

June 25, 2023

*So do not be afraid;*  
you are worth more than many sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31



*Church of the Assumption*

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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

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, Janice Dean, Candace Roy,  
Maggie Schoon, 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  
**Deceased members of the  
Villaviciencio Family**

The candles at Mary's Statue burns  
in loving memory of **Rev. Bernard Keefe**

The Sanctuary candle burns  
in loving memory of **John Renda**

The Tabernacle candles burn in  
loving memory of **Wally Meyer**

The Altar candles burn in  
loving memory of **William Dehler**

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Saturday, June 24**

7:30am  
5:00pm (Vigil)

**The Nativity of St. John  
the Baptist**

Eileen Andrus  
Margaret Labbanace

**Sunday, June 25**

7:30am  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

**Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Family of Assumption,  
Caroline Veseidlio VanAcker  
Christy Boccanfuso  
Sr. Ellen Hathaway, SND  
Yuderka Espinal

**Monday, June 26**

7:30am

Noelle Anastasia

**Tuesday, June 27**

7:30am

**St. Cyril of Alexandria**  
Georgiana Yance-Moavero

**Wednesday, June 28**

7:30am

**St. Irenaeus**  
Sylvia Luciano

**Thursday, June 29**

7:30am

**St. Peter & Paul, Apostles**  
Elliott Baim

**Friday, June 30**

7:30am

**The First Martyrs of the  
Holy Roman Church**  
Thomas A. D'Achille

**Saturday, July 1**

7:30am  
5:00pm (Vigil)

**St. Junipero Serra**  
Frank Maduri  
Tony Buono

**Sunday, July 2**

7:30am  
9:00am  
11:00am  
5:00pm

**Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Pete Johnson, Jr.  
Beatrix Brownfield  
Felix & Nazareth Terrero  
Family of Assumption,  
Laurence Allen Weiss

### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Kevin Mashia, William Dehler, Dorothy Myer,  
Janice Dean, Sophia Makowski, Jennie Caiati

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

# STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offertory: June 18, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 6,604.00  
Online Giving: \$ 3,797.00  
\$10,401.00

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. If you would like to donate through **Online Giving** please visit our website at [www.assumptionwestport.org](http://www.assumptionwestport.org). It's easy, safe and convenient. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

God Bless!  
Fr. Cyrus



## 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.



**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.*



## The 2023 Bishop's Appeal We Reached Our Goal!

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to the **2023 Bishop's Appeal**. We have reached our goal of \$146,300! Your donations help many charitable organizations and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Contributions to the **Upkeep of Church Property (UCP)** are still welcome and encouraged. Currently, funds are needed to repair the steeple structures, replace school gutters and windows, AC units in the church, side and back exterior doors of the church and other necessary projects. Once again, I would like to thank you for your unending support.

Fr. Cyrus

## 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.

New members are always welcome. If you wish to contact us, please call Connie Luppino at 203-852-9937.

## 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.

## THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS FOR KIDS AT RISK OF HUNGER THIS SUMMER

Thank you to those who recognized the need of the children who are in danger of experiencing hunger this summer.

Thank you for hearing the pleas of those who will be facing food insecurity by donating nonperishable snacks and foods.

Thank you for being sensitive to the hunger around us and for doing something about it.

*Blessings to the generous hearts who donated to the Missionaries of Charity, Daughters of Charity, Child Guidance Center and Open Doors Shelter.*

*The Social Concerns Ministry*



### Assumption Youth Group

Congratulations to Michael and Joseph Pontoriero for their dedication to our Youth Group.

Tim Fording and Michele Harding presented them with the Assumption Men's Basketball Service Award at the 9:00am mass last Sunday.

Michael and Joseph are off to college in the Fall.

*Congratulations!*



### In Loving Memory Monsignor Frank McGrath

Monsignor Frank C. McGrath, passed away in Naples, Fla., on Saturday, June 10, 2023 after a brief illness. He was 78 years of age.

Monsignor McGrath ministered faithfully to the people of the diocese as a pastor, a leader of Charismatic Renewal, and a chaplain who had a particular devotion to providing spiritual support to the men and women of the fire service in our area. Monsignor McGrath served as the Pastor here at Church of the Assumption from 1993-1999.





**Taylor Marie Birch**  
Bucknell University  
BSE in Computer Science & Engineering

**Grace Burg**  
Staples High School

**Catherine Connell**  
Fordham University

**Walsh Geelan**  
Loyola University Maryland  
Bachelors of Arts in Psychology

**Brian Green**  
Providence College  
Bachelors of Science in Finance

**Chloe Hankey**  
Drexel University  
Bachelors of Science in Nursing

**Grace Mathews**  
Saint Josephs High School

**Olivia Otter**  
University of Michigan  
Major Biochemistry & Minor Eastern European &  
Eurasian Studies

**Joseph Pontoriero**  
Staples High School

**Michael Pontoriero**  
Staples High School

**Charlie Wiele**  
Staples High School

**Charlie Wright**  
Staples High School

**Mary Beth Zaffina**  
Fairfield University  
Masters in Nursing

The Parish wishes to congratulate our parishioners who have graduated this year from various High Schools, Colleges & Universities with diplomas and degrees. We are so proud!

Please write your graduate's info and drop it in the collection basket, at the Parish Office, or email [josterndorf@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:josterndorf@assumptionwestport.org).

**Name**

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**School:**

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Please join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Patriotic Rosary for the conversion and consecration of our Nation on **Saturday, July 1st after the 7:30am mass in the church.** All are welcome!

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## Registration is Open for 2023-2024 Faith Formation

Dear Families,

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the Faith Formation program in the Fall of 2023. Our goal is to provide a program that consists of sacramental, scriptural catechesis and service that offer the opportunity for children to strengthen their understanding of God's presence in their lives.

Our program is open to the children of our parish. We offer age-appropriate faith formation to help enrich their spiritual lives.

We also aim to support parents, who are their children's first introduction to Christ and His Church. We pray that the spiritual life of our Assumption Catholic faith community grows even stronger.

Our formation program consists of Grades 1- 8. To register and for more information, please visit [www.assumptionwestport.org/religious-education](http://www.assumptionwestport.org/religious-education)

### 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.

### **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)

### **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.



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

### 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.

## 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!**

### Tune in to 24-hour Catholic Radio!

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### CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Cyrus M. Bartolome  
Pastor and Episcopal Vicar for Filipino Catholics  
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Vicar for Clergy

Deacon James Meehan, Parish Deacon  
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### SACRED MUSIC MINISTRY 203-227-5161 ext. 105

Frank Matto, Director and Organist  
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Aidan Andrews, Cantor

### YOUTH MINISTRY 203-222-8486

Michele Harding, Youth Minister  
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### PARISH STAFF 203-227-5161

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