

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 27-28, 2010 (XXV-29)**



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Palmieri, Pandolfi, Pantalone, Papst, Parda, Parente, Parisi, Parr, Passander, Pauley, Paulishen, Paulter, Pawlak, Payne, Paytas, Pedevillano, Pelatowski, Pelizzari, Peluso, Pepe, Pereira, Pereiras, Perez, Pergola.

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

Also, **all Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence** (no meat at all during the day), and **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of both **fast and abstinence** (one full, meatless meal during the day and two light, meatless meals). Liquids are permitted at any time.

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

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 (Confirmation Class)
-Hall

Tuesday (March 2)

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

Wednesday (March 3)

7:00 pm-K of C 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

UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday (March 7)

9:15 am-CCD Classes Grades 1-6-School

Tuesday (March 9)

10:00 am-Training session for Adult Funeral Servers
-Church

7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

Wednesday (March 10)

6:00 pm-Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers-Hall

Friday (March 12)

6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall
7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross-Rectory
7:30 pm-Holy Hour for Vocations-Rectory

Saturday (March 13)

7:00 pm-Home/School St. Patrick's Party-Hall

COLLECTIONS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Offertory	\$7,583.12	\$6,875.19

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is **\$2,559.81** more than last year.

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

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

We wish to thank the family and friends of **Dolores Raslavsky** for \$50.00 donated to Assumption Church in her memory.

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO RESUME IN MARCH

The Bereavement Group here at the Assumption will be resuming on Monday, March 15. The group will be meeting as before, in the downstairs meeting room of the Rectory, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm each Monday evening.

For more information, please call Barbara O'Grodnick (734-5096) or Marcia Burkitt (723-5295). Thank you.

ATTENTION: ADULT FUNERAL SERVERS

There will be a training session on Tuesday, March 9, at 10:00 am in the church for all adults who have volunteered to be funeral servers. Please try to attend

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FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL
(THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS)

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 100th 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 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.

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 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.

ASSUMPTION PARISHIONERS ATTAIN HONORS

We wish to congratulate the following students-all members of Assumption Parish, who have attained honors in their respective schools for the second quarter of the 2009-2010 school year.

At Laurelton Hall in Milford:
Marissa Matto – Grade 10 – Honors

At Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden:
Gabrielle Bellavance – High Honors
Caitlin Malloy – Honors
Micaela Montini - Honors

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 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)
- Monday (March 1)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- Tuesday (March 2)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- Wednesday (March 3)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- Thursday (March 4)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- Saturday (March 6)** Vigil Third Sunday of Lent (V)
4:00 pm-HM-John Boanno (Lucy, Justina & Lena)
- Sunday (March 7)** Third Sunday of Lent (V)
8:15 am-HM-Georgeann Mestuzzi (Family)
10:45 am-HM-Edward Condon (Family)

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We wish to thank the following members for all their help during February: Harold Andrew, Bert Geiss, Jim Petronchak and Rich Zdrowski. The committee is asked to assemble on Saturday morning, March 20th at 8:30 am to work on various projects.

BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

The Dominican Sisters will be holding a Bake Sale after all Masses next weekend (March 6-7). All proceeds will be used to purchase medical supplies for the victims of leprosy whom they help. We urge you to support this bake sale. Thank you.

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.

OVER \$1 MILLION COLLECTED FOR HAITI RELIEF

Catholic parishioners of the Archdiocese of Hartford have so far donated more than \$1,000,000.00 to Haitian Earthquake Relief. One hundred percent of the funds go to the relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services, which has already provided food, medical care and shelter to hundreds of thousands of people.

Catholic Relief Services is well-rooted in Haiti—they have been serving there for 55 years. Archbishop Mansell reminds us: "While the earthquake is no longer making front-page headlines, the people there continue to suffer. They need our help now more than ever, to find solutions in the long term. That is what Catholic Relief Services does."

MARK FORREST TO PERFORM AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE IN MOODUS

"A Celtic St. Patrick's Day Celebration" will take place on Thursday, March 4 beginning at 10:00 am at My Father's House in Moodus, CT., featuring Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Please call Joanie or Lucille at 860-873-1906 for more information and to register. It is necessary to register for this event. Thank you.