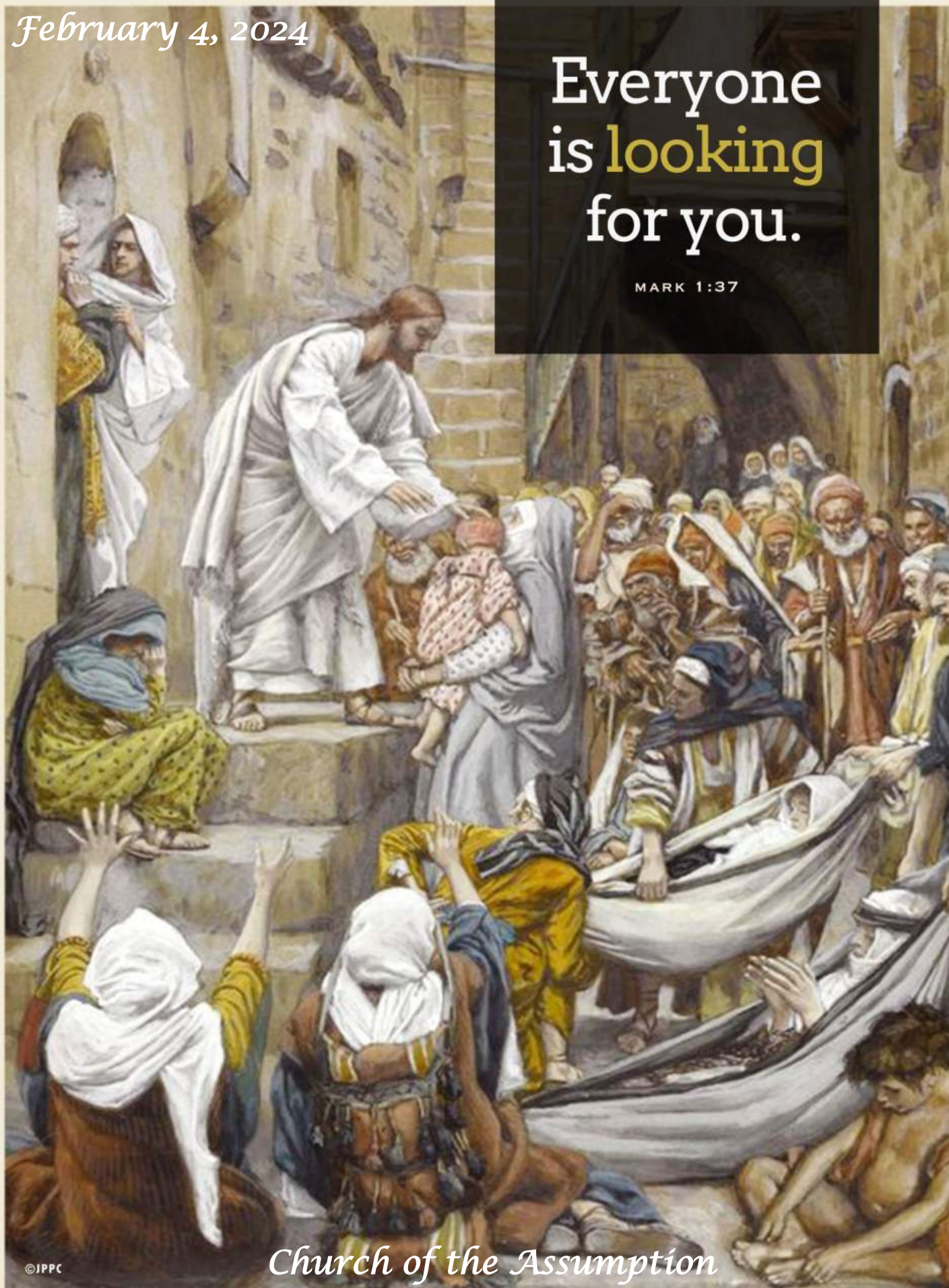


February 4, 2024

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for you.

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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
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Mr. Mark Rubino
Trustee

Mrs. Michelle Hopson
Chairman, **Parish Pastoral Council**
Mr. Craig Wiele
Chairman, **Parish Finance Council**

Pray for the Sick

Maryann Burriesci, John Chacho Dr. Paul Heller, Abigail Lamb, Dante Lomotan, Candance Roy, Maggie Schoon, Natalie Sorbo, Carl Viesti, Lisa Viesti, Victoria Whalen

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 burn in loving memory of **Patricia Kelly**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of the **Betty & Joe Cabral**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Buck Iannacone**

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **Fr. James Reilly**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Rosemary LoRusso**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Jack Durkin

J. Kevin Mahoney

Sunday, February 4

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Joseph Morris

Charlie French

Gerard Percoco

Family of Assumption,
Dennis Gibson

Monday, February 5

7:30am

St. Agatha

Michael Monahan (Living)

Tuesday, February 6

7:30am

St. Paul Miki

Michael Monahan (Living)

Wednesday, February 7

7:30am

Michael Monahan (Living)

Thursday, February 8

7:30am

**St. Jerome Emiliani,
St. Josephine Bakhita**

Durkin Family (Living)

Friday, February 9

7:30am

Angelo Joseph Penna

Saturday, February 10 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Lenny Youth

Family of Assumption,
Diodata Izzo

Sunday, February 11

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Mabel Shakespeare

William Felitti

Pablo Aviles

Patricia Haberstroh

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Carmela Tortorello, Mary Ann Andronaco,
Charles Davis, Patricia Lipp, Joan Steil,
Rosemary LoRusso

May they rest in peace.

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Weekly Offertory: January 28, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$ 4,887.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,904.00
\$ 7,791.00

Second Collection: \$ 1,454.00

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



**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.*

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.



Serving Our Community

Last year, your donations to the Bishop's Appeal made it possible for Catholic Charities to provide hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in need across Fairfield County.



Catholic Charities Distributed:

1,000,000+ meals
3,000 donated toys
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3,500+ toiletry bags
2,000+ winter coats

*Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities
through the Bishop's Appeal.
Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our
brothers and sisters who are most in need.*

www.2024BishopsAppeal.org

***Assumption's goal for this year is
\$146,300.***

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024BishopsAppeal.org, call 203-416-1470 or scan with your phone.



Blessing of Throats This Weekend, February 3rd & 4th

In observance of St. Blaise's feast day on February 3rd, our parish priests will offer a blessing of the throats after all Masses this weekend, February 3rd and 4th. All are invited to come forward after Mass to receive this special blessing.

Anointing After Mass February 10 & 11

February 11th is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thousands of people travel to France every year to receive her special gift of healing.



In observance of her feast day, our parish priests at Assumption will offer that same gift of healing after all weekend Masses on **February 10th and 11th** for all physical ailments, worries, concerns, hurts and suffering anyone may be experiencing.

The Priests will anoint the forehead and hands of each person with holy oils as he/she approaches the altar and pray the person will receive the gift of healing. All are invited to come forward to receive this special grace.

Westport Knights Fraternal Mass

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:00am Mass

Refreshments and lunch will be provided for all after Mass in McGrath Hall



Lenten Schedule

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024**

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:30am Mass

9:00am Mass

12:15pm Mass

3:00pm – 5:00pm Ashes only

5:30pm Mass

7:00pm Prayer Service with Ashes

(There will be no Adoration on Ash Wednesday)

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday

7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

Lenten Guidelines **DAYS OF FAST**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

One full meatless meal for all between the age of 18 to 59 years old. Two other meatless meals allowed. Eating between meals not permitted.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

**Ash Wednesday &
ALL Fridays in Lent**

Applies to all ages 14 years and older.

EASTER DUTY

The obligation to receive Holy Communion and confess any serious sins at least once a year during the Easter Season, between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.



Alms Giving

February 15 to March 22

Lent is a time we are asked to Fast, Pray and Give Alms to help the poor in our community. Beginning the first Thursday of Lent, February 15 to March 22 there will be a basket in the church for your donations.

Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.

Lenten Alms



*A project of the Church of the Assumption
Social Concerns Ministry*

Assumption Music Ministry Celebrates Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Communion piano meditations will feature the arrangements of Spirituals by Fred Offut.

February 4

“My Lord, What a Morning” is of uncertain origin, but scholars agree that it was most likely written by free blacks of the North between 1801 and 1867.

The title was used for the autobiography of former Connecticut resident Marian Anderson, whose 1939 concert at the Lincoln Memorial made ground breaking progress towards racial equality.

The Season of Lent

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

What is Fasting?

Fasting is one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal. Our Lenten sacrifice also includes not eating between meals.

Days of Fast?

There are only two days of Fast, Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. All Catholics between the age of 18 to 59 should observe this practice. Those with health issues are excused.

What is Abstinence?

This is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from eating meat and to be observed by all Catholics of 14 years of age and older. The days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all of the Fridays during Lent.



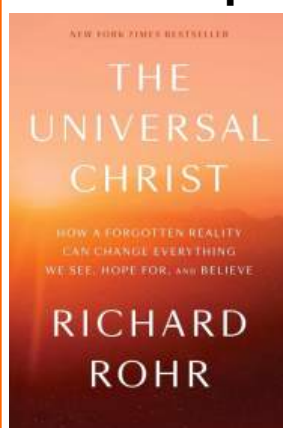
2023 Tax Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the 2023 tax year were mailed to all parishioners who donated \$250.00 or more to the parish.

If you did not receive a statement, or you made a contribution of less than \$250.00 and wish to receive one, please call the Parish Office at **203-227-5161** and we will be happy to mail it to you.

Thank You!

Assumption Book Group



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Reflection!

**Tuesday evenings
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hope for, and believe)***
by Father Richard Rohr

**Beginning on
Tuesday, January 30 through
March 19, 2024**

All are welcome!
For more information or to join, please contact
Helen Thiemann. Phone 203-227-6318 or
email: helenctman@gmail.com

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

**Wednesday afternoons
2:00 – 3:30pm
March 6 – May 1**



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 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 contact Carolyn Killian at
203-404-0023 to register.



JOIN US!

**Coffee & Donuts every
Sunday after the 9:00am Mass
All are invited!**

If you are interested in volunteering for
Hospitality Sunday,
please contact Cathy Romano at
cromano@assumptionwestport.org,
203-226-5448 or
Michele Harding at
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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.

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