

March 17, 2024

Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain
of wheat.

JOHN 12:24

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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, 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 **Monsignor Frank C. McGrath**

The candles at Mary's Statue burn in honor
of **Mary Scott Grimaldi**

The Sanctuary candle burns in loving
memory of **Carmen Joseph Tornatore**

The Tabernacle candles burn in
loving memory of **Mary D'Amico Aldrich**

The Altar candles burn in loving memory of
Bill Delano

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 18

7:30am

12:15pm

St. Cyril

John T. Moran, Jr.
Mary Viscusi

Tuesday, March 19

7:30am

12:15pm

St. Joseph

Martin Devaney
Albert J. Copersino

Wednesday, March 20

7:30am

12:15pm

Frances & John P. Moran
Kathleen Howard

Thursday, March 21

7:30am

12:15pm

Irene Welch
Frederick Robins

Friday, March 22

7:30am

12:15pm

Marjorie Butler
Marie Felix Doino

Saturday, March 23

7:30am

5:00pm (Vigil)

St. Turibius of Mogroveo

Rosaline McDermott
Patrick Hogan

Sunday, March 24

7:30am

9:00am

11:00am

5:00pm

Palm Sunday

Family of Assumption,
John F. Carroll
Christian Gutkowski
Clarence Held
Ralph DeAngelis

Pray For Our Recently Deceased

Mary D'Amico Aldrich, Sam Bell, Sr.,
Robert McGrath, Carmela Tortorello

May they rest in peace.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: March 10, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$ 5,903.00
Online Giving: \$ 8,464.00
\$14,367.00

Second Collection: \$ 1,702.00

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.*

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 arrangement, please contact the Parish Office at 203-227-5161 or email

mhankey@assumptionwestport.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



**We have raised \$87,065 out of our
parish goal of \$146,300 bringing us
to 60% of our goal!**

Teaching and Preaching the Gospel

The Diaconate ministry has a special role in the Church's overall mission. We are called to serve in any way possible. Furthermore, when we do so with unconditional love and humility toward those in most need, we accomplish our mission of becoming the link that allows us to come together as One in Christ.



Edward Carrillo

*4th Year of Diaconate Formation,
Anticipated Ordination June 2024*

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports training for men in formation to the Diaconate. Deacons share their gifts of faith, hope and love in bringing people together, as One in Christ, in parish communities and ministries.

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

Marriage Banns Announcement

I. Kelley Ann Edwards & Joseph Francis Kelly

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 22nd

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

March 29th

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

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-

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



Alms Giving

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 center aisle in the church for your donations. Thank you for your care and concern for the least of our brethren in our midst.

Assumption Social Concerns Ministry

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:30am & 12:15pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

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

Easter Basket Collection

Please donate filled wrapped
Easter Baskets
for the children's programs of
Missionaries of Charity in
Bridgeport & Norwalk

Baskets can be pre-wrapped or filled with wrapped candy, grass, plastic eggs, small toys and stuffed animals. **Please no nuts, peanut butter candy or hard candy.**



All donations can be dropped off at the
Roncalli building by **Sunday, March 24th.**

Email cromano@assumptionwestport.org
or call **203-226-5448** with any questions.

Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Confirmation 2024—Congratulations to Our Confirmandi

We are happy to share that this past Wednesday, our parish joyfully celebrated The Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Caggiano presiding over the ceremony. Eighty-eight students were Confirmed, marking a significant milestone in their faith journey. Our students had been preparing throughout the year for this special occasion. We are proud of their commitment and dedication to their faith. Let us continue to support and uplift these newly confirmed members of our community as they continue their spiritual journey.

Thank you to our Confirmation students for their generous contribution towards our new Easter Candle. This candle is lit during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. Your support is appreciated and we are grateful for your dedication to our parish. Thank you for your continued involvement in our parish.



Thank you to our faithful Confirmation Catechists, Jared Woodard, Jason Stiber, Michele Harding, Deacon Jim Meehan, Deane Martire, Ken Watterworth for their time talent and dedication in sharing their faith every weekend with our students.

Thank you to the Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 3688 for their generous gift of beautiful Rosary Beads to our Confirmation students. This thoughtful act shows us the spirit of community and support within our parish and serves as a symbol of faith and blessings for our students.

Assumption Youth Group

Our Assumption Youth spent a special evening at St. Aloysius in New Canaan, joining their group for a beautiful teen Adoration.





Church of the Assumption

Westport, Connecticut

2024 Lenten Reflection Series



“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 ordained this coming Spring.

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Assumption Parishioner?*

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at 203-227-5161.

Please keep in mind, you must be registered
for a minimum of six months before we can
verify your status as an active parishioner for
godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for
Marriage, Baptism or Confirmation in another
parish.

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