

Church of the Assumption

February 12, 2023



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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.*

IN LOVING MEMORY

The candles at Our Lady of Peace and Good
Voyage burns in loving memory of the
Deceased Members of Pamigoran Family

The candles at Mary's Statue burns
in loving memory of **Anna Recupero Tretter**

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

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

The Altar candles burn in
loving memory of **Dominic & Elvira Lener**

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30am

Thomas Weiss

5:00pm (Vigil)

Diodatta Izzo

**Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am

Joseph & Betty Cabral

9:00am

John Carroll

11:00am

Family of Assumption,
Pablo Aviles

5:00pm

Giuseppe Natrella

Monday, February 13

7:30am

Harry Paul Engel

Tuesday, February 14 St. Cyril & St. Methodius

7:30am

Mabel Jean Shakespeare

Wednesday, February 15

7:30am

Michael Parillo

Thursday, February 16

7:30am

Charlie French

Friday, February 17

**The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order**

7:30am

Frank Rende Jr.

Saturday, February 18 Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30am

John Carroll

5:00pm (Vigil)

Edward Capasse

**Sunday, February 19 Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am

Laura McClatchie

9:00am

Bill Delano

11:00am

Family of Assumption,
Javier Lebrija

5:00pm

Anthony Gilbertie

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Virginia Nistico, Virginia Phostole

May they rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offertory: February 5, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 5,604.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,133.00
\$ 9,737.00

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 **\$1,793,474** has been pledged! We have received **\$1,374,034.45 (76.61%)** of our pledge.

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

Pray for the Sick

Meghan Andrews, Maryann Stypinski

As we begin a new year, we would like to create a new and updated "Pray for the Sick" list starting January 15, 2023. If you would like to add a loved one to be prayed for please contact the parish office at 203-227-5161. In order for us to publish a name in the bulletin you must receive permission from that person.



The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Your gifts at work!

Future priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport receive comprehensive formation in theology, pastoral ministry, personal growth, and, most importantly, the spiritual life at seminaries chosen by the Bishop to best suit the needs of the seminarian and of the diocese. Preparation for the Priesthood takes anywhere from six to eight years, depending on the age and educational background of the man when he enters. All of our seminarians receive graduate degrees in theology prior to their ordination. Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese will be better able to support men who are discerning priesthood and may respond generously and courageously to that call. Thank you for your gift.

Our goal for this year is \$146,300.



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call 203-416-1470 or scan with your phone.

2022 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the 2022 tax year were mailed to all parishioners who donated \$250.00 or more to the parish. The statements will also include donations for Masses, flowers and candles booked in 2022. On your contribution statement they will be listed as "Mass and Prayer Intentions".

If you did not receive a statement, or you made a contribution of less than \$250.00 and wish to receive one, please call the Parish Office at **203-227-5161** and we will be happy to mail it to you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:30am Mass

9:00am Mass

12:15pm Mass

3:00pm – 5:00pm Ashes only

5:30pm Mass

7:00pm Prayer Service with Ashes

(There will be no Adoration on
Ash Wednesday)

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday

7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

Alms Giving

February 23 to March 26

Lent is a time we are asked to Fast, Pray and Give Alms to help the poor in our community. Beginning the first Thursday of Lent, February 23 to March 26 there will be a basket in the church so you can drop in a donation for those in need.

Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.

Lenten Alms

For it is in
giving
that we receive

- St. Francis of Assisi

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MARCH 4, 2023

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Reservations only by February 25. No tickets sold at door.

Live Irish Band "Once Removed" & A Bagpiper

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL COAT COLLECTION!

Thank You Assumption Parishioners for donating more than 100 Coats/Jackets in January enabling us to meet our goal of 100 Coats in 31 Days!!!!

Your amazing response is already keeping many people in our community warm. The recipients were St. Charles Church, Missionaries of Charity and many, many individuals who needed coats this winter!



We appreciate all of you!!

Social Concerns Ministry



Anointing of the Sick this weekend

February 11th & 12th

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes is February 11th. Thousands of people travel to France every year to receive her special gifts of healing. In observance of her feast day, our Parish Priests will offer the same gift of healing after all **weekend masses on February 11th & 12th** for all physical ailments, worries, concerns, hurts and suffering anyone may be experiencing. The Priest will anoint the forehead and hands of each person with holy oil and pray the gift of healing. All are invited to come forward and receive this special grace.

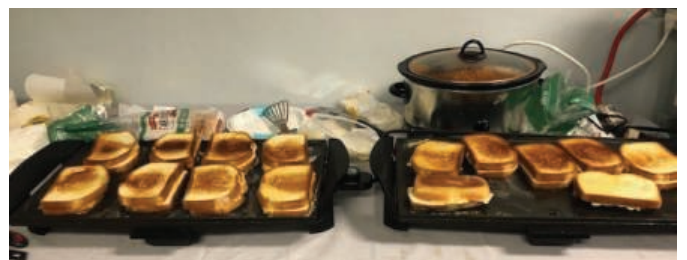
Assumption Music Ministry Celebrates Black History Month

In observance of Black History Month, the organ preludes before Mass during the month of February will feature compositions by black composers.

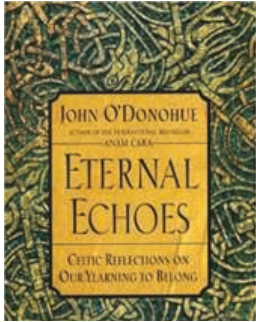
This weeks' organ prelude is titled "**Adoration**" by **Florence Price**. Price was born in Arkansas in 1887. In 1933, she became the first black woman to have a symphony of her own composition performed by a major symphony orchestra (Chicago Symphony). By happy coincidence, she is an alumna of the New England Conservatory of Music, the same Alma Mater as Frank Matto, our Director of Music here at Assumption.

Assumption Youth Group

Last Sunday, our Assumption Youth Group gathered with the teens of St. Francis in Weston for "Grilled Cheeses with Jesus". The group attended 5:00pm mass before enjoying grilled cheese, tomato soup, and fellowship. All 6th -12th graders are invited to participate in the group as we build faith, have fun and serve in the community. For more information, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at mharding@assumptionwestport.org



Assumption Book Group



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***Celtic Reflections on Our Yearning
to Belong***

**Beginning on
Monday, February 13 through
April 3, 2023**

All are welcome.

For more information or to join, please contact
Helen Thiemann. Phone 203-227-6318 or
email: helenctman@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.

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Assumption Youth Group Summer 2023 Mission Trip

Your rising 8th- 12th graders are eligible for our summer 2023 mission trip to Philadelphia! We will attend Catholic Heart Work Camp from June 25 to June 30. We have a few spots left! For details please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at mharding@assumptionwestport.org or at 203-222-8486.



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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.

ASSUMPTION FUNERAL MINISTRY



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.

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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- **COFFEE**



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 and thank you to our anonymous donor!

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