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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
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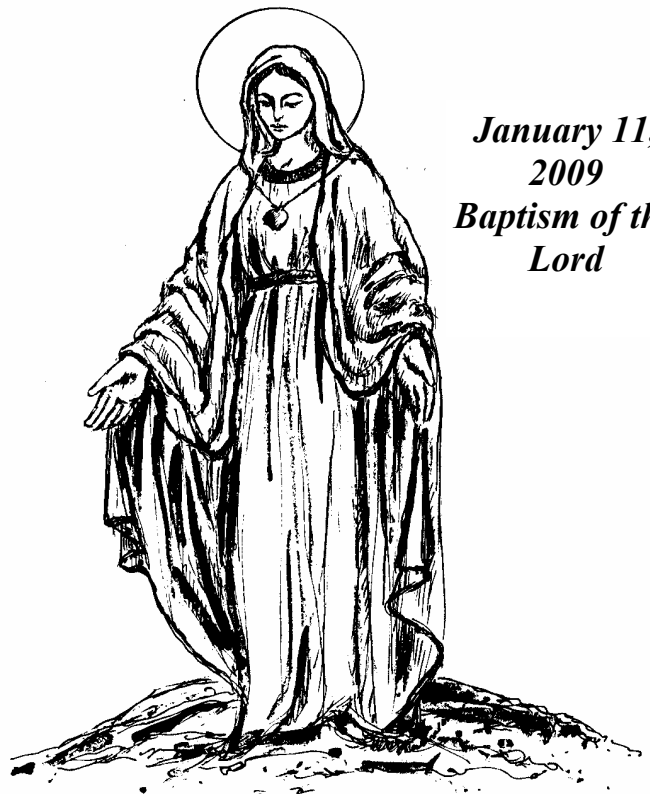
MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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Rev. Melvin Rusnak, **Pastor**
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January 11,
2009
*Baptism of the
Lord*

Liturgy

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 , 11:00 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 WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE is now here.

It went smoothly the first weekend.

Sat: 4:30 pm. Sun: 9 am, 11am.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved. My favor rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love; it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting love.



The Assumption Parish Family welcomes **FRANCIS JOSEPH KOCH**, son of Donald & Christine, who was baptized on Dec. 27, 2008, and **XAVIER JOHN MARHEFKA**, son of John & Elizabeth, who was baptized on January 4, 2009.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, Jan 17-18, there will be a special collection for our Sister parish in El Salvador. The gift will be taken with the pilgrims as they travel there at the end of January. Pray for them and their travels as well as the ones they will visit.

LITURGY DAY

Sat, Feb 7, 8:30-3:00, St. Charles Parish, 7345 Westview Dr., Rte 224, Boardman, OH, will feature J. Glenn Murray, SJ, as keynote speaker. His address will be "I received the Living God: Engaging the Liturgical Assembly at Holy Communion." There will be 3 workshop sessions with various topics. Fee is \$26 which includes lunch. If 5 or more from one parish, fee is \$23 each, by Jan 29. Look for form on bulletin board.

FREE THROW

K of C Basketball Free Throw, Saturday, Jan 24, 1:00 at our parish hall. Open to all boys and girls 10 to 14 years old. Contact Paul Stumpff, 466-2095.

PRAY FOR ...

Please pray for those traveling to El Salvador at the end of January, Fr. Mel will be one of them, and for Christina Linehan who is currently in Palestine.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish, especially John Buskirk.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioner **GENE ELLER**, grandfather of Crystal Eller, who died recently.

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN

The ten winners in our Holiday Countdown Raffle are announced here. Congratulations to each of them!

\$20 Vicki Smee	\$40 Fina Gruber
\$25 Sue Sharpe	\$45 Bob DeSan
\$30 Barb Anderson	\$50 Jen Branham
\$250 Gloria DiFabio	\$55 Vilma Smith
\$35 Dr. Wm Blatt	\$500 Bunny Ryder

Thank you to those who donated from their winnings to the parish.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL DECEMBER REPORT

In December the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Assumption Parish was able to help 24 Geneva area families in need. The total amount distributed was \$2,014.44. Assistance was given to provide rent, emergency shelter and transportation, clothing, medication, food and utilities. We were able to provide these services through the generosity of our parishioners who graciously replenished our funds after they were depleted. Thank you once again.

YOUTH MINISTRY BROOM HOCKEY

Sat, Jan 17, 5 pm-10 pm at Mentor Civic Arena. This event is open to youth grades 7-12. Cost is \$10 and permission slips are required. Parents are needed as drivers – fill out a "Volunteer Driver Information Form". Call Jerry Privitera, 466-3965, if you can drive. We will leave our parking lot at 5:15. Our rink time is 6-8pm. We will be back at Assumption at 10 pm.

Girl Scout Troop 593 would like to thank all those who made donations to the Animal Protective League. They will be delivering the items soon. Thanks for remembering animals during your holiday season.

Geneva **Little League** Reverse Raffle, Jan 24. Tickets are \$25 with main prize \$1,000. Call Garry Culton, 466-4897 for tickets and more information.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 11:

SUN.	Neo Catechumenal Way Convivance	
	Friendship Room Rental	1-5
MON.	K of C	7:30
TUE.	BINGO, 1/13/09. Team # 3	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter,
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	Need Worker
	Instants	B. Peters
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	Need Worker
	Instants	B.. Peters
WED.	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Choir	7:30
SUN.	Collection for our Sister Parish	
	Neo Catechumenal Way Prep # 2	

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK:

1. In Memory of Elizabeth Baker By Tess Congdon

Additional Christmas Flowers:

In Memory of Robert Salisbury By Jeanette Salisbury
Thanks to all who helped make our sanctuary beautiful.

STS. JOHN & PAUL NEWS

St John & Paul is hosting a basketball game against the Harlem Wizards on Mon, Jan 12 at 6:30 pm. Presale Tickets are \$8 students and \$10 adults. At the door tickets will be \$10 & \$12.

The 12th annual Championship Sunday Reverse Raffle will be Sun, Jan 18 at the high school. Cost is \$30 per person includes food, beverages, fellowship, \$1300 grand prize & football! Doors open 2 hours before first game. Tickets available at high school, from coaches, or by calling 997-5531.

JOHN BUSKIRK is in the Cleveland Clinic battling cancer for the third time. We are helping SJP senior class sell "Buzzstrong" silicone bracelets. Money will be used for John's medical costs. They are \$3 or 2/\$5 at the religious counter or school office. Cards can be sent to: 5589 S. Ridge Rd W, Geneva; or go to www.coachbuzz.blogspot.com.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 25, 2008 Offertory	\$9,175
December 28, 2008 Offertory	\$4,185
January 1, 2009 Offertory	\$1,419
January 4, 2009 Offertory	\$4,899
Renovation Fund Balance	\$3,162

Bills to be paid	\$ 3,605
Assessments, Current yr & past yrs	\$26939+25,133
Internal Loan	\$42,000

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

FOR ALL ENCOUNTERED COUPLES:

Rekindle the romantic flame. Attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Day of Enrichment, "A New Year of New Beginnings." Saturday, Jan 24. Registration starts at 9:30, first talk at 10:00; ends at 5:00 with optional Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church, North Canton. Pre-register by sending \$5 to John & Christen Cardina, 5651 Canal Rd, Wooster, OH 44691, or e-mail cbccardina@Yahoo.com. Bring your own sack lunch and snack to share. Coffee and pop provided.

FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES:

Give the gift to your spouse that won't be exchanged- a happier marriage that can last a lifetime. Attend the Feb 13-15 Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Cambria Suites in Green, OH 44685. Call 330-305-9963, or e-mail WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net for more information/reservations.

THANK YOU

The Sharing Tree committee would like to congratulate all those who helped in any way to make this year an awesome success. We adopted eight families this year totaling 40 individuals, the most ever, and the generosity of our parish is commendable. To all those who contacted the families, donated supplies for the tree, stored the gifts, purchased and wrapped and delivered the gifts, and anyone involved in any way with this project, we thank you most sincerely.

SANCTITY OF LIFE WEEK- Jan 18-25

This marks the anniversary of the tragic Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion in the US for the 9 months of pregnancy.

185 more abortions in Ashtabula County in 2007

185 more Ashtabula Co women with broken hearts, also victims, not receiving support mothers deserve.

185 more Ashtabula County fathers who will not know joy of holding their children. Pray for them.

31st Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, Jan 17, 9 am, Erie PA, Keynote Speaker: senior editor of Nat'l Review Magazine. Reservations required by Jan 12. Carpool from Geneva.

Candlelight Vigil, Jan 18, 6pm, Zaback-Ducro, W. Prospect, Ashtabula. Sponsored by Ash. Co. Friends for Life.

March for Life, DC, Jan 22. Buses leave from Madison, Willoughby, Erie & S. Euclid. All leave late Wed, Jan 21 & return early Jan 23, except S. Euclid which leaves the morning of 21st. Cost is approx \$40-\$50.

For more information on any of the above, please call Crystal Latimer, 466-7441.

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

SAT.	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	CAROL TERSIGNI Hunt Family
	11:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Assumption Choir
MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Altar & Rosary Society
THU	8:00 AM	Deceased Members of the EARTLY FAMILY George Nassief Family
FRI.	8:00 AM	JEANNETTE MEZMARICH Blue Star Mothers
SAT.	9:00 AM	DARRYL EARTLY JR. Altar & Rosary Society
	4:30 PM	DAN FENNER Assumption School Staff
SUN.	9:00 AM	JOSHUA FORINASH Grandma, Caroline Girard
	11:00 AM	JOSEPHINE CARKHUFF Family & Friends

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN 17-18:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM
SUN.	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

EXTRA-ORDINARY MIN OF EUCHARIST

SAT.	4:30PM
SUN.	9 AM
	11 AM

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, F. Stocker
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Loftus, D. Gustafson
	11:00 AM	T. Hunt, C. Costello, A. Fistek

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 11:

Sun.	Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Mon.	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9; Mk 1:14-20
Tue.	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2,5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wed.	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thu.	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri.	Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3-4,6-8; Mk 2:1-12
Sat.	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun.	1 Sam 3:3-10,19; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Hi My Assumption Parish Family,

I've been on an inner journey, a journey of discernment for the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). This is a team of individuals trained in negotiation, conflict transformation, and nonviolent direct action. CPT offers organizational support to persons committed to faith-based nonviolent alternatives in conditions around the world where dangerous conflict is an immediate reality.

Throughout the past year or more I've been sitting with many questions that have, over time, become louder. What am I called to do in the face of violence? Is it too easy to come up with excuses for why I'm not called by God to do something? "I'm a student. I can't afford to travel. How could it be my place in a different culture, a far off land? As a Christian in a violent world, what are my responsibilities? Do I not believe in a Christ who rose, reconciling the world? Are we not the body of Christ present on earth today? What is God calling us to do?"

With all of these questions rustling within, I know I need to be in active discernment. I am to sit with God, listening to God speaking from within. I also need to listen to God speaking through those around me. And I need to observe how God works through CPT.

To this end, I am on a CPT delegation to Palestine from Jan. 6 to January 19. My delegation first meets with Israeli and Palestinian groups in order to gain an understanding of the present situation. Then we spend time with the full time CPTers assisting them in their activities. In at-Tuwani West Bank, CPT joins Israeli peace groups to replant olive groves destroyed by settlers. We also provide daily accompaniment for Palestinian children walking to and from school and monitor treatment of Palestinians at Israeli military checkpoints and roadblocks. Interestingly, in my group of 13 peacemakers, more are going in their retirement (two in their 70's!) than in their youth.

I hope to hear how God is calling me to act through this delegation. I ask that you keep me in your prayers throughout my continued discernment. I also encourage you to check out the CPT website (www.cpt.org) and let me know how God is speaking to you.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers,
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