 **Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **John Barry**

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **John Lener**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Andrew Accardi**



Saturday, December 10

7:30am Caitlyn & Owen Lentner 5:00pm Vigil Dominic Pellicano

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am Family of Assumption 9:00am Albert J. Copersino

11:00am Sue Lebrija 5:00pm Donald Rully

Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am Ann Ahern

Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy 7:30am Harry Engel

Wednesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

7:30am Donald J. Rully

Thursday, December 15

7:30am Bill Csontos, Jr.

Friday, December 16

7:30pm Margaret Fogarty

Saturday, December 17

7:30am Helen Kaestner

5:00pm Vigil Rev. Phillip Morrissey

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am The Chu Family
9:00am Vinny Penna, Jr.
11:00am John & Rose Palmer
5:00pm Family of Assumption

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Noelle Anastasia, Laszlo Korbl, Robert Murtha

May they rest in peace.



Weekly Offertory: December 4, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$ 5,450.00 Online Giving: \$ 3,026.00 \$ 8,476.00

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, 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, 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 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.

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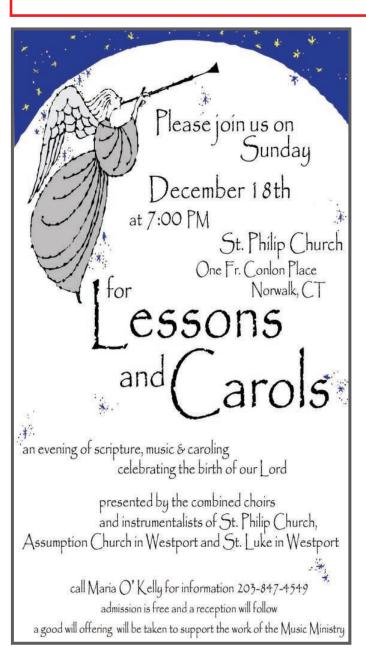
ADVENT ANGELS

Please return your Advent Angel gifts to Roncalli House **THIS WEEKEND** December 10 & 11.

PLEASE NOTE, WE STOP COLLECTING GIFTS AT 12:30PM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

Thank you for your generosity.

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





Blessing of the Crèche & Tree Lighting 2022

Last Saturday Assumption held it's Annual Blessing of the Creche and Tree Lighting following the 5:00pm Mass. Despite a rainy day, we were able to go outside for the blessing, tree lighting and a wonderful performance from the Staples High School Orphenians, directed by Luke Rosenberg. Afterwards, everyone went to McGrath Hall to warm up with delicious chili, mac & cheese, hot chocolate, cider, fresh donuts and more! A good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success this year, especially to our generous sponsors!











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Christmas Pageant

Calling all children interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:00pm Mass!

Please call Kimberly Woodard (203) 293-4805

There are two mandatory rehearsals before the pageant:

Sunday December 11th at 11:45am and Sunday December 18th at 1:00pm

Parts Needed:

Baby Jesus—Newborn to two months, boy or girl
Mary - 8th Grade
Joseph - 8th Grade
Innkeeper - 5th to 8th Grade boy or girl
Narrator - 5th to 8th Grade boy or girl
Star - kindergarten girl
Wiseman - 6th to 8th Grade boys
8 Shepherds - K to 5th Grade boys
12 Angels - K to 4th Grade girls

If your child is interested in joining the grades 3rd-8th Children's Choir, please email kiwo2248@gmail.com.



Join Us At Our Family Mass

Every Sunday at 9:00am

Followed by Coffee and Donuts!

The Sunday 9:00am mass is our Family Mass. Each week a different family is asked to bring up the gifts at the Offertory. After Mass everyone is invited to the McGrath Hall for refreshments and a chance to meet other families. All are encouraged to participate in some way during the Family Mass.

We are also inviting children who would like to read the Second Reading to please contact Cathy Romano at the Rel. Ed. office at 203-226-5448 or cromano@assumptionwestport.org. Training will be provided.

Assumption Christmas Concert

December 24th, 10:30pm

Assumption Choir will be presenting a concert of seasonal favorites on Christmas Eve beginning at 10:30pm. Mass will follow at 11:00pm. Join us in celebrating the Nativity through festive music and song!



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 a 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 Fr. Cyrus at *frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org* or call the parish office at 203-227-5161.



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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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 3:00pm-4:30pm. Meetings during these cold months will be held at the 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.

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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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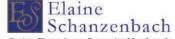
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