

*November 19, 2023*

# *The Parable of the Talents*

MATTHEW 25:14-30



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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  
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**Trustee**

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### Pray for the Sick

Maryann Burriesci, Abigail Lamb, Candance Roy, Maggie Schoon, Natalie Sorbo, Carl Viesti, Lisa Viesti

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  
**Carmela Belmonte**

The candles at Mary's Statue burns  
in loving memory of  
**Rose Nasta**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving  
memory of **John & Mary Calzi**

The Tabernacle candles burn in  
loving memory of **Kevin Tuccinardi**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of  
**Ralph Belmonte**

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 18** **The Dedication of the  
Basilicas of Saints Peter  
& Paul, St. Rose Philippine**

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Sandi Oliver

John & Carol Bieling

**Sunday, November 19** **Thirty-Third Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Joseph & Betty Cabral

Julia Shaw

Tony Buono

Family of Assumption,  
The Zaffina Family

**Monday, November 20**

7:30am

Elizabeth Petretta

**Tuesday, November 21** **The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30am

Elisabeth Fesenmeyer

**Wed., November 22**

7:30am

**St. Cecilia**

Vera Kaiser & Charlie French

**Thursday, November 23** **St. Clement I,  
Thanksgiving Mass**

7:30am

9:00am

Rafael Diaz

Carlin Tiefenthaler

**Friday, November 24**

7:30am

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

John T. Moran

**Saturday, November 25** **St. Catherine of Alexandria**

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Ralph Iazzetta

Tuccinardi Family

**Sunday, November 26** **Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Joanne Harding

Morey Vrooman

Mildred Garrity

Family of Assumption,  
Antonia & Rosa Guadaquob

### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Stephen Smith, Patricia Viesti, Evelyn Marie  
Devine, Concepcion Valderrama,  
Denise Murtha, Angelo Rotella, Sr.

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

# STEWARDSHIP



**Weekly Offertory: November 12, 2023**

Sunday Offertory:	\$ 6,564.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,282.00
	<b>\$ 9,846.00</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



**The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd at 12pm for Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen Monday, November 27th at 8:30am.**



**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.*



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

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

We meet **every Saturday 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](http://Ctcemeteries.org/newday)

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

## Looking for Sponsors for the Blessing of the Crèche, Lighting of the Advent Wreath & Christmas tree Outdoor Event On December 2, 2023

We are looking for parish families, organizations or businesses to SPONSOR our outdoor event. If you wish to serve as a Sponsor, please make checks payable to Assumption Church with "Sponsor" noted on the check memo line.



If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 203-227-5161.  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



## KOC Coats For Kids

The Church of the Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 3688 purchased and delivered over 350 new children's winter coats to the Norwalk Family Services Center for families with young people in need. This is an annual event for the K of C. The Norwalk Council of Knights joined this outreach also making it a grand total of 750 coats. So many children will be warm this winter due to your wonderful generosity.



# Advent Angels

Please choose an Advent Angel from the trees. Each Angel's color identifies the requesting charity/agency in need and should be taped to the gift.

As in the past, all of the gifts will be given to charities, agencies and individuals who are in need.

**Please return your  
gifts to the Roncalli  
House on the  
weekend of  
December 9 & 10**

**We leave to deliver the gifts at  
12:30pm on Sunday, December 10th**

**The Tree is Up!**

Thank you to all who helped put our tree up.



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*Blessing of the  
Creche*

*Lighting  
Advent Wreath  
& Tree*

**Saturday, December 2nd  
6:00pm**

Join us after the 5:00pm  
Mass on the Church lawn

Hot Chili with fresh bread, Macaroni & Cheese  
Hot Chocolate, Wine and Soda



## Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth took time out to organize donations for our annual Backpack Outreach Program. Our group is aiming to fill 190 packs which will be given to those in need served by Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport. If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, service and fellowship, contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at [mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org)



## Thank You for Your Generosity with Project 20!

We are happy to announce that our grades 1 to 6 Religious Education students have successfully filled 20 boxes and bags with food for 20 needy families for this Thanksgiving.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the students who participated in this project. We are also grateful to our Confirmation students who put in extra effort to creatively decorate the boxes with Thanksgiving messages and designs. Your hard work and dedication have made a huge difference to those in need, and we are proud of your efforts. Thank you once again for your generosity and kindness in fulfilling one of the Corporal works of Mercy.



## Festival of Lights Thank You Poovathany Family!

We would like to extend our thanks to our parishioners Mathew, Lekha and Kate Poovathany for their generous hospitality at the Festival of Lights last Saturday. So many enjoyed the wonderful spread of delicious Indian food. We appreciate the time and effort that went into preparing the meal, and we feel fortunate to have been able to share in the experience. It was a pleasure to learn about the traditions and customs. Thank you again to the Poovathany family for sharing their Indian heritage.

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## 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**
- **CEREAL BARS**
- **CAKE MIX, FROSTING, BROWNIES**
- **ONE POUND BAGS OF SUGAR**
- **ONE POUND 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.

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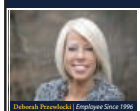
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