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OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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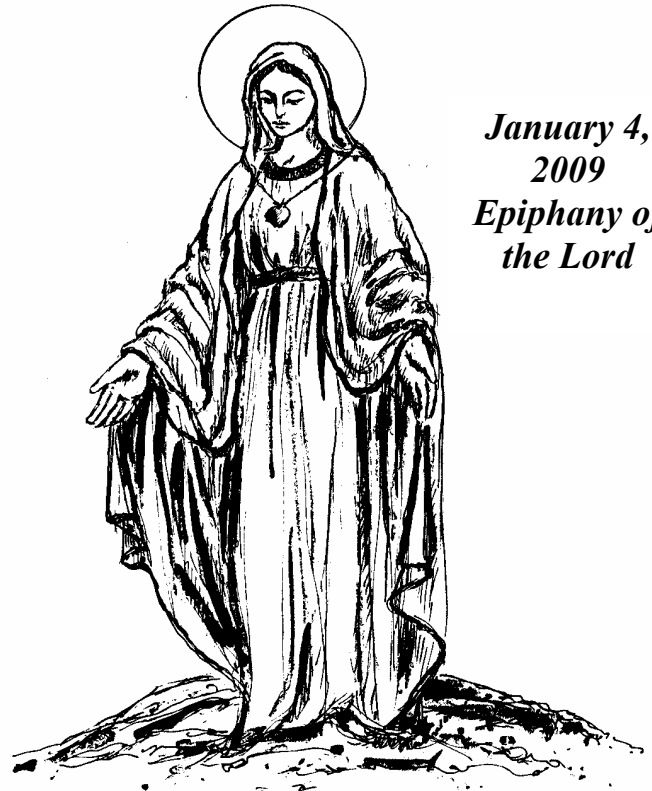
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BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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January 4,
2009
*Epiphany of
the Lord*

Liturgy

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. except Tuesday.
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 11 a.m.
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.
Sun. 2 pm - 8 am Mon.

Sacraments

Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Baptisms: Arrange at Rectory
Matrimony: Arrange at least 1 year
in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory

***Welcome:** We extend our hands and hearts to you here, celebrating with us, whether longtime resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our parish is a diverse and dynamic Catholic family community, committed to Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and relying on the Patronage of His Mother, Mary.

We will serve not only the needs of our Parish Church, school, and individual members, but also the broader needs of our society, in union with the other Parishes of the Ashtabula County Deanery and the Diocese of Youngstown, through worship, stewardship, education, Christian service, evangelization and other programs.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND, Jan 3-4.

Saturday: 4:30 pm.

Sunday: 9 am & 11 am.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

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FAMILY MASS

This weekend 11 AM Mass will be the Family Mass. All are invited to participate in it.

LUNCH BUNCH

We will gather this Thursday, Jan 8 at 1:00 at Kork & Kettle, Main St, Ashtabula. For reservations call Dea, 466-3594, or Vel, 466-2940.

JUSTICE MARCH

The 36th annual Lake County justice March for Pre-born Children (formerly March for Life) will take place at 2pm on Sunday, Jan 11. Marchers will depart Great Lakes Mall and proceed east on Rte 20 to Farrel Hall at St. Mary Church for warm refreshments, followed by a program in the church at 3pm. Special guest speaker is The Honorable Randi Ostry LeHoty who will share her insights on the US Supreme Court. For more information call 440-255-5257.

IMMUNIZATION SHOTS

The Clinic reopens on Wednesdays, 1-3 pm, in our St. Vincent de Paul office, next to the rectory garage. Bring child's record of immunizations and \$5 each shot. Adults, bring your Medicaid card, and call the Bd. of Health, 576-3023, ext 135, before hand so they might come prepared for your particular need.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish.

MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop Murry will be the celebrant and homilist for the 11th annual diocesan Mass for Life on Saturday, Jan 17 at 12 Noon in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel on the campus of Walsh Univ. in Canton. All are welcome. Following Mass, Dr. Ray Guarendi will be keynote speaker at the pro-life luncheon in the Barrette Business Center. Reservations are required at \$5 per person. Call 330-744-8451, ext 289 or 273.



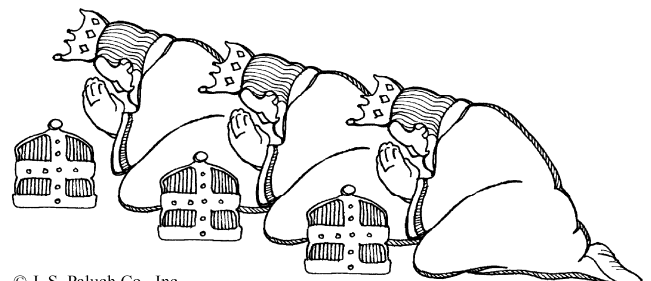
The Holy Star

"O, Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light."

William Cullen Bryant

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Ps 72

Come, Let us adore Him.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 4:

SUN.	NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS	9 & 11 am
MON.	Back to School	
	Parents Assoc	7:00
TUE.	Market Day Orders Due	
	Parish Council	7:00
	BINGO, 1/6/09. Team # 4	6:30
	Bakers Needed	
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter,
	I Caller	J. Watson
	Floor	C. Rice
	Instants	N. Perijoc, S. Gonzalez
	II Caller	C. Rice
	Floor	J. Watson
	Instants	N. Perijoc, S. Gonzalez
WED.	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Choir	7:30
THU.	Girl Scouts	2:30-4:00
FRI.	Indoor Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SAT.	Market Day Pick up	10-11
	Neo Catechumenal Way Liturgy	7:00
SUN.	Neo Catechumenal Way Convivance	

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK:

1. Health of Frances Kristanc By Tess Congdon
2. Health of John Buskirk By Tess Congdon

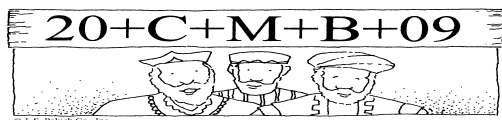
THANK YOU

The Walt Germack Family wishes to thank everyone from parish family and many loved ones for the wonderful support of prayers, cards, visits and well wishes during our mother's illness and death.

The Germacks

THANK YOU

The American Red Cross sent a thank you note to the parish saying, "In these difficult times, it is wonderful to know that there are people willing to help their neighbors in need. Thank you for opening your hearts."



New Years House Blessing markings are seen in the figure above. It is written above the entry door. The numbers of the new year borders the initials of the 3 wise men. Do you know their names?

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 21, 2008 Offertory	\$ 3,850
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 3,096
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

GENEVA LITTLE LEAGUE REVERSE RAFFLE

The Geneva Little League will hold their annual Reverse Raffle on Jan 24. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner, beer, wash and a chance at the \$1,000 main board prize. Please call Garry Culton, 466-4897, for tickets and info. It will be an evening of fun and prizes as you support the Little League program.

RETRouvaille

Restoring My Hurting Marriage – Having challenges and pain in marriage is not a new topic. You do not have to "go it alone" or "suffer in silence." There is a lifeline for your marriage. It can be increasingly difficult to face each day when your marriage is hurting. The Holy Family made the decision to trust, to love, despite their hesitation and they gave the world Jesus because they decided to follow God's plan. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of misery in their marriage. It can be what you are looking for. Consider making a phone call for more information about one of the weekends coming on 2009.

Call 800-470-2230. Weekends scheduled:

Feb 20-22 at Aurora Inn, Aurora, OH.

April 24-26 at Avalon Inn, Warren, OH

Oct 23-25 at Aurora Inn, Aurora, OH.

VOLUNTEERS REACHING OUT
TO CELEBRATE LIFE

Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteers use their unique talents and gifts to provide direct and/or indirect care and support for our patients and their families—allowing patients and their families to live each day to the fullest. Whether it's providing a friendly visit, emotional support, clerical work or office support, **Volunteers make a difference!** Hospice of the Western Reserve is currently seeking volunteers from all walks of life to help celebrate the value of each day and each life. Our next volunteer education series will take place at Hospice, 1166 Lake Ave. Ashtabula on Tuesdays from Jan 13 through Feb 24, 6 pm-9 pm. Join us and help us make a difference. For more information, please call Sue Druschel, at Hospice office, 440-997-6619.

TAX CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Contribution Reports for 2008 will be ready soon. If you would like a copy for tax purposes please request by phone or mail to the rectory. They will be sent as soon as they are ready.

Mass Intentions  for the week

SAT.	4:30 PM	RYAN PENVOSE Ray & Fran Gruber
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER Jeanne Dubsy
	11:00 AM	BILL BOOMHOWER Rubie Boomhower

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	ROSE ROSKOVICS Sophie Klarzuk
THU	8:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Martha Holler
FRI.	8:00 AM	BILL MEZMARICH Marty Powers
SAT.	9:00 AM	MARILYN HEAD Vel Gifford's SCC
	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	CAROL TERSIGNI Hunt Family
	11:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Assumption Choir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN 10-11:

	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EX MIN of EUCH</u>
SAT. 4:30 PM	C. Fenner	Sr. Joyce, C. Fenner
SUN. 9:00 AM	L. Daly	P. Stoltz,
11:00 AM	J. Coggins	J/L Zalewski

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
SAT. 4:30 PM	A. Nicoletti
SUN. 9:00 AM	A. Cordova, A. PerDue
11:00 AM	J. Hodgson, A. Logan, C. Vaughn

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 4:

Sun.	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon.	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tue.	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6: 34-44
Wed.	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thu.	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17; Lk 4:14-22
Fri.	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat.	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6,9; Jn 3:22-30
Sun.	(Baptism of the Lord) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:1-5; 1Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.