

# Church of the Assumption

February 19, 2023



## Seventh 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  
**Aurelia & Domingo Ang**

The candles at Mary's Statue burns  
in loving memory of **Josephine Bertoldo**

The Sanctuary candle burns in  
loving memory of **Dominic & Elvira Lener**

The Tabernacle candles burn in  
loving memory of **Virginia Nistico**

The Altar candles burn in  
loving memory of **Victims of Turkey & Syria**

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Saturday, February 18

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

## Monday, February 20

7:30am

MaryJane Mulvgnity  
Casey

## Tuesday, February 21 **St. Peter Damian**

7:30am

Brenda Washicko

## Wednesday, February 22 **Ash Wednesday**

7:30am

Theresa Lamphier

9:00am

George Gustave Bory, Sr.

12:15pm

William Henry Motley

5:30pm

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7:00pm

Prayer Service

## Thursday, February 23 **St. Polycarp**

7:30am

Anthony Gilbertie

12:15pm

Mark Blake

## Friday, February 24

7:30am

Tony Buono

12:15pm

Elli Ergele

## Saturday, February 25

7:30am

Richard Rafael V. Talmadge

5:00pm (Vigil)

Elizabeth Petretta

## Sunday, February 26 **First Sunday in Lent**

7:30am

Edward Capasse

9:00am

Gerald Bieling

11:00am

Peter Burgess

5:00pm

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## Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Virginia Nistico, Virginia Phostole

***May they rest in peace.***

# STEWARDSHIP



## Weekly Offertory: February 12, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 6,430.00  
Online Giving: \$ 3,229.00  
\$ 9,659.00

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*



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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.

**The Parish and Religious Education offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023 for President's day and will reopen Tuesday at 8:30am.**

## 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

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The Institute for Catholic Formation offers parishes resources throughout the year that allow leaders to focus on what they do best - engaging with the faithful in the pews. From book clubs to reading groups, workshops, posters in Lent and Advent, the Institute provides free resources to make parish life better, a pastor's life easier, and the faithful more engaged. When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.

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



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MARCH 4, 2023

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and drop off at the parish rectory mailbox.

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

*Live Irish Band "Once Removed" & A Bagpiper*

## 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

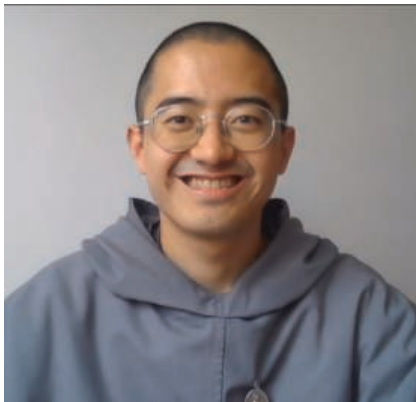
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Social Concerns Ministry*

# Church of the Assumption Lenten Mission 2023

Monday, March 20  
&  
Tuesday, March 21  
7:00pm  
in the Church

**Topic: Rules of  
Discernment of Spirits**

**Meet Our Speaker:  
Fr. Josemaria Barbin**



Fr. Josemaria M. Barbin, inspired by the life and example of St. Maximilian Kolbe, entered the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate in 2006. He went on to study philosophy and theology in Italy, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in theology from the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He was ordained to the sacred priesthood on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7, 2017, centenary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

As a friar, he currently serves as the Father Guardian and Postulant Master at the Marian Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Griswold, CT and is the Vocation Director for the USA delegation.

## Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth joined the teens from St. Francis for a terrific Kids Night Out Event at St Francis in Weston. Everyone had a great time helping the little ones with crafts & games while their parents enjoyed an evening to themselves! All 6th -12th graders are invited to participate in the group as we build faith, have fun and serve in the community. For more info., please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding at [mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org)





All are invited!

**St. Joseph Day Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**in McGrath Hall**  
**after the 5:00pm Mass**



Pasta supper, Italian desserts,  
wine and coffee

***Also featuring a  
traditional St. Joseph Table***

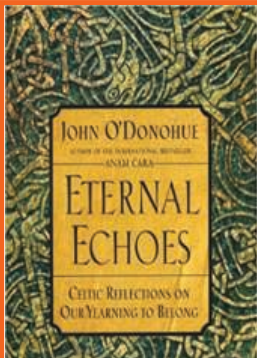
**Special Second Collection**

In light of the tremendous loss of life and devastation resulting from the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, Bishop Caggiano has asked for all parishes to have a special second collection this weekend, February 18 & 19 to help those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 week's organ prelude in honor of Black History Month is "**Prayer**" by **George Walker** (1922-2018). Walker was the first black composer to win the Pulitzer Prize for Music and his commissioned works have been performed by major orchestras across the globe. More information about his amazing career can be found at [georgetwalker.com](http://georgetwalker.com).



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**Monday, February 13 - 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](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com)

**Join Us**  
**For a Pre-Lenten Community**  
**Pancake Breakfast**



**Sunday, February 19th**  
**after the 9:00am Mass**  
**in McGrath Hall**

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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
- Have flexible schedules and can serve on weekdays and Saturdays on short notice.

**Call the Parish office 203-227-5161 to sign up!**

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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](mailto: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:

- **CRACKERS**
- **PEANUT BUTTER**
- **SNACKS, COOKIES**
- **CEREAL BARS**
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- **SMALL BAGS OF RICE**
- **PASTA, PASTA SAUCE**
- **CANNED SOUPS**
- **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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