

March 12, 2023

Lent

Preparation
REFLECTION
Sacrifice
Temptation

Fasting

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

Mr. Matthew Fair
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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
Ramon Torrato

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

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Bill & Charlene Surette**

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **Bill Smith**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Rita Leyden**



Saturday, March 11

7:30am

Patricia Lynch &
Charlie French

5:00pm (Vigil)

Patsy DeMace Family

Sunday, March 12

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Third Sunday in Lent

Tom Washicko Family

Rev. Patrick Carroll

David McClatchie

Family of Assumption,
Virginia Nistico

Monday, March 13

7:30am

12:15pm

Harry Paul Engel

Angela Bertoldo

Tuesday, March 14

7:30am

12:15pm

Laura McClatchie

Tony Buono

Wednesday, March 15

7:30am

12:15pm

Brenda Washicko

Marie & Felix Doino

Thursday, March 16

7:30am

12:15pm

Esther Capasse

Ed Capasse

Friday, March 17

7:30am

12:15pm

St. Patrick

John Barry

John Moran, Jr.

Saturday, March 18

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Craig Harris

Elvira Lener

Sunday, March 19

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joseph & Betty Cabral

Joseph Pessolano

Maria Canosa Otero

Dermot J. McMahon

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Rita Leyden, Jennifer Bosco, Mildred Garrity,
Douglas Cilento, Joseph Arciola, Theresa
Renzulli, William Mesa, Josephine Bertoldo

May they rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offertory: March 5, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 7,271.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,804.00
 \$11,075.00

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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**We have raised \$23,145 of our
\$146,300 goal (15.82%).**



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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 203-226-5448

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



**JOIN WITH YOUR PARISH
COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

Serving:
pasta, meatballs, stuffed breads,
wine, coffee and pastry

The St. Joseph Table is an Old World devotion brought to the U.S. over a century ago by Italian immigrants. As the legend goes, there was a long drought and famine in Sicily. The people prayed to St. Joseph for relief and after a time, the skies opened up. The only crop to survive was the fava bean which saved them from starvation.

The traditional St. Joseph table is constructed in the shape of the Cross with three levels honoring the Holy Trinity. Foods of the Italian harvest are featured on the table: grapes, lemons, figs, olives, along with bread, wine, and specialty desserts. Additional symbols and statues remind us of the life of St. Joseph.

**PLEASE COME TO HONOR THIS GREAT
SAINT AND THE POWER OF HIS
INTERCESSION THROUGHOUT THE AGES.**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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 Book Group

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please contact Helen Thiemann. Phone 203-
227-6318 or mail: helenctman@gmail.com

Lent is a Time for Healing & Renewal



**Join us for an
Evening of Reflection
with Father Joel Lopez**

**Monday, March 27th
at 7:00pm in the Church**



St. Luke's Catholic Church, Westport

Join us for a

LENTEN REFLECTION by



Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

March 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Dinner & Fellowship followed by
a Lenten Reflection

Please RSVP to stluke@optonline.net
or call 203-227-7245

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.



We Stand With Christ Campaign Update

A total of **\$1,793,474** has been pledged! We have received **\$1,375,654.45 (76.70%)** of our pledge.

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

Come See Mark Schultz

Mark Schultz is a Christian recording artist who has sold 2 million records, has ten #1 singles, a Dove Award and multiple nominations.

Come to his concert on May 5 which will benefit Malta House and Ministries of St. Francis of Assisi

Malta House promotes the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services, and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children.

For tickets:

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Please join us!

**All are invited for
coffee and donuts
in McGrath Hall
every Sunday after the 9:00am mass.
This is a great way to meet and chat
with fellow parishioners.**

If you are interested in volunteering for Hospitality Sunday,
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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.

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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:

- **CRACKERS**
- **PEANUT BUTTER**
- **SNACKS, COOKIES**
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- **CAKE MIX, FROSTING**
- **BROWNIE MIX**
- **SMALL SUGAR**
- **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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