

October 15, 2023

perspective

Church of the Assumption

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

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

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
Concepcion Valderrama

The candles at Mary's Statue burns
in loving memory of **Evelyn Devine**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving
memory of **Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

The Tabernacle candles burn in
loving memory of **John Barry**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
John Durkin

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14 St. Callistus I

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Tony Buono

Elizabeth Petretta

**Sunday, October 15 Twenty-Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Joseph & Betty Cabral

Mary & Stanisloa Copersino

Felix & Nazareth Terrero

Family of Assumption,

Theresa & Luigi

Scaramuzzo

**Monday, October 16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque**

7:30am

Sheri Daniele

Tuesday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30am

Rita Leyden

Wednesday, October 18 St. Luke

7:30am

Mary Murphy

**Thursday, October 19 St. John de Brebuef &
Isaac Joques**

7:30am

Roger Bumgarner

Friday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross

7:30am

Carmen Joseph Tornatore

Saturday, October 21

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Elizabeth & Frank Melia

Dorothy Coppola

**Sunday, October 22 Twenty-Ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Elvio Casatelli

The Mathew Family

Tony Buono

Family of Assumption,

Oscar Mesa

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Evelyn Devine, Concepcion Valderrama,
Denise Murtha, Angelo Rotella, Sr.,
Gladys Hoeg, John Durkin

May they rest in peace.

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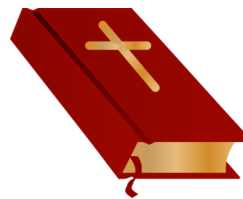


Weekly Offertory: October 8, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$ 7,587.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,832.00
\$11,419.00

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. 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 **every Saturdays morning following the 7:30am Mass** (approx. 8:10am) 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 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

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



Church of the Assumption

Adoration

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



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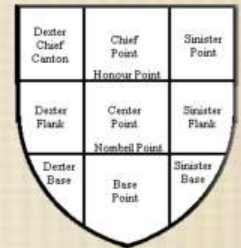
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defending our nation and especially pray for
those who have been wounded or have
sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace.*



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The coat of arms "escudo de armas" refers to the shield while the seal "sello" refers to the shield inside the elliptical emblem.



Perspective of the Bearer

THE COAT OF ARMS AND SEAL OF CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Westport, Fairfield County, Connecticut, U.S.A.

DESCRIPTION

The Symbols of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption – The symbols found at the chief point of the shield are symbols connected to the titular patroness of the parish, the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of the Assumption. The eight-pointed star is symbolic of the glory of Mary being assumed into heaven, body and soul. The two pairs of angelic wings on each side in Argent (silver) symbolize the choirs of angels that greet the Virgin Mary as she is assumed into the abode of God. Found at the center of the star is a Cross in Gules (red). This symbolizes that Mary's glory is the glory of God as her words and actions are the work of God and are a sign of her commitment as Christ's first disciple, and now as Mother of the Church. The motto under the shield are the Latin words "Ad supernam Caeli gloriam" or "To the glory of the high heaven", taken from the Apostolic Constitution on the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary, *Munificentissimus Deus* by Pope Pius XII. This speaks not only of the heavenly merit of the Virgin, but the aspiration of each community member in Westport - to be saints.

The Symbols of the Local Jurisdiction of the Parish - The symbols found at the nombril point of the shield signify the territorial jurisdiction and the heritage of the parish. The ship in Or (gold) pointed westward speaks of the town of Westport, Fairfield County in the State of Connecticut. The direction of the ship signifies the importance of the town and the historic fact that immigrants from other nations started coming to the place to make it their home. It served a growing number of immigrants, first from Ireland and later from Italy, who settled in Saugatuck and in Greens Farms. The three wavy lines in Argent represent the three bodies of water that are known in the area. First, it represents the Saugatuck River as the parish was moved from its original site in 1899, when the little white church on the hill could no longer accommodate the growing immigrant population and the parishioners and their pastor, Rev. James P. Ryle, made plans to build a new church at the corner of Burr Road and Riverside Avenue on the Saugatuck River. Second, it represents Compo Pond, the other entry of water to the town from the estuary area. Third, it also represents the Long Island Sound where the town and other areas in the State known as the Gold Coast are situated. The ship and the waters also speak of the devotion of the faithful to the Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage, introduced by Filipino communities. An official replica of the image was enthroned in the parish in 2022. The chevron in Argent is symbolic of Bridgeport, the See of the Diocese where the parish of Westport belongs to as a Catholic community.

The Year - The year 1876 is inscribed below to signify the foundation of the parish of Westport.

Church of the Assumption

GIFTS OF PLENTY PROJECT



Starting October 7th until November 5th the Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting food gift cards for the "Gifts of Plenty" project.

For many years you gave generously for our brothers and sisters who are in need of food. We are asking you again to help our neighbors by purchasing a major food store gift card of any denomination.

Envelopes have been placed in the center aisle of the church and at the front and back entrances for you to put your donated food cards in them and return to the Collection Basket or in the mail slot at the Rectory Office. We will distribute to families/shelters before Thanksgiving so they may enjoy a happy holiday. Many thanks and may God bless you for your generosity.

***Sponsored by the Social Concerns
Ministry***

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Sophia Loretta Beninati

Nula James Kinney

Wade Curran Wilson



Festival on the Sound

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Norm Bloom and his wonderful staff at Copps Island Oysters for a marvelous evening on the sound enjoying the delicious oysters. Thanks to Eric Johnson and his staff who provided hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken along with desserts by Cathy Romano and Michele Harding. Thank you also to our parishioners for their support. The funds raised will go to the Knights of Columbus Charities in our community.



**Join the KOC newsletter &
come to the meetings!**

The Westport Knights invites everyone to subscribe to our community newsletter! Stay up to date with all our events! Scan the QR Code. Come to the meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in McGrath Hall.



Assumption Youth Group 2023 Fall Schedule

If you are interested in joining the group,
please contact Michele Harding at
mharding@assumptionwestport.org

Sunday, October 15th	Service Sunday 3:30-4:30 Scarf Making.
Saturday, October 21st	Suicide Prevention Walk Sherwood Island. Help needed starting 8PM.
Sunday, October 22nd	Tentative Lake Compound Trip!
Wed., Nov 1st	Mid-Week Study Break 6-7PM, Youth Room. Dinner and service project.
Wed. Nov 8th	Mid-Week Study Break 6-7PM, Youth Room. Dinner and service project.
Sunday, November 12th	Back Pack Assembly Prep 3:30-4:30PM. School Building.
Sunday, November 19th	Back Pack Assembly 3:30PM-5PM. Help needed at 2:30pm to help setup.



Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawls

"Our Labor of Love"

Join us **Sundays at 4:00pm** at Roncalli House. No experience needed, we will teach you to knit or crochet. Bring your favorite yarn, we will provide the needles. Give someone warmth and joy through your own creation. For more information, please contact: Juany Fumai, jfumai@hotmail.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, BROWNIES**
- **ONE POUND BAGS OF SUGAR**
- **ONE POUND BAGS OF RIC**
- **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.

Prayer Garden on the River

The Prayer Garden, across the street from the church, is sponsored and maintained by the Assumption Youth Group. We invite everyone to enjoy this garden of peace and tranquility. It's a place where you can relax and recharge, pray, meditate and even read a book!



ASSUMPTION 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, 19 September on ZOOM from 5 - 6:30 PM. Interested? email: helenctman@gmail.com or phone: 203-227-6318.

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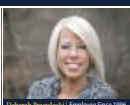
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