

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 6-7, 2010 (XXV-30)**



**Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"**  
- Lk 13:2-3

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of *Gloria Fainer, Marjorie Purcell* and *Doris Trembley*, all of whom were recently buried from Assumption Church.

**Please pray** for the deceased members of the following parish families: Pero, Perriello, Perrotti, Perry, Persico, Peter, Peters, Petersen, Petrocelli, Petronchak, Petruzzello, Phillips, Phipps, Picard.

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

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**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

7:00 pm-First R.C.I.A. Class for those adults wishing to be Confirmed-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-Holy Hour for Vocations-Rectory

**Saturday (March 13)**

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

**UP-COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**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 for First Communion  
Class-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

**BAPTISMS**

We wish to welcome into our parish family each of the following, who were recently Baptized at Assumption Church: **Ayla Mae DeCrescenzo, Gianni Richard Fabrega, Tyler Daniel Kingston, Jackson Anthony Lucas, Molly Grace Lynch, Anthony Maurizio Marini, and George Giovanni Marini.**

**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 RESUMES NEXT WEEK**

The Bereavement Group here at the Assumption will be resuming next 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 this Tuesday, March 9, at 10:00 am in the church for all adults who have volunteered to be funeral servers. Please try to attend.

**"GOD PROVES HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."**

FROM TODAY'S SECOND READING  
(THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS)

**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 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.

**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.

**BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND**

The Dominican sisters are with us this weekend, holding a Bake Sale after all Masses. 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.

**ADAM AND EVE HAD THE PERFECT MARRIAGE.  
HE DIDN'T HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE  
MEN SHE COULD HAVE MARRIED AND SHE DIDN'T  
HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT HOW WELL HIS  
MOTHER COOKED!**

**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 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)
- Monday (March 8)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- Tuesday (March 9)** Lenten Weekday (V)  
8:00 am-LM-Patrick Foley (Family)
- Wednesday (March 10)** Lenten Weekday (V)  
8:00 am-LM-Deceased Members of the Horoschak  
& Vavrek Families (Paul Horoschak)
- Thursday (March 11)** Lenten Weekday (V)
- 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

**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.**

**SHELTER MEAL**

Joan and Ernie Wheeler's team commemorated a bit of an anniversary, as their's was the first team to serve a supper in the new shelter facility and they were back again for the February meal. With some help from Rachel of the Confirmation class and her mom, the team put on a wonderful celebratory spread. There was a plentiful variety of perfectly executed entrees served by a seasoned group who provided a fine dining experience for our valley's homeless. Many came up for seconds. The residents and staff could not compliment us enough; we heard everything from "delicious" to "blazin." After serving everyone, the team sat down to share a meal with the diners and socialize. Some shared stories, experiences and even recipes.

An enjoyable time was had by all. **Thank you** to everyone for an excellent job.

Carolyn and Bob Johnson's team will host the March 24<sup>th</sup> meal at the shelter.