

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 13-14, 2010 (XXV-31)**



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Margaret Gorman* and *Lotte Jonas*, both of whom were buried from Assumption Church this past week.

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Please pray for the deceased members of the following parish families: Pinto, Piotrowski, Plourde, Pokladowski, Pollak, Poma, Pompa, Pomponio, Poquette, Poremba, Posta, Posta/Ayala, Powanda, Prajer, Prestiano, Princevalli, Prior, Pritchard, Ptak.

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.

MEMORIAL PLANTS FOR EASTER

If you would like to memorialize a plant to be used on the altar during the Easter season, please place \$15.00 in your Easter Flower envelope (or in a plain envelope), and on the envelope please write your own name and the name of the person to be remembered. Please place it in the Offertory Collection no later than the weekend of March 27 & 28 (Palm Sunday). Thank you.

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. **Forms are available in your pew.** **Thank you!**

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday (March 14)**
 9:15 am-CCD Classes Grades 1-6-School
 10:45 am Mass-Children's Liturgy
- Monday (March 15)**
 7:00 pm-Bereavement Group resumes-Rectory
 7:00 pm-CCD Classes Grades 7-9-School
- Tuesday (March 16)**
 7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
 7:00 pm-First Reconciliation-Church
- Wednesday (March 17)**
 7:00 pm-Social Justice Meeting-Rectory
- Friday (March 19)**
 6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall
 7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross-Rectory
- Saturday (March 20)**
 8:30 am-Maintenance Committee-Church

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UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Sunday (March 21)**
 9:15 am-CCD Grades 1-6-School
 1:00 pm-Fashion Show, sponsored by Home/School-Hall
 4:00 pm-Adult Scripture Group-Rectory
- Monday (March 22)**
 7:00 pm-Parish Council-Rectory
 7:00 pm-Bereavement Group-Rectory
- Tuesday (March 23)**
 7:00 pm-Miraculous Medal Novena-Rectory
- Wednesday (March 24)**
 5:30 pm-Shelter Meal-Spooner House
- Friday (March 26)**
 6:45 pm-Bingo-Hall
 7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross-Rectory

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COLLECTIONS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Offertory 2/28	\$7,572.50	\$6,985.05
Offertory 3/7	\$6,501.00	\$7,681.58
As of last weekend, the cumulative Offertory Collection is		
\$1,966.68 more than last year.		

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2010

This weekend marks the start of the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. You will receive a letter from Archbishop Mansell seeking your support. Together we can impact the lives of thousands. Our work as a Church in social services, healthcare and pastoral services is exciting, challenging and fulfilling. It is work we must do together in *Returning the Lord's Goodness*, out of love for one another and for God. Please respond as generously as possible.

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CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

We wish to thank the family and friends of *Edward Wojciechowski* for \$100.00 donated to Assumption Church in his memory.

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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.

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.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 28, following the 10:45 Mass. It will take place on the side lawn next to the church (the south side). All are welcome.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURES NEXT WEEKEND

Parish nurses will be on hand next weekend (March 20-21) to take blood pressures following all Masses.

**EVERY TIME SOMEONE PREDICTS THE DATE OF
THE END OF THE WORLD, GOD PUSHES THE
DATE BACK A LITTLE, JUST TO BE FUNNY.**

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 (March 13) Vigil Fourth Sunday of Lent (V)
4:00 pm-HM-Mary O'Brien (Family)

Sunday (March 14) Fourth Sunday of Lent (V)
8:15 am-HM-Kathleen Elmy (George & Caroline Zachmann)
10:45 am-HM-Ann Horoschak and Joseph & Anna Vovrek

Monday (March 15) Lenten Weekday (V)
8:00 am-LM-William & Mary Toussaint

Tuesday (March 16) Lenten Weekday (V)
8:00 am-LM-Norah & James Parker (Family)

Wednesday (March 17) Lenten Weekday (V)
8:00 am-LM-Thomas & Phyllis Clifford (Family)

Thursday (March 18) Lenten Weekday (V)

Saturday (March 20) Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent (V)
4:00 pm-HM-James Chopak (Family)

Sunday (March 21) Fifth Sunday of Lent (V)
8:15 am-HM-Eleanor Castiello (Stephanie & Damon Ott and Jennifer & Paul Marganski)
10:45 am-HM-James Smith (Family)

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CHANGE IN STARTING DATE

If you are an adult and have not been Confirmed but would like to be, classes have been rescheduled to begin on Tuesday, March 16. 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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP RESUMES THIS WEEK

The Bereavement Group here at the Assumption will be resuming this 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 (723-5195). Thank you.

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS VISITOR

Liturgical Publications, Inc., our publisher, will be sending a sales representative to our parish the week of March 22. He will be available for those interested in placing a new ad. This is your opportunity to secure a space for the new publication year. To place your ad, please contact John Elgee at 800-888-4574 ext. 3334 or jelgee@4lpi.com. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad. Keep in mind; our advertising sponsors make your weekly bulletin possible.