

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 20-21, 2010 (XXV-28)**



*The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8*

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, O'Dea, O'Donnell, O'Grodnick, O'Keefe, Olenchuk, Oliver, Olmstead, O'Neil, O'Neil-Wild, Orgovan, Osiecki, Ostrowski, O'Toole, Pagliaro, Pagliaro/Rich, Palaski, Palmer.

**NAILS FOR LENT**

Our lives are so busy it easy to forget that we are presently celebrating the liturgical season of Lent. In order to help us remember our Lenten resolutions to prepare us for Easter, adults and children over 10 will receive a metal nail today. This symbol should be kept in a place where it can be seen and held for the next 40 days as a constant reminder of our days of repentance, renewal and reform. On Good Friday, April 2, 2010, we ask you to bring your nail to the 3:00 pm Service. There will be a basket to deposit the nails during the procession to Venerate the Cross. Jesus bore the physical pain of nails for us. We now hold these nails to join with him and realize and remember his great act of redemption.

**DURING LENT**

**Mass** will be celebrated in the Rectory Chapel at 8:00 am on those weekdays as noted in the bulletin.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday evening at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Chapel.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All other Fridays are days of abstinence.

**PARISH CENSUS**

The **Parish Census** has been going on for quite some time, and we are requesting everyone, even registered parishioners, to fill out a registration form and hand it in as an update. It is important that we know the number of parishioners. If you have not already done so, **please** fill out a form as soon as possible and place it in the regular Offertory Collection. **Again this weekend, forms will be available in your pew. Thank you!**

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

- Monday (February 22)**  
7:00 pm-Parish Council Meeting-Rectory
- Tuesday (February 23)**  
7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
- Wednesday (February 24)**  
3:30-6:30 pm-Home/School "Gold Swap"-Hall  
5:30 pm-Shelter Meal-Spooner House  
7:00 pm-CPR Class-Rectory
- Friday (February 26)**  
6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall  
7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross-Rectory
- Saturday (February 27)**  
5:00-7:00 pm-Student Council Ziti Dinner followed by School Dance-Hall

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday (February 28)**  
9:15 am-CCD Classes Grades 1-6-School
- Monday (March 1)**  
7:00 pm-CCD Classes Grades 7-9-School  
7:00 pm-CCD Class-Grade 10-Hall
- Tuesday (March 2)**  
7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
- Wednesday (March 3)**  
7:00 pm-K of C Special Meeting-Rectory
- Friday (March 5) No School-Professional Day**  
6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall  
7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross-Rectory  
7:30 pm-Holy Hour for Life-Rectory

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Offertory	\$7,264.19	\$7,332.01
Monthly	\$2,356.00	\$2,509.10

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$1,851.88** more than last year.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR 2010**

The following Sundays are the upcoming meeting dates for the Adult Scripture Group: March 21, April 25, May 16 and June 13. The group meets from 4:00-5:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room of the rectory. They are presently continuing the study of the New Testament Acts of the Apostles. If you are interested, please call Christine Ring at 203-732-5717. New members are always welcome, and prior attendance is not required.

**BLOOD PRESSURES THIS WEEKEND**

Parish nurses will be available this weekend to take blood pressures after all Masses.

**FUNERAL SERVERS NEEDED**

We are looking for men and women of the parish who are retired and would like to act as servers for funerals. Training will be provided, and, if enough men and women volunteer, each person would serve only one or two funerals per month. If you are interested in this important ministry, please see Father Condron.

**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 STILL AVAILABLE**

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 (or ordered that day) may be picked up at the school office. New sales are available in the back of the church following all Masses.

**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.

**CASH FOR GOLD**

There will be a "Cash for Gold" Party on Wednesday, February 24, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Turn your old jewelry into cash. **Party of Gold** will match 15% of all gold sold and donate to the School. Everyone wins. **All kinds of gold accepted, white gold and platinum included.**

**IRISH PUB NIGHT**

An Irish Pub Night will be held on Saturday, March 13, from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. The Irish Pub Band **Ceol Agus Craic** (it's Gaelic for "music and fun") will be playing. Coffee, tea, Irish soda bread, cookies and set-ups will be provided. Please join us for what what will sure be a fun night. **And B Y O B.**

**WINE AND BEER TASTING WITH SILENT AUCTION**

A Wine and Beer Tasting Event with a Silent Auction will be held in the Church Hall from 6:00-9:00 pm on Saturday, April 24. Hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea will be provided along with your wine and beer tasting. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and will be available in the school.

**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 (February 20)** Vigil First Sunday of Lent (V)

4:00 pm-HM-Olga Brenia Najjar (Family)

**Sunday (February 21)** First Sunday of Lent (V)

8:15 am-HM-Dymetro Homko (Steven & Marcia Dobrowski)

10:45 am-HM-Robert Gallant (Mary Mahoney)

**Monday (February 22)** Chair of St. Peter (W)

8:15 am-LM-Erin Coughlin (David McCaffrey)

**Tuesday (February 23)** Lenten Weekday (V)

**Wednesday (February 24)** Lenten Weekday (V)

**Thursday (February 25)** Lenten Weekday (V)

**Saturday (February 27)** Vigil Second Sunday of Lent (V)

4:00 pm-HM-AI & Hazel Altendorfer (Family)

**Sunday (February 28)** Second Sunday of Lent (V)

8:15 am-HM-Mary T. Ranno (Family)

10:45 am-HM-Marguerite & John Kiely (Mary Mahoney)

**R.C.I.A.**

If you are an adult and have not been Confirmed but would like to be, classes will begin on Tuesday, March 9. Please call the Rectory Office to register.

**WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY**

In the interest of safety, if there is no school or a delayed opening, Mass that day at 8:00 am is cancelled. Any announced Mass will be rescheduled.

**FREE HEARTSAVER CPR/AED CLASS**

**ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

**Lower Rectory Meeting Room**

**Wednesday February 24, 2010 – 6:00-9:00 pm**

**This class is now FULL, but if you wish to be put on a waiting list (in case of any cancellations), please call Mary Swansiger at 203-732-1137. (Class size is limited to 12 people).**

*This class is free, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, Valley Small Grant Program.*

**A THOUGHT FOR LENT**

**"FASTING IS THE SOUL OF PRAYER; MERCY IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF FASTING. SO IF YOU PRAY, FAST ;IF YOU FAST, SHOW MERCY; IF YOU WANT YOUR PETITION TO BE HEARD, HEAR THE PETITIONS OF OTHERS. IF YOU DO NOT CLOSE YOUR EARS TO OTHERS, YOU WILL OPEN GOD'S EAR TO YOURSELF."**

(FROM ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS – FIFTH CENTURY)