

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 2-3, 2010 (XXV-21)**



**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 repose of the souls of Kathleen Elmy, Richard Gaboriault, Charles Gavin and Sandra O'Dea, whose funeral Masses took place at Assumption Church this past week.

Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Lydem, Lyder, Lynch, Lyskowski, Macaуда, MacDonald, Mace, Macero, Machowski, Madden, Maffucci, Magda, Maher, Mahoney.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

- 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

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday (January 10)**  
9:15 am-CCD Classes Grades 1-6-School

- 10:45 am Mass-Kids' Liturgy  
4:00 pm-Adult Scripture Group-Rectory

- Monday (January 11)**  
7:00 pm-CCD Classes Grades 7-9-School  
7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory

- Tuesday (January 12)**  
7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory

- Friday (January 15)**  
6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall  
7:30 pm-Vocations Holy Hour-Rectory

**COLLECTIONS**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Offertory	\$ 5,415.40	\$6,013.41
Christmas	\$11,086.29	\$9,799.10

As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is:  
**\$17,032.64 less** for the year.  
**\$327.55 less** per week than last year.  
The **Second Collection** this weekend is the **Monthly Collection** for January.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS**

<u>Donated By</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Mrs. Gloria Fainer	Grandma Fainer, Grandma Sheehy and Nannie
Mrs. Ruth Olenchuk	The Moroney Family

**GIVING TREE "EXCEPTIONAL" - MANY THANKS**

In a year of great need and difficult finances, Assumption parishioners responded in a most generous way to the "Giving Tree". Gifts and gift cards were distributed to Birmingham Group Health Services, Umbrella (victims of domestic violence), Catholic Charities, and a group of inner-city children. Many, many thanks!

**CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND**

We wish to thank the family and friends of **O. Walter Sedor** for \$250.00 donated to Assumption Church in his memory.

**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.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

We wish to thank the following for their help during December: Jim Petronchak, Harold Andrew, Gregg Wright, Bert Geiss, Mike Ranno, Rich Lauer, Bill Kehlenbeck, Jessie Prajer and Rich Zdrowski.

We also wish to thank **everyone** who helped out in 2009 and we hope to see you in 2010. The following is the meeting schedule for 2010: 1/23, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/8, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/28, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/4. **Please meet at the church at 8:30 am.**

**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 203-734-1092 no later than January 4.

**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 (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)
- Monday (January 4)** Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (W)  
8:00 am-LM-Deceased Members of the Rev.  
Raymond Mulcahy Family
- Tuesday (January 5)**
- Wednesday (January 6)** Christmas Weekday (W)  
8:00 am-LM-Ruth Brady (Barbara & Richard Kemp)
- Thursday (January 7)**
- Friday (January 8)**
- Saturday (January 9)** Vigil Baptism of the Lord (W)  
4:00 pm-HM-Gerard Bilodeau (Charles & Venise Morin)
- Sunday (January 10)** Baptism of the Lord (W)  
8:15 am-HM-Nicola Monaco (Husband & Children)  
10:45 am-HM-Jeanne & Edward Burns (Marion & Family)

**SHELTER MEAL COMMITTEE**

The Shelter Meal Committee would like to thank the Zdrowski family team, our Confirmation class volunteers Kolin, Jason and John, and the Tidmarsh Home Bake Shop for furnishing and serving the December shelter meal at the Spooner House. The Spooner House staff distributed gifts followed by prayers of thanks, a fabulous meal, and dessert donated by Tidmarsh's and the Confirmation class volunteers. There was plenty of help and plenty of scrumptious food along with plenty of leftovers, which was greatly appreciated by the residents and staff. It was a good way to kick off a celebration of Christmas. **Thank you to all who helped out.**

**Jean Sember's team will host January's meal on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the shelter.**

"Thank you" to all of our shelter meal teams, volunteers, financial supporters and all who helped to provide this very important service to those less fortunate during this past year. You have really made a difference for people in need. Thank you again and we look forward to another rewarding year in 2010.

**ASSUMPTION PARISHIONERS ATTAIN HONORS**

The following students at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, all parishioners of Assumption Parish, have received honors during the first trimester:

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| <b>Jason Abate</b>        | <b>Kolin Matthews</b>      |
| <b>Marc Castiello</b>     | <b>Kristopher Matthews</b> |
| <b>Christopher Grogan</b> | <b>Kevin Relihan</b>       |

Our sincere congratulations to all of you. We are very proud of you!