



September 10, 2023

For where  
two or three are  
gathered together  
*in my name,*  
there am I in the  
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

*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

Maryann Burriesci, Abigail Lamb, Candace Roy, Maggie Schoon, Carl Viesti, Lisa Viesti, Pat Viesti

If you would like to add a loved one to be prayed for please contact the parish office at 203-227-5161.

### IN LOVING MEMORY

The candles at Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage burns for  
**Angelino V. Nati**

The candles at Mary's Statue burns in loving memory of **Phyllis Tremonte**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Estelle Murray**

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **Nicholas Saviano**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of  
**Hayden Cabral**

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 9 St. Peter Claver**  
7:30am Pauline Oshetski  
5:00pm (Vigil) Josephine Bertoldo

**Sunday, September 10 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30am Tina LaRusso  
9:00am Jerry Bieling  
11:00am Rev. Phillip Morrissey  
5:00pm Jennifer Dean Burke

**Monday, September 11**  
7:30am John McCarthy

**Tuesday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
7:30am John T. Moran

**Wednesday, September 13 St. John Chrysotom**  
7:30am Harry Paul Engel

**Thursday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Cross**  
7:30am Tony Buono

**Friday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows**  
7:30am Meduri Family

**Saturday, September 16 St. Cornelius**  
7:30am Mary Messemer  
5:00pm (Vigil) Laureana Timoteo Dizon

**Sunday, September 17 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30am Joseph & Betty Cabral  
9:00am Family of Assumption,  
Elberta Contreras  
11:00am The Rodriguez Family  
5:00pm Patsy DeMace

### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Joseph Liberatore, Mary Bulakites,  
Tessie DeMattia, Maryann Stypinski,  
Kevin O'Grady

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



# STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offertory: September 3, 2023

Sunday Offertory:	\$ 5,483.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,357.00
	<b>\$ 8,840.00</b>

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



*"Seek the Lord & His strength ... Seek His Presence continually"*

## Bible Study with Fr. Joseph Yi ALL ARE WELCOME

We will meet on Saturdays starting  
**September 16 following the 7:30am Mass**  
(approx. 8:10 am) at Roncalli House

Come join us to discuss in detail the Sunday Gospel message and seek a greater understanding of the word of God and how to bring it into our daily lives.  
There will be refreshments.

Bring your Bible ... we will have extra Bibles on hand.

## NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM FALL SESSIONS REGISTRATION OPEN

Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30 pm

**October 4 – December 6**  
(no session Nov. 22)

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment. God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting, at Church of the Assumption, 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Church of the Assumption is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact:

Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023

[Ctcemeteries.org/newday](http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday)

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.

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## Adoration

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



## 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.*

# SOCK DRIVE



**September 9th - October 1st**

Again, this year, **Social Concerns** will be collecting **NEW SOCKS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**. The socks will be given to Missionaries of Charity, the Soup Legacy and others in need .

As the weather gets COLDER, the need becomes greater. Please place the socks in the designated baskets marked with a picture of a "yellow sock" located at the doors of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Rully at [adrully@aol.com](mailto:adrully@aol.com) or (203) 227-9110.

Thank you for your continued kindness.

***The Social Concerns Ministry***

## **BLANKET COLLECTION**



*"By the love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples." (John 13)*

**From September 2nd to October 1st**

Soon winter will be here and in local shelters, our sisters and brothers young and old in need, will be desperately cold. They need you to help.

**PLEASE** donate new (twin size) or gently used (any size), clean blankets. Please place your donations in the boxes that will be provided at the front entrance of the church, McGrath Hall, or on Roncalli House front porch. If you wish to shop online, please send items to the attention of:

**Social Concerns  
44 Lincoln Street, Front Porch  
Westport, CT 06880**

Thank you for your continued kindness.

***The Social Concerns Ministry***

## **Beginning of the Year Fun Day**

**September 17th @ 3:00pm**

All Confirmation prep and Youth Ministry students in grades 7 through 12, and their parents are invited to an afternoon of meet & greet, fun, games, and an ice cream bar.

We will meet on the grounds of the Church.

Please RSVP by September 10 to  
[mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org)  
or  
[cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org)



# Enhancing How We Live Our Faith

This weekend after mass

Saturday, September 9th 5:00pm

Sunday, September 10th after the 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

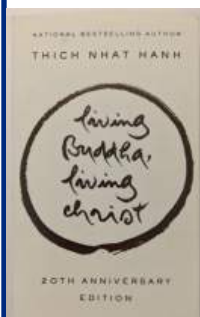
**Refreshments, Raffles, Children's Corner and more!**

## Get to Know All Our Ministries!

To continue to foster our parish faith, we welcome everyone to join us for a reception which will provide the opportunity to spend time with each other and explore the multiple avenues to enrich our parish and extended community. Ministries that will be there include: Liturgy, Faith Formation, Hospitality, Social, Youth, Parish Leadership and Outreach



## BOOK GROUP



We extended a warm welcome to anyone interested in deepening her/his faith while reading and sharing ideas about **LIVING BUDDHA, LIVING CHRIST**, written by Thich Nhat Hanh. As the Dalai Lama states: (the author) shows us the connection

between personal inner peace and peace on earth. We meet for nine weeks beginning Tuesday, September 19 on ZOOM from 5 - 6:30 PM. Interested? Email: [helenctman@gmail.com](mailto:helenctman@gmail.com) or phone: 203-227-6318.

## 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 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)

## Seeking a Religious Education/ Faith Formation Assistant

**Part-time position for an Assistant in the Religious Education program**

**Job Title:** Religious Education/Faith Formation Assistant (Part Time)

**Reports To:** Director of Faith Formation, Church of the Assumption

**Overall responsibility:** The Assistant to the Director of Religious Education (DRE) provides administrative support to the DRE to running and coordinating the program, record keeping of all aspects of faith formation including sacrament documentation and other general office duties.

Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Cathy Romano at [cromano@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:cromano@assumptionwestport.org)

## Interested in becoming an Assumption 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.



# Join Us for a Trip to Mohegan Sun Friday, September 29, 2023

Depart Assumption parking lot at 9:00am and leave Mohegan Sun at 4:00pm.

**\$50 per person**

Includes transportation, driver gratuity, snacks during the trip and a \$10 gift card towards lunch at a Mohegan Sun restaurant.

**RSVP by Monday 9/25**

Maximum of 55 seats available

Don't miss out on the fun and sign up now!



Please drop-off or mail a completed form and payment to the Parish Office: 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880. Please make checks payable to Assumption Church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of seats # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Knights of Columbus Family Movie Night



**Movie: Kiki's Delivery Service**

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**6:00pm in McGrath Hall**

**Free for All!**

**Hot Dogs, Popcorn and Candy!**

**Wine and Cheese for Adults!**

Younger viewers will enjoy the excitement and comedy of Kiki's adventures, older viewers will appreciate the story's themes of overcoming self-doubt, finding purpose and how maturity changes the way we view life.

## Also Join the K of C Newsletter!

The Westport Knights invites everyone to subscribe to our community newsletter! Stay up to date with our community and fund raising events! Scan the QR Code or use this url: <http://eepurl.com/ivdnzs>



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## Westport Human Services

When you need help and don't know where to turn, Westport residents are encouraged to contact Westport's Human Services office at 203-341-1050 or [humansrv@westportct.gov](mailto:humansrv@westportct.gov) for confidential assistance.

Our professional staff can help you handle eviction notices, determine eligibility for financial assistance programs, provide mental health resources, and loop you into various programs and support services for seniors, youth, families, and individuals with disabilities.

Please contact us or check the Town website for more information:

[www.westportct.gov/humanservices](http://www.westportct.gov/humanservices)

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

## Incident Reporting

The Diocese Of Bridgeport Incident Report Of  
An Allegation Of Abuse Or Misconduct

This information will be communicated within 48 hours to the Office of Safe Environments. You may also call the Victim Assistance Coordinator directly at (203) 650-3265 or (203) 241-0987. Please do not report emergencies or imminent threat of harm. For these you should immediately dial 911. CT law requires that the Diocese of Bridgeport must report all allegations involving abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to civil authorities which include local law enforcement in the town where the abuse is to have occurred and/or the CT Department of Children and Family Services (Care line 1-800-842-2288).

Please be aware that anonymous reports are unable to be fully investigated by the Diocese or by the police. The CT Department of Children and Families and the Diocese of Bridgeport will handle your information with a high level of confidentiality. For questions or concerns relating to Safe Environments, Background Checks, VIRTUS Awareness Training, Resources for Victims of Abuse or Mandated Reporting, please contact:

Erin Neil

L.C.S.W., Director of Safe Environment &  
Victim Assistance Coordinator

Tel: (203) 416-1406 Tel: (203) 650-3265

Email: [ENeil@diobpt.org](mailto:ENeil@diobpt.org)

## 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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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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