

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
DECEMBER 26-27, 2009 (XXV-20)**



**HOLY DAY THIS WEEK**

This Friday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Masses in this church will be at 8:15 am and 10:45 am. Both Masses will be in the church.

**PARISH CENSUS**

By now, everyone should have received a Parish Census Form. If you have not already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have returned your form, thank you. Please note that even if you are registered, you should fill out a form as an update. All registered and unregistered parishioners should fill out the new census form and return it. Forms are available in the back of the church.

**SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS**

Because of the Swine Flu, Archbishop Mansell is requesting everyone please to abide by the following liturgical guidelines:

1. The Sign of Peace should be shared without physical contact;
2. Communion should be received in the hand rather than on the tongue;
3. Hands should not be held during the Lord's Prayer.

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Lia, Lilly, Lindley, Liptak, Lisi, Litke, Lizardi-Calderon, Lizza, Lloyd, Lombardi, London, Lonergan, Lopes, Lopiano, Lowman, Lucas, Lucke, Lucuk, Lumley, Luneski.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Monday (December 28)**

- 6:30-Youth Group Christmas Party-Hall
- 7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory

**Tuesday (December 29)**

- 7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

**Friday (January 1) New Year's Day-No Bingo**

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday (January 3)**

- 1:00-4:00 pm-Eucharistic Adoration-Rectory

**Monday (January 4)**

- 7:00 pm-CCD Classes Grades 7-9-School
- 7:00 pm-CCD Confirmation Class (Grade 10)-Hall
- 7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory

**Tuesday (January 5)**

- 7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

**Friday (January 8) Early School Dismissal**

- 6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall
- 7:30 pm-Mass for Life-Rectory (Rosary at 7:00 pm)

**Saturday (January 9)**

- 7:00-9:00 pm-School Dance-Hall

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Offertory	\$6,192.28	\$7,198.75

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$16,434.63** less than last year.

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be the **Monthly Collection** for January.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

The Bereavement Group here at the Assumption meets each Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Rectory. For more information, please call Barbara O'Grodnick (734-5096) or Marcia Burkitt (723-5295). Thank you.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR 2010**

The Adult Scripture Group will be continuing the study of the New Testament Acts of the Apostles in 2010. The group will be meeting in the basement of the Rectory from 4:00-5:30 pm on the following Sundays: January 10, February 7, March 21, April 25, May 16 and June 13. If you are interested, please call Christine Ring at 203-732-5717.

**WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY,**

**HEALTHY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

**REMEMBER TO DRIVE CAREFULLY, AND**

**IF YOU DRINK, PLEASE DON'T DRIVE!**

**HELPING HANDS**

The Helping Hands Project is a vital help to the support of the school. We wish to thank the many parishioners who have so faithfully supported this project, and we ask that you please continue to do so. Thank you again.

**SCHOOL 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ITEMS CAN STILL BE PURCHASED**

The Assumption School Photo History Book (25.00), the Assumption School blanket (\$25.00) and towel (\$30.00) can still be purchased, and they make wonderful gifts for any alumnus or friend of Assumption. Books ordered before December 6<sup>th</sup> (or ordered that day at the "Breakfast with Santa") may be picked up in the school office. New sales will be available in the back of the church, following all Masses.

**SOUND TIGERS**

Assumption Family Fun Night with the Sound Tigers is Saturday, January 9, at 7:00 pm at the Arena at Harboryard. The Hockey game features the Tigers versus the Springfield Falcons. Tickets are \$17.50 each (regular price is \$29.00!) For more information, please contact Maureen at 203-034-1092 by December 21.

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI PARTNERSHIP**

On his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI said "No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation" and now, more than ever, we need to come together as a community to ensure that we are able to continue to provide this gift to future generations of children.

Our parish community is excited to report that Assumption School is blessed to be one of more than 300 schools, across seven dioceses (and archdioceses), participating in the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP). CAP is enabling us to reconnect with the many alumni who once walked the halls of our school. Our principal, Kathleen Molner, has been, and will continually be, working closely with CAP staff to identify our alumni and creating opportunities for those individuals to become active members of our school community.

Whether you are an alumnus or alumna of our school, or another Catholic elementary school, I urge you to be an active member of your elementary school community. Please visit [www.clickYES.com](http://www.clickYES.com) to learn if your school is participating in CAP, and sign up!

If you have any questions, or would like additional information about CAP, please contact Kathleen Molner at the Assumption School at 203-734-0855. Thank you very much.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the Offertory gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass. Thank you.

- Saturday (December 26)** Vigil of the Holy Family (W)  
4:00 pm-HM-Olga Brenia Najjar.(Family)
- Sunday (December 27)** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (W)  
8:15 am-HM-Jeremiah Donahue (Lisa Roman)  
10:45 am-HM-Maurizio Monaco (Family)
- Monday (December 28)** Holy Innocents, martyrs (R)  
8:00 am-LM-Jeremiah Donahue (Family)
- Tuesday (December 29)** Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas (W)  
8:00 am-LM-Mary Whitely (Sister)
- Wednesday (December 30)**
- Thursday (December 31)**
- Friday (January 1)** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (W)  
8:15 am-HM-Open  
10:45 am-HM-Open
- Saturday (January 2)** Vigil of the Epiphany (W)  
4:00 pm-HM-Joe Homko (K of C Council #23)
- Sunday (January 3)** Epiphany of the Lord (W)  
8:15 am-HM-Jan Baclawski (Family)  
10:45 am-HM-Thomas Davidson (Mary Mahoney)

**YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group will hold it's **Christmas Party** on Monday, December 28, at 6:30 pm in the Assumption Hall. All those attending are asked to bring cookies this year.

Also, **thank you very much** to all of you who were so generous in donating toiletries for the troops and for the generous response to the coat drive in November. Approximately, 100 coats were collected. Thank you again. Everything is very much appreciated.

**A FEW "ONE LINERS"  
(Humorous, But So True!)**

***The trouble with Sunday drivers is they don't drive any better during the week.***

***By the time you find greener pastures, you can't climb the fence!***

***There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.***

***"I smile because I am your friend!  
I laugh because there is nothing you can do about it.***

***Brain cells come and brain cells go,  
But fat cells live forever.***