

February 26, 2023

Lent

Preparation

REFLECTION

Sacrifice

Temptation

Fast^{ing}

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 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. 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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

The candles at Mary's Statue burns in loving memory of **Elizabeth Petretta**

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

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **William Mesa**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Joseph Arciola**

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 25

7:30am

Richard Rafael V. Talmadge

5:00pm

Elizabeth Petretta

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

7:30am

Edward Capasse

9:00am

Gerald Bieling

11:00am

Peter Burgess

5:00pm

Family of Assumption

Monday, February 27 **St. Gregory of Narek**

7:30am

Frances Rossi

12:15pm

Tony Buono

Tuesday, February 28

7:30am

Amy Abbott

12:15pm

Elizabeth Petretta

Wednesday, March 1

7:30am

Tony Buono

12:15pm

Stephen Chacho

Thursday, March 2

7:30am

John McCarthy

12:15pm

Maurice Taaffe

Friday, March 3

7:30am

St. Katherine

12:15pm

Brenda Washicko

Denise Michele-Williams

Saturday, March 4

7:30am

St. Casimir

5:00pm (Vigil)

Stephen Vojtush

Dominick DeMace

Sunday, March 5

7:30am

First Sunday in Lent

9:00am

Tony & Annette Buonaiuto

11:00am

Tony Buono

Captain Alger Wilson,
US Navy

5:00pm

Family of Assumption,
Kenneth Collopy

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Douglas Cilento, Joseph Arciola, Theresa
Renzulli, William Mesa, Josephine Bertoldo,
Virginia Nistico

May they rest in peace.

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Sunday Offertory: \$ 7,328.00
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Fr. Cyrus



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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.

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The Season of Lent

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

What is Fasting?

Fasting is one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal. Our Lenten sacrifice also includes not eating between meals.

Days of Fast?

There are only two days of Fast, Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. All Catholics between the age of 18 to 59 should observe this practice. Those with health issues are excused.

What is Abstinence?

This is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from eating meat and to be observed by all Catholics of 14 years of age and older. The days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all of the Fridays during Lent.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm



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 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.

For it is in
giving
that we receive

- St. Francis of Assisi

*A project of the Church of the Assumption
Social Concerns Ministry*

Church of the Assumption Lenten Mission 2023

March 20 & 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 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 "A Little More Faith In Jesus" is an arrangement of a Spiritual by John W. Work III. Work received a BA from Fisk University in 1923 and went on to earn an MA from Columbia, a BM from Yale and an honorary doctorate from Fisk. His album John Work III received a Grammy Award in 2007

All are invited!
St. Joseph Day Celebration
Sunday, March 19th
in McGrath Hall
after the 5:00pm Mass

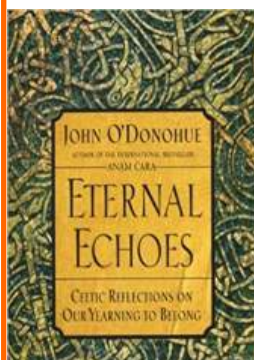


Pasta supper, Italian desserts,
wine and coffee

**Also featuring a
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(More information coming soon about
the St. Joseph table)

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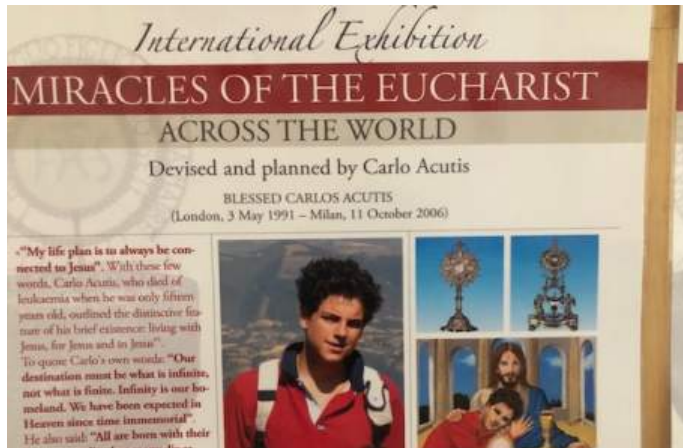
All are welcome.

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

Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth joined the teens from St. Francis for the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit. Everyone had a great time learning and laughing.

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



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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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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.

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- **CANNED SOUPS**
- **COFFEE**



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