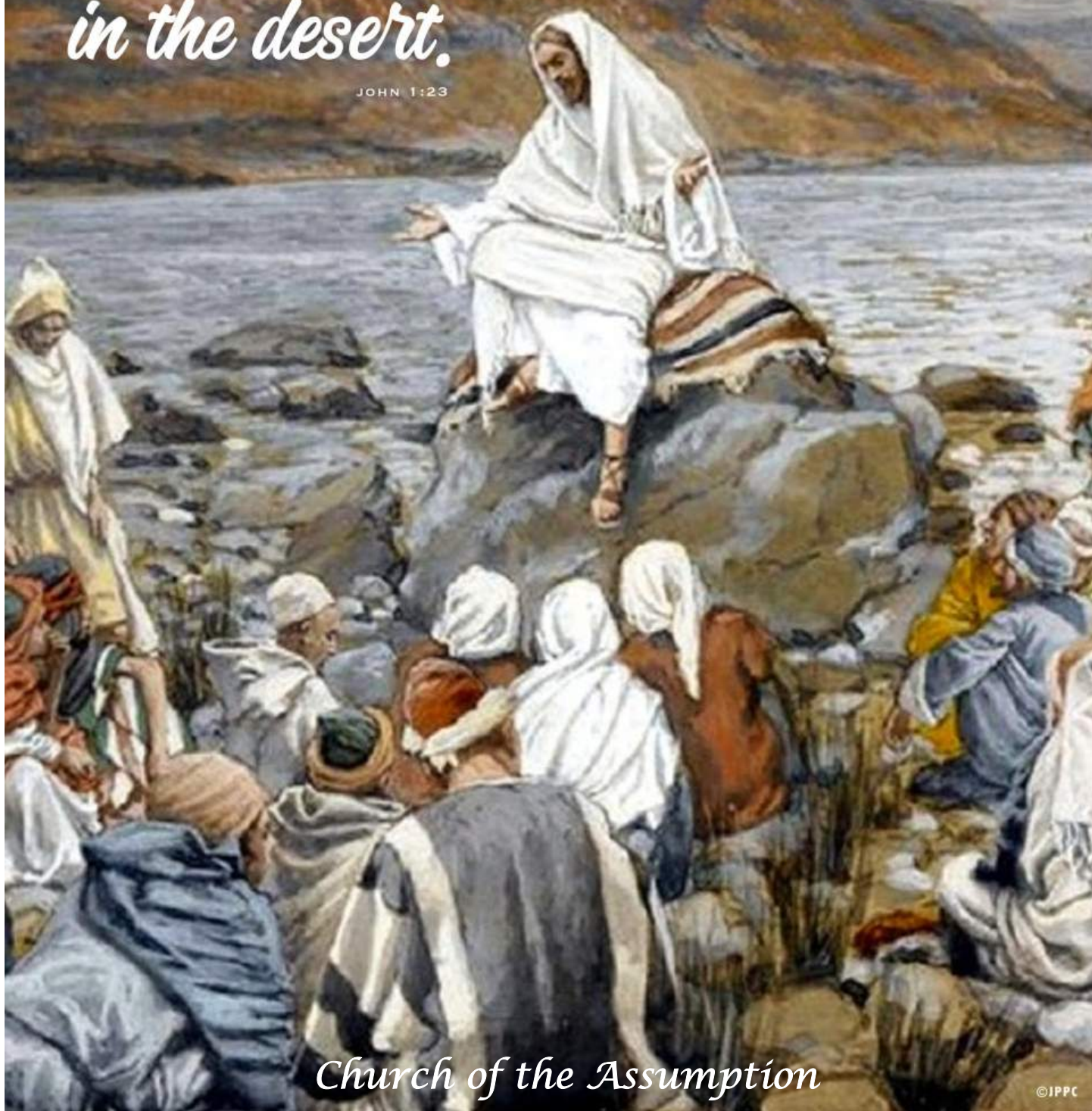


December 17 2023

*I am the voice  
of one crying out  
in the desert.*

JOHN 1:23



*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  
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Mr. Craig Wiele  
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### Pray for the Sick

Maryann Burriesci, Abigail Lamb, Dante Lomotan 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  
**Peace in the Holy Land**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of **Matthew Donofrio, Jr.**

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

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

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of  
**John Durkin**

# Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 16

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Margaret A. Fogarty

Elizabeth Petretta

### Sunday, December 17

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

### Third Sunday of Advent

Joseph & Betty Cabral

Family of Assumption,

Longin & Mariann Tybur

Rev. Philip Morrissey

Frank DeMace

### Monday, December 18

7:30am

Vinny Penna Jr.

### Tuesday, December 19

7:30am

Joe & Mary Remlin (Living)

### Wednesday, December 20

7:30am

Elizabeth Petretta

### Thursday, December 21

7:30am

### St. Peter Canisius

Jackie Eder

### Friday, December 22

7:30am

Carmen Joseph Tomatore

### Saturday, December 23 St. John of Kanty

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

David Shaw

John Lener

### Sunday, December 24

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Family of Assumption

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### Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Joan Steil, Rosemary LoRusso,  
William Joseph O'Loughlin, John Calandriello,  
Adrianna Pastore, Stephen Smith

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



# STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: December 10, 2023

Sunday Offertory:	\$ 5,824.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,414.00
	<u>\$ 9,238.00</u>

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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



## We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

James Philip Maria  
Gabrielle May Shenoy



**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.*

## 2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Children's Christmas Pageant  
11:00am Mass

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Saturday, December 23, 2023**

Confession 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
5:00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Sunday, December 24, 2023  
Christmas Eve Vigil**

4:00pm Mass in the Church  
4:00pm Mass in the School Gymnasium  
7:00pm Mass in the Church  
10:30pm Caroling with the Choir  
11:00pm Mass in the Church

**Monday, December 25, 2023  
Christmas Day**

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Monday, January 1, 2024**

7:30am and 12:15pm Masses

**Epiphany of the Lord  
Saturday, January 6, 2024**

5:00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm Masses

**Baptism of the Lord  
Monday, January 8, 2024**

7:30am Mass



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SUNDAY,  
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AT 2 PM

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Featuring the combined choirs and instrumentalists of St. Luke and Assumption Church in Westport and St. Philip Church in Norwalk.  
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For more information, contact Maria O'Kelly at 203-246-9806 or [mokelly@optonline.net](mailto:mokelly@optonline.net)



## Advent Angels—Thank You!

Social Concern Ministry would like to express our gratitude for your overwhelming support and generosity towards our Advent Angel Tree Gifts Program. Your contributions will make a significant impact on the lives of many families in need. Thanks to your donations, we were able to provide over 600 gifts to families, children and organizations who do charitable work for those who come to them for assistance. Your kindness and compassion have truly made a difference. We hope that this Holy season brings you joy, peace, and happiness. Once again, thank you for your generosity and for being a shining example of the spirit of giving.



### Thank You To Our Sponsors

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### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm, closed from 12:00 to 1:00.

**For Christmas, the office will be closed on Friday, December 22nd and will re-open on Wednesday, December 27th.**

*Merry Christmas!*



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## Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth took time out of their weekend to help Malta House with their monthly, much needed, food distribution at Ben Franklin School in Norwalk. Thank you for serving with a smile as always! If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, service and fun, please contact Youth Minister, Michele Harding, at [mharding@assumptionwestport.org](mailto:mharding@assumptionwestport.org). Remember, you're never too young to serve!





*"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 . . . or we will have extra Bibles on hand.

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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:

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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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