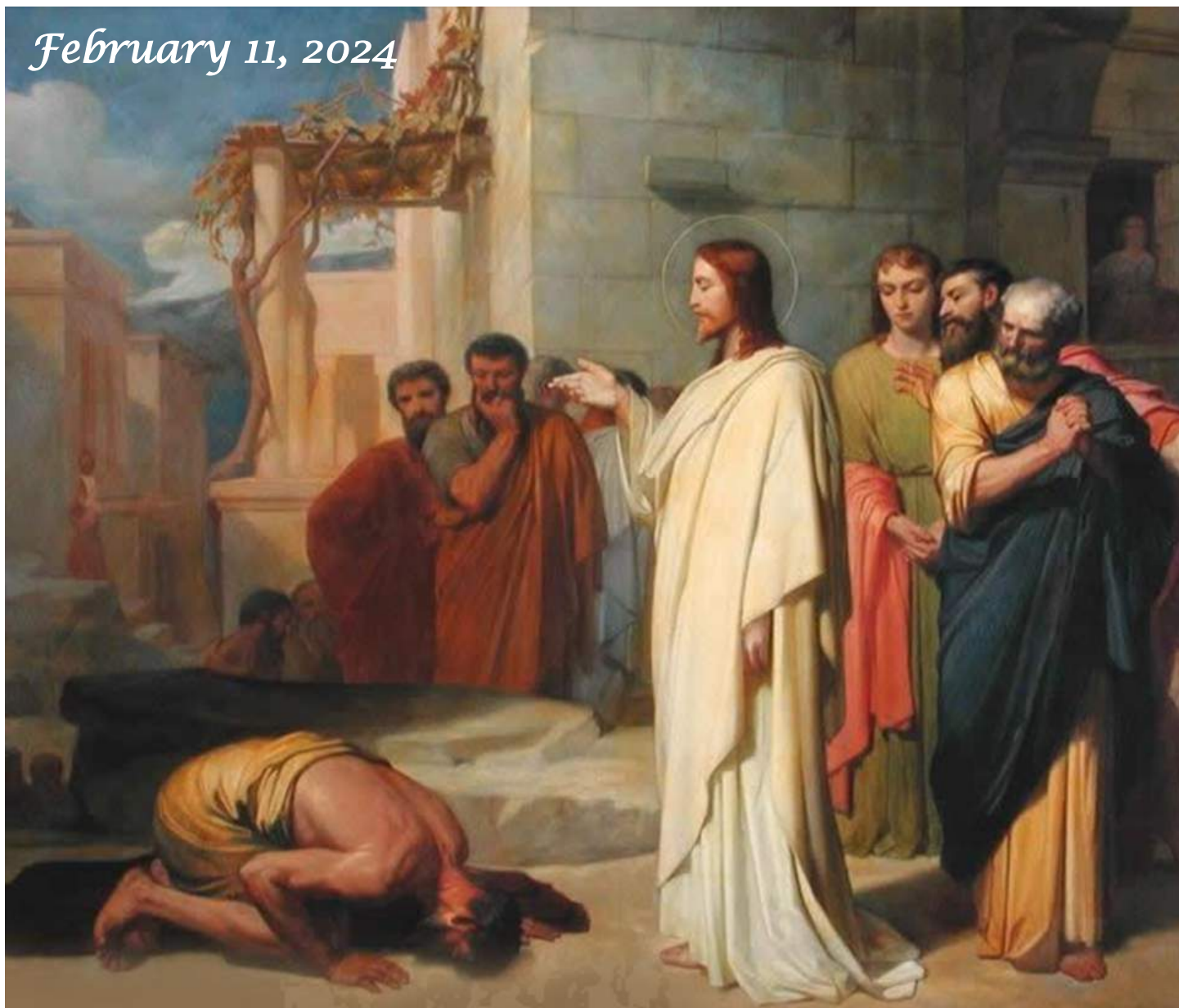


February 11, 2024



I do will it.
Be made clean.

MARK 1:41

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

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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 **Robert McGrath**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of the **Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Patricia Coughlin**

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

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Dale Brooks**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

7:30am

Lenny Youth

5:00pm (Vigil)

Family of Assumption,
Diodata Izzo

**Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

7:30am

Mabel Shakespeare

9:00am

William Felitti

11:00am

Pablo Aviles

5:00pm

Patricia Haberstroh

Monday, February 12

7:30am

Harry Engel

Tuesday, February 13

7:30am

Carmen Joseph Tomatore

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

7:30am

Michael Parillo

9:00am

Alfred F. Kelly, Sr.

12:15pm

Niko Lignore (Living)

5:30pm

Church of the Assumption

Thursday, February 15

7:30am

Manuel Ralph Martinez

12:15pm

Christine Fisher & Family
(Living)

Friday, February 16

7:30am

The Welsch-Lehmann

12:15pm

Family (Living & Deceased)
Charlie French

Saturday, February 17

7:30am

Frank Rende, Jr.

5:00pm (Vigil)

Dominick DeMace

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

7:30am

Family of Assumption,
John Carroll

9:00am

Brenda Coleman Liakos

11:00am

Jaier Lebrija

5:00pm

Alfred Napoletano

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Robert McGrath, Carmela Tortorello, Mary Ann Andronaco, Charles Davis, Patricia Lipp

May they rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Offertory: February 4, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$ 6,281.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,524.00
\$ 9,805.00

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.



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

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

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 11: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

This Spiritual is thought to have been commonly known among enslaved people of the South. Its composition is ascribed to Wallace Willis, a freed slave who found safety and citizenship through the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma. The hymn has been widely used by Hollywood and controversially as the unofficial anthem of the English Rugby Union.

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.

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!

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.



Church of the Assumption
invites you to
Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for a bowl of hot soup
and warm conversations!

**Saturday Evenings
after the 5:00pm Mass
in McGrath Hall**

February 17th, 24th & March 9th



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm

The Stations of the Cross are a devotional practice that enables us to walk with Jesus, reflecting on His suffering and sacrifice. Please join us to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm in the church. You are encouraged to bring your family and friends. All are welcome as we meditate on the significance of Jesus' great gift of love for each of us.

This year we are fortunate to have a number of our parishioners who will narrate and assist the clergy as we journey through the 14 stations. Below are the Narrators for the first two Fridays of Lent:

February 16

Priscilla Toumey, Social Concerns and
Tom Harding, Knights

February 23

Karen Como, Social Concerns and
Ken Watterworth, Knights

We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Patrick's Dinner

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Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth traveled to St. Francis in Weston, for our re-scheduled Friendsgiving event. The group enjoyed a fantastic potluck dinner, games and fellowship. We are creating a community of wonderful, caring young people who like to serve others! If you want your 6th-12th grader involved in the Youth Group, please contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at mharding@assumptionwestport.org.



Our Assumption Youth members are not only devoted, they are brilliant! Congratulations to Alex Cozzolino who was part of the Staples High School team to win the state **We Are The People** civics contest. He will be heading to the national competition in Washington DC this spring! Well done Alex and the team!



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.

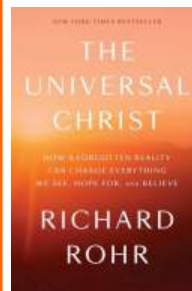
Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.

Lenten Alms



*A project of the Church of the Assumption
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*(How a forgotten reality can change
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March 19, 2024**

All are welcome!

For more information or to join, please contact
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Church of the Assumption

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2024 Lenten Reflection Series



“Lord Teach Us How To Pray!”

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 / 7:00pm

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Justin Cinnante, O Carm.

Reverend Father Justin Cinnante, O Carm was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York. Later in life we heard a call to the religious life. Fr. Justin is now a member of the Carmelite Order of St Elias, Middletown New York. Currently, he serves as the chaplain of Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, while living with his Carmelite brothers at Transfiguration Priory in Tarrytown New York.

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