

March 10, 2024

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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, Lucille Chaco
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 Fr. **Philip Morrissey**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in loving
memory of the **Eileen Scipione**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving
memory of **John Moran**

The Tabernacle candles burn in
loving memory of **Tony Buono**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
John Barry

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

St. Frances of Rome

Rosemary LoRusso

Henry Fanning

Sunday, March 10

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Elvio Casatelli

Marie Devine

Miguel Angel Matri

Family of Assumption,

Dominick DeMace

Monday, March 11

7:30am

12:15pm

Robert McCarron

Patricia Lynch

Tuesday, March 12

7:30am

12:15pm

John McGurn

David McClatchie

Wednesday, March 13

7:30am

12:15pm

Harry Paul Engel

Rev. Patrick J. Carroll

Thursday, March 14

7:30am

12:15pm

Theresa Lamphier

Thomas Dubay

Friday, March 15

7:30am

12:15pm

Mary Aley

Jason Trask

Saturday, March 16

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

Laura McClatchie

Family of Assumption,

The Patsy DeMace Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John Barry

William Slevin

Dermot McMahon

John Durkin

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Sam Bell, Sr., Robert McGrath,
Carmela Tortorello, Mary Ann Andronaco

May they rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: March 3, 2024

Sunday Offertory:	\$ 5,771.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,199.00</u>
	\$ 8,970.00

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.*

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.

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



This weekend is In-Pew Weekend

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

Thank you to all who have donated to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. We have received \$23,930 (16.36%) towards our goal. **This weekend, March 9th and 10th is In-Pew Weekend.** We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond. The Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

This year's theme, One In Christ, seeks to unite the diocese in service, compassion and faith as we work to bring our sisters and brothers together to encounter and embrace the power of the Lord Jesus in our lives. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2024BishopsAppeal.org

2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book will open after Easter on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. You may choose to honor your loved ones by offering a mass and candle intention. **In order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible, we will be accepting a total of five mass requests at this time (candles are unlimited).** After Monday, June 3rd, we will then be able to fulfill your additional requests for the remainder of the year. We kindly ask that you do not submit your additional requests before June 3rd.

To make an arrangement, please call the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 or email mhankey@assumptionwestport.org. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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 remaining Fridays of Lent:

March 15th

Michele Harding (Youth Minister) and a Youth Group Member

March 22nd

Marilyn Moran (Catechist, Eucharistic Minister) and Cathy Romano (DRE, Reader, Eucharistic Minister)

March 29th

Walter Avitabile (Deacon Candidate) & Ken Watterworth (Knight)

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt!



Bring your basket and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Easter Sunday, March 31st
immediately following the
9:00am masses

Where: Assumption Church lawn
(in the event of rain the
hunt will be cancelled)

Sponsored by:
Assumption Youth Group



Assumption Book Group

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 email: helenctman@gmail.com

2024 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23

5:00pm Vigil

Sunday, March 24

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

Holy Monday, March 25

7:30am and 12:15pm Mass

3:00pm – 5:00pm and 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Confession

Holy Tuesday, March 26

7:30am and 12:15pm Mass

Holy Wednesday, March 27

7:30am and 12:15pm Mass
(no Adoration)

The Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday – March 28

7:30am Morning Prayer

3:00pm – 4:00pm Confession

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – March 29

7:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am – 10:00am Confession

1:00pm Reflection of the Seven Last
Words of Christ

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 30

7:30am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
in the Church

1:00pm – 2:00pm Confession

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31

7:30am Church

9:00am Church & 9:00am School Gymnasium
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt on
the church lawn)

11:00am Church

(No 5:00pm mass)

Easter Monday, April 1

7:30am Daily Mass

(No Adoration or Benediction)

Parish Office will be closed

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 help feed those who are hungry, please call Connie 203-852-9937 or email connieluppino@optonline.net. Thank you for considering this request.

- Assumption Social Concerns Ministry-

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets on Holy Saturday March 30th, 12pm in the Church

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries. On Holy Saturday, families prepare their Food Baskets for their Easter table.



Assumption Church invites you and your family to bring your unique family basket to the church on Holy Saturday, March 30th at 12:00pm for a brief blessing service. Come and share in this beloved custom with your parish family, or make this the start of a new Easter tradition with your own family, relatives and friends!

Italian & Irish Night

Please join us as we celebrate
two great saints

St. Joseph & St. Patrick
on

Saturday, March 16th

in McGrath Hall

following the 5:00pm Mass

Enjoy a delicious Italian meal of Ziti, Meatballs,
Salad and Bread. There will be Irish and Italian
desserts, wine, Irish Coffee and more!

All donations will be gratefully accepted.
Proceeds will support our parish outreach.



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Wednesday afternoons

2:00pm – 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.

Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth joined teens from St. Francis, St. Aloysius, and others to feed 150 families through the Malta House/Connecticut Foodshare distribution at Ben Franklin School in Norwalk. Despite the freezing temperatures, they served with a smile! If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for service, faith building and fellowship, please contact the Parish Youth Minister, Michele Harding at: mharding@assumptionwestport.org





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Westport, Connecticut

2024 Lenten Reflection Series

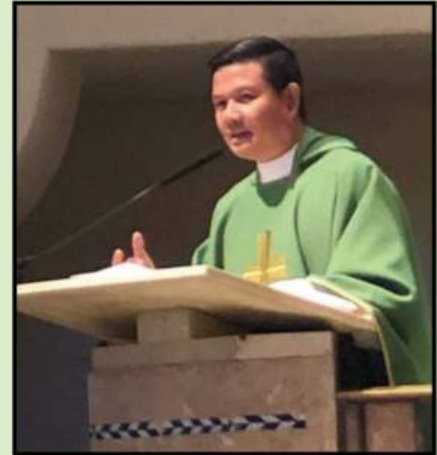


"The Call to Conversion and Eucharistic Revival"

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.



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