

May 7, 2023



IF YOU LOVE ME,  
*you will keep my commandments.*

JOHN 14:15

### 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  
**Trustee**

Mr. Mark Rubino  
**Trustee**

Mrs. Michelle Hopson  
Chairman, **Parish Pastoral Council**

Mr. Craig Wiele  
Chairman, **Parish Finance Council**

### Pray for the Sick

Meghan Andrews, Maryann Stypinski

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 for the  
**Asterio Rodriguez**

The candles at Mary's Statue burns  
in loving memory of **Betsy Vandall**

The Sanctuary candle burns  
in honor of **Pasquale Valente**

The Tabernacle candles burn in  
loving memory of **Carmella Belmonte**

The Altar candles burn in  
loving memory of **Angie Tortorella**



### Saturday, May 6

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Elaine Cooney

Sean McKay

### Sunday, May 7

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Family of Assumption,  
Edith Pino

John Hanrahan

Marie Belford

Tony Buono

### Monday, May 8

7:30am

Elvio Casatelli

### Tuesday, May 9

7:30am

Susan Tucci

### Wednesday, May 10

7:30am

Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

### Thursday, May 11

7:30am

Dominic Lener

### Friday, May 12

7:30am

Audreymay Washicko

### Saturday, May 13

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Harry Paul Engel

Elizabeth Petretta

### Sunday, May 14

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Joseph & Betty Cabral  
Family of Assumption,  
Kenneth Collony

Linda McCallum

Bernard Kaiser

### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Frank Lener, Mary Murphy, Rita Leyden,  
Jennifer Bosco, Mildred Garrity

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



# STEWARDSHIP



**Weekly Offertory: April 30, 2023**

**Sunday Offertory:** \$5,436.00  
**Online Giving:** \$3,104.00  
**\$8,540.00**

**Catholic Home Mission \$1,399.00**

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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## The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

The Sacred Heart Guild is one of the Bishop's personal initiatives, entrusted with a mission to foster and promote Beauty in the Sacred Arts in the Diocese. It exists to inspire an encounter with Christ through pilgrimages, workshops, concerts and talks. The Guild has a particular attention to the needs of young people and seeks to model the 'art of the possible' in promoting authentic Catholic culture, broadly understood.



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Thank you for your gift.

**As of April 28, 2023, we have  
raised \$104,318 of our  
\$146,300 goal (71.30%)**



**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.*

**Interested in becoming  
a Parishioner?**

To register, please visit the parish  
website at

[www.assumptionwestport.org](http://www.assumptionwestport.org)

or call the parish office at 203-227-5161.

## 2024 Mass Book

The 2024 Mass Book is now open. You may choose to honor your loved ones by offering a mass and candle intention. **In order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible, we will be accepting a total of five mass requests at this time (candles are unlimited).** After Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will then be able to fulfill your additional requests for the remainder of the year. We kindly ask that you do not submit your additional requests before June 12<sup>th</sup>.

To make an arrangement, please call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 or email [mhankey@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mhankey@assumptionwestport.org). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays 1:00pm

**Come join us** every Thursday afternoon at 1:00pm in the Beard Room at the Roncalli House. No experience necessary! We will teach you how to knit or crochet! This ministry is intended to be a reminder of God's ever present love. The shawls are for all occasions - joyful or sorrowful. Some knitters come every week and others knit or crochet at home. For more information or if you know someone who would like to receive a prayer shawl, please call Cathy Romano at 203-226-5448 or email [cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org)

***"Prayer wraps unseen arms around those who need a touch of Heaven."***

## Parish Prayer Ministry

**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](mailto: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, dealing 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 those in need of healing. It is not Last Rites or Extreme Unction. We look forward to visiting you.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."*

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Thanksgiving Food Gift Cards, Palm Sunday Food Donations, Summer Food Collection, Soup Lady Legacy.

**CLOTHE THE NAKED** - coats, socks, blankets and the Advent Angels' gifts requests.

**COMFORT THE LONELY AND MOURNING**- Prayer Network and Lenten Alms

**WHO WE SERVE** – some charities we serve: Soup Lady Legacy, Daughters of Charity, Open Door, Gillespie Center, Missionaries of Charity.



## 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 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).

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**First Holy Communion** is a celebration for the entire community. The students are excited to share not only with their families, but with everyone in the parish this **Sunday, May 7th, at our 9:00am and 11:00am masses.**

Please join with us in praying for our young children as they come to the table of the Lord for their very first time.

*Join us for a  
Mother's Day Coffee &  
Refreshments  
after the 9:00am mass on  
Sunday, May 14th.*



### **MOTHER'S DAY MASSES & CARDS**

Mother's Day Offering envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church to honor the Mothers in your life. They will be prayed for during the Month of May.

Please return the "Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet" envelope with your mass intention either by placing it in the offertory basket, mailing to the parish office or dropping it in the office mail slot.

You are welcome to take a complimentary card also available in the Church.

### **May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother**



The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During this month, we should find time to pray the rosary daily, especially with our families and friends. Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother and she always hears the prayers of her children. Bring your special intentions to her no matter how big or small.



### **Church of the Assumption *Adoration***

Come join us on  
Mondays and  
Wednesdays anytime  
from 8:00am to 5:00pm

*The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." – St. Teresa of Calcutta*

### **Join the Knights of Columbus**



The Church of the Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 3688 is looking for Catholic men age 18 and over to join. Please contact Bill Macnamara 203-856-2854. The council meets the first Tuesday of each month in McGrath Hall.

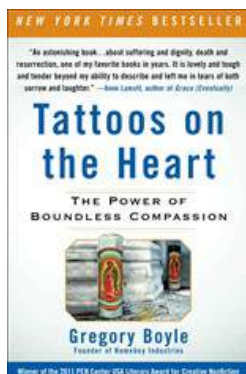


## ASSUMPTION BOOK GROUP

TATTOOS ON THE HEART, The power of boundless compassion by Gregory Boyle, SJ. A wonderful read to cheer our spirits, you are invited to spend time with a contemporary Jesuit who brings HOPE to the wounded world.

Zoom for three Mondays  
on  
May 8, 15, 22 from  
5:00 - 6:30pm.

If interested, please  
contact Helen Thiemann  
203-227-6318 or email:  
helenct@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 (*Plain Cheerios*)
- CEREAL BARS
- CAKE MIX, FROSTING, BROWNIE MIX
- ONE POUND BAGS OF SUGAR
- ONE POUND BAGS OF RICE (*White or Brown*)
- 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.



Join us for an evening of food  
tasting from around the  
world!

**Saturday, May 20, 2023,  
after the 5:00pm mass  
on the lawn at Assumption**

\$30.00 person or \$60.00 per family  
Children 5 & under eat free  
Wine and Beer included

**RSVP by May 15th**

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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, please contact  
Cathy Romano at 203-226-5448  
[cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org),  
or Michele Harding at  
[mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org)



## 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.

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

### **CLERGY**

Rev. Fr. Cyrus M. Bartolome  
Pastor and Episcopal Vicar for Filipino Catholics  
[frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:frcyrus@assumptionwestport.org)

Rev. Fr. Joseph Yi, SDB, Parochial Vicar  
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Rev. Fr. Frank Hoffmann (In Residence)  
Vicar for Clergy

Deacon James Meehan, Parish Deacon  
[dnmeehan@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:dnmeehan@assumptionwestport.org)

### **SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY**

**203-227-5161 ext. 105**

Frank Matto, Director and Organist  
[fmatto@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:fmatto@assumptionwestport.org)

Aidan Andrews, Cantor

### **YOUTH MINISTRY 203-222-8486**

Michele Harding, Youth Minister  
[mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org)

### **PARISH STAFF 203-227-5161**

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