

February 18, 2024

THE
Kingdom of God
IS AT HAND.

MARK 1:15



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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
Trustee
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 **Carole Petrole**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of the **Anna Recupero Tretter**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Viola Pascale**

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

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Luke Guido**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

7:30am

Frank Rende, Jr.

5:00pm (Vigil)

Dominick DeMace

Sunday, February 18

7:30am

First Sunday of Lent

Family of Assumption,
John Carroll

9:00am

Brenda Coleman Liakos

11:00am

Jaier Lebrija

5:00pm

Alfred Napoletano

Monday, February 19

7:30am

Neal Pinckney

12:15pm

Angiolina Zingaro

Tuesday, February 20

7:30am

Sandra Goldsmith

12:15pm

Miguel Angel Marti

Wednesday, February 21

7:30am

St. Peter Damian

John Durkin

12:15pm

Mary Loretta Monahan

Thursday, February 22

7:30am

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

12:15pm

Matilda Tomaselli

John Durkin

Friday, February 23

7:30am

St. Polycarp

12:15pm

Pam Northington

Patrick Taaffe

Saturday, February 24

7:30am

Betty & Joe Cabral

5:00pm (Vigil)

William Dehler

Sunday, February 25

7:30am

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am

Louis DiCostanzo

11:00am

Family of Assumption

5:00pm

Diana Harvey

Frank Longo

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 11, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$ 6,177.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,289.00
\$ 9,466.00

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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2024 Bishop's Appeal

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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 18: "Steal Away to Jesus"

"Steal Away to Jesus" was a personal request of Queen Victoria during a concert given by the Fisk Jubilee Singers in 1873. The lyrics embody the faith of an enslaved people but may also have served as a coded message to those seeking freedom through the Underground Railroad.

Thank You Knights!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation which enabled us to purchase the retractable awning over the back door of the church. It will be of great use to our parish especially during inclement weather.



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!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day and will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30am.

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

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.

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 2nd



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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March 9th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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Thank you for a great Winter Warm Up Collection!

Through the generosity of Assumption parishioners, the Social Concerns Ministry collected hundreds of coats, sweaters, gloves, hats and other winter clothing which were distributed to parishes in need in Bridgeport as well as to organizations in Norwalk. The generosity of Assumption parishioners is amazing. Your kindness makes a difference to those in need. Thank you for your continued support of the projects of the Social Concerns Ministry.

Social Concerns Ministry



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.**

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 to March 22 there will be a basket in the church for your donations.

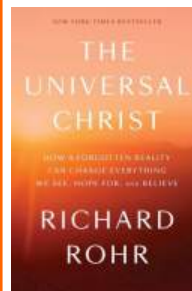
Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.

Lenten Alms



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

Assumption Book Group



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for Community, Fun and
a Lenten Reflection!**

**Tuesday evenings
5:00-6:30pm on Zoom**

Come, enjoy reading and discussing
THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST
*(How a forgotten reality can change
everything we see, hope for, and believe)*
by Father Richard Rohr

**We will meet by zoom until
March 19, 2024**

All are welcome!
For more information or to join, please contact
Helen Thiemann. Phone 203-227-6318 or



Church of the Assumption

Westport, Connecticut

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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