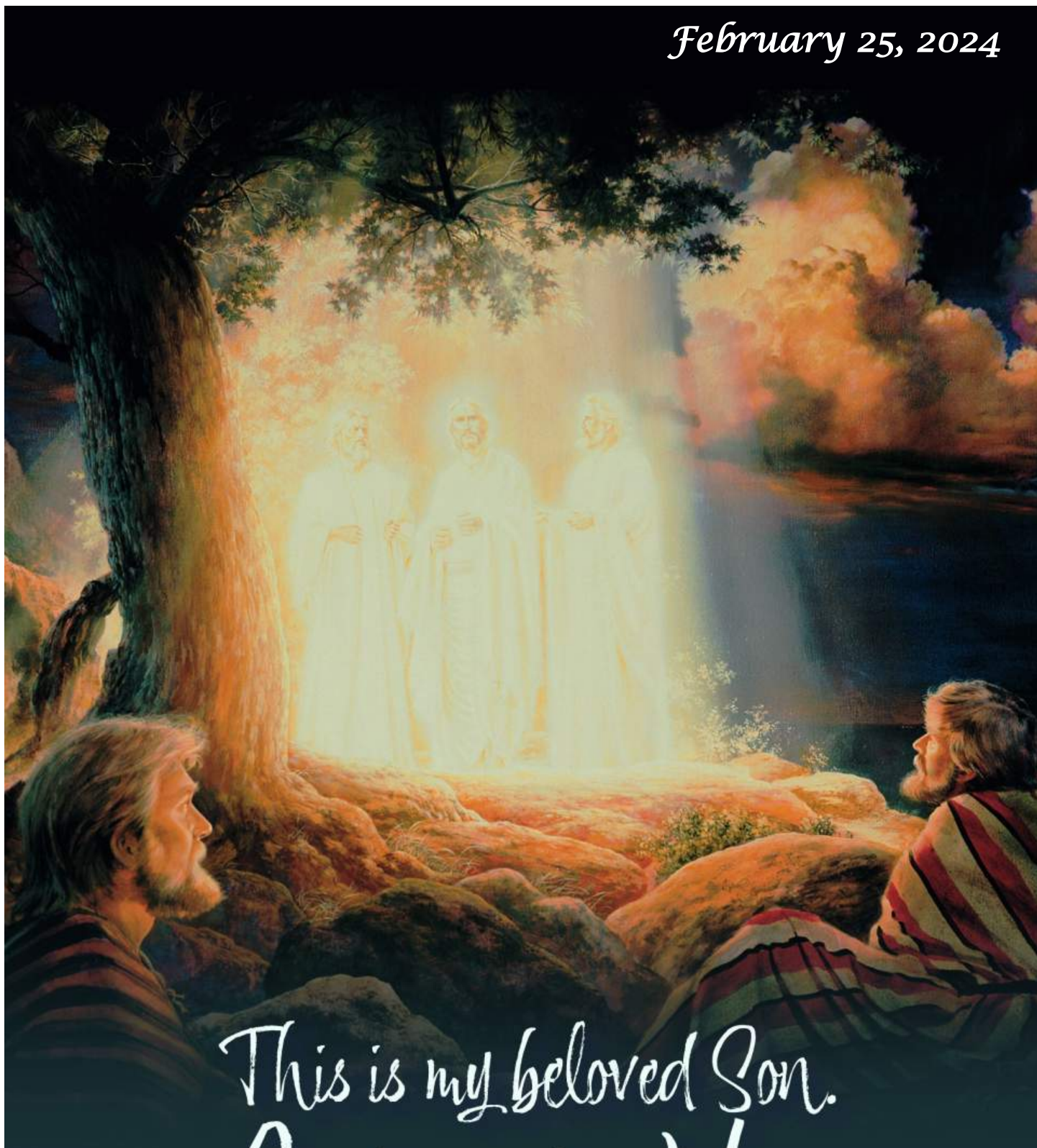


February 25, 2024



*This is my beloved Son.
Listen to Him.*

MARK 9:7

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

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Pray for the Sick

Maryann Burriesci, John Chacho, John Giordano, 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

IN LOVING MEMORY

The candles at Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage burn in loving memory of **Billy Hudson**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving memory of the **Elizabeth Petretta**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory of **Christopher & Josephine Bertoldo**

The Tabernacle candles burn in loving memory of **Bill Delano**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of **Joe & Jay Buccieri**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24

7:30am

Betty & Joe Cabral

5:00pm (Vigil)

William Dehler

Sunday, February 25 **Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30am

Louis DiCostanzo

9:00am

Family of Assumption

11:00am

Diana Harvey

5:00pm

Frank Longo

Monday, February 26

7:30am

Cein Conneely

12:15pm

Jack Durkin

Tuesday, February 27 **St. Gregory of Narek**

7:30am

Theresa Lamphier

12:15pm

Stephen Smith

Wednesday, February 28

7:30am

Amy Abbott

12:15pm

Elizabeth Petretta

Thursday, February 29

7:30am

Joseph Lindenburg

12:15pm

Nigel Ricards (Living)

Friday, March 1

7:30am

World Day of Prayer

12:15pm

Lucille Jeannette Tremblay

Maurice Taaffe

Saturday, March 2

7:30am

Jaime & Guillermo Lopez

5:00pm (Vigil)

Leonardo Spedale & Son

Sunday, March 3

7:30am

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am

Betty & Joe Cabral

11:00am

Betty Vitti

5:00pm

Family of Assumption,

Marie Devine

Denis Deda

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 18, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$ 5,888.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,262.00
\$ 9,150.00

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.



Teaching and Preaching the Gospel

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the education and formation of young men like Fr. Férry Galbert in their preparation for the priesthood and beyond.

"My experience as a newly ordained priest has been amazing. It has been such a grace, and a humbling experience, to see how the Lord uses me to touch people's lives. Academics, spirituality, human, and pastoral formation eventually became integrated as "one thing" by the time I became a deacon because you begin to see how everything is connected. However, I would emphasize that my human and pastoral formation in the seminary was very important for me because it taught me how to keep everything in a healthy balance. I also learned the value of fraternity and friendship, as well as the fact that spiritual fatherhood is fulfilled when we encounter the people of God and meet them where they are."



– Fr. Férry Galbert, Ordained to the Priesthood May 2023

**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: "Were You There"

"Were You There" is perhaps one of the most familiar of all Spirituals. It was first published in "Old Plantation Hymns" in 1899 and is beloved by all Christian denominations.

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 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 second Friday of Lent (*Narrators for the remaining Fridays in Lent will be posted in next weekend's bulletin*):

February 23

Karen Como, Social Concerns Ministry and
Ken Watterworth, Knights

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



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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.

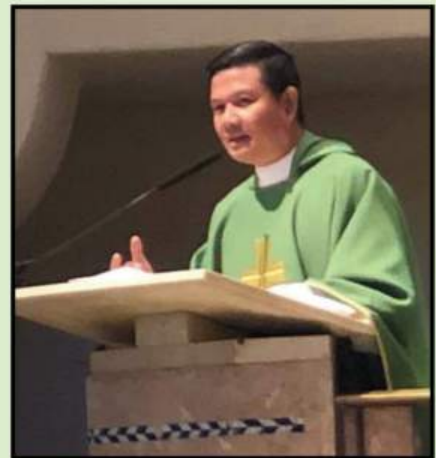
Reverend Father Justin Cinnante, O Carm was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York. Later in life we heard a call to the religious life. Fr. Justin is now a member of the Carmelite Order of St Elias, Middletown New York. Currently, he serves as the chaplain of Iona Preparatory School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

“The Call to Conversion and Eucharistic Revival”

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 / 7:00pm

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Rolvin Romero

Reverend Father Rolvin Romero was ordained priest for the Diocese of Virac, Philippines on June 29, 2006. Currently Fr. Romero is doing his Doctoral Dissertation in Canon Law at the University of Navarre, Spain while serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Church in Winfield, Queens New York. Fr. Vin is also working as the Defender of the Bond for the Diocese of Brooklyn.



**“Reflections and Meditations on the
Seven Last Words of Christ!”**

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 / 1:00pm

Speaker: Walter Avitabile (Deacon Candidate)

Walter Avitabile, originally from Bronx, New York is a long-time resident of Westport along with his wife and children. Walter and his wife Gracemary are parishioners of the Church of the Assumption and very much involved in different ministries. Walter is in formation to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Bridgeport and God willing will be ordain this coming Spring.

Sandwiches for Merton House

Dear Assumption Parishioners,
In the spirit of this Lenten season, Assumption Church has answered the call to feed the hungry. Soon we will be assembling 150 lunch bags, including making sandwiches, for the guests of Merton Center in Bridgeport the first Friday of the month.

You are invited to participate in this humble task. The commitment from you will be small but the personal rewards immeasurable.

On the morning of the first Friday of each month we will gather at McGrath Hall to make sandwiches to have them ready to be delivered to Merton in Bridgeport by 10:30 am. To smoothly accomplish this task we will need shoppers, sandwich makers and people to deliver. If you can spare approximately two hours a month to feed those who are hungry, please contact connieluppino@optonline.net, or call 203-852-9937. Thank you for considering this request.

Assumption Social Concerns Ministry

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.

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

Assumption Book Group

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

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

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