

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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January 18,
2009
Second Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Sister Parish in El Salvador ! Thank you for your generosity!



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see." He didn't preach, he invited and Nathaniel became a disciple of Jesus. If our children SEE the excitement of our faith, that will be invitation enough. Words are not necessary.

ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

There will be a *very important meeting* for all Altar & Rosary Society members. The election of a new president and discussion of the upcoming Spring Tea will take place at the meeting-Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 10 am in the Friendship Room.

PILGRIMS

Next Monday, Fr. Mel and others will leave for El Salvador to meet the pastors and people of the area. They will take our gifts to them, our greeting and our prayer for them. Please remember them in your prayers for safe travel, a blessed visit and safe return.

2008 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

The statements are ready. Request your copy by phone, or in writing and it will be mailed to you.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Adults: Wed evening at 7:30 pm, Jan 21, Feb 18, & Every Wed in March for Holy Week & Easter.
Children: Sat 10 am, Jan 17, 31 and Feb 14, 28.

The **ELLER FAMILY** extends sincere thanks and appreciation for all the kindnesses during this sad time of illness and loss of Gene and June.

HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN REPORT:

Receipts	\$2,000
Expenses:prizes & postage (Paper & envelopes donated)	<u>\$1,140</u>
Net proceeds	\$ 860

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

.Please pray for the repose of the soul of **JOHN BUSKIRK**, husband of Jessica, who died recently.

SANCTITY OF LIFE WEEK- Jan 18-25

Jan 22 marks the anniversary of the tragic Roe vs Wade decision that legalized abortion in the US.

Candlelight Vigil, Sunday, Jan 18, 6pm, Zaback-Ducro, W. Prospect, Ashtabula. Sponsored by Ashtabula County 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.

Please consider doing something to help bring an end to the killing of our youngest brothers and sisters. A few possibilities are outlined on the enclosed flyer including the **Bishops' postcard campaign** against FOCA. FOCA is a bill that poses an even greater threat to mothers and their pre-born babies than the Roe vs. Wade decision currently does. Assumption Parish will make the postcards available to sign during the Masses Jan 24 & 25. A \$1 donation at that time will be sincerely appreciated to help with postage costs.

"BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD"

We hear this phrase every week at Mass, but do you know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase? It appears in only one of the four Gospel and after it is only spoken two times. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the gospel of John. Once spoken, two of John's disciples follow Christ. Later Andrew brings his brother Simon Peter. A careful look at the verses shows us the mission of all baptized into His Body: proclaim our faith so others may be brought to Christ.

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 18:

SUN.	Collection for Sister Parish	all Masses Neo Catechumenal Way Prep # 2
MON.	No School	
TUE.	BINGO, 1/20/09. Team # 2	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, M. Decker
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	E. Mallick
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Decker
	Instants	K. Kleps
WED.	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Finance Council	7:00
	Choir Practice	7:30
	Adult Choir Practice	7:30
THU.	Endowment Bd.	3:00
FRI.	Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SAT.	Free Throw Contest, ages 10-14	1:00
	Men Who Cook, Mt Carmel	6-9
SUN.	Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 3	

TABERNACLE CANDLES

1. **In Memory of Elizabeth Baker** By Tess Congdon

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Feb 13-15 at Cambria Suites in Green, OH. Call 330-305-9963 or e-mail WorldwideME@sbglobal.net for information.

PASTA DINNER

As many of you know, John Buskirk went to live in heaven.

Assumption is hosting a PASTA DINNER to help Jessica (& John) Buskirk with medical bills they acquired while John was fighting his illness.

On Sunday, Feb 8, 12:00-4:00, in our hall. Dinner tickets are: \$6. Seniors & children 3-12 are \$4. Pre-sale tickets are on sale at SJP High School, Assumption School or Assumption Rectory. If you would like more information or would like to help at the dinner, please call Mrs. Cheryl Woodward, 466-2104, Mrs. Janis Brown, 997-5531, or Assumption Rectory, 466-3427. For anyone wishing to donate, a fund has been set up at Key Bank in John's name.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

January 11, 2009 Offertory	\$3,740
Renovation Fund Balance	\$3,337

Bills to be paid	\$ 18,384
Assessments (corrected) current: \$11,745; prior: \$26,939	
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

BLOOD DRIVE— In the spirit of giving...

Sts John & Paul will host a Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, Jan 22 from 7:45-12:45 in the school gym. Please help us reach our goal of 25 donations so that our seniors will be eligible to receive Red Cross Scholarships. Photo ID's are required in order to donate. And, a canned goods item for the hungry would be appreciated.

SJP Championship Sunday Reverse Raffle, today, Jan 18 at the high school. Cost is \$30 per person, includes food & beverages, \$1300 in prizes and Football! Doors open 2 hours before the first game.

CONSECRATED LIFE

The universal Church has been celebrating *World Day of Consecrated Life* since 1997 close to Feb 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bishop George Murry, SJ, invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our diocese on Sunday, Feb 8 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 liturgy. All are welcome.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm in the St. Vincent office, next to the rectory garage, driveway side, the Health Dept of Ashtabula Co offers children's immunizations for \$5. Bring a copy of immunization record. Some adult shots can be available— call ahead to 576-3023, ext 133.

LIVE-IN EXPERIENCE—VOCATIONAL RETREATS

Men, The Marian House of Studies will be hosting free Live-In Vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the community and hear vocational talks. Located in Steubenville, OH, dates are Feb 6-8, March 27-29.

Gethsemani Trappist Abbey in Trappist, KY. Live the life of the monk. Located near Louisville, KY, dates are Feb 1-8, Feb 13-15, March 9-16.

Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, located in Philadelphia, PA, dates are Feb 27-March 1. Call 1-800-221-1807 for info on all the above

This is Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

OLD PALMS

Between now and Feb 22, please consider bringing in your old palms. They will be burnt on Feb 22. The ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.

GREEN— A LITURGICAL COLOR

We are in Ordinary Time, green for "living & growing faith." Just as life in nature is shown by the color green, we reflect on our own life..

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 Grandmother, Caroline Girard
	11:00 AM	JOSEPHINE CARKHUFF Family & Friends

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JAN 24-25:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	
SUN.	9:00 AM	will be called
	11:00 AM	

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SUN.	9:00 AM	will be called
	11:00 AM	

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	A. Nicoletti
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Koch, B. Privitera, J. Kearney
	11:00 AM	K. Lewis, M. Sharpe, A. Wright

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 18:

Sun.	1Sam 3:3-10,19; Ps 40; 1Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Mon.	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tue.	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28
Wed.	Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thu.	Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10,17; Mk 3:7-12
Fri.	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 858,10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Sat.	Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Ps 472-3,6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sun.	Jon 3:1-5,10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

BUILDING BRIDGES TO EL SALVADOR

In a week I will be bringing greetings from the school children and parishioners of the Assumption parish to Fathers Raphael and Julio and especially the people of San Fernando, our sister parish.

This will be my fourth visit in keeping with the relationship that began in July, 1997 when “caravan” responded to Fr. John Dailey’s invitation. The purpose of this visit and every visit is to receive the love and friendship of the people and to celebrate our deeper friendship in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In this visit I will also be bringing your greetings and love offerings to the priests and families of our sister parish. Something new this year will happen on the weekend of February 1st 2009. A “Proclamation” will be read and prayers for each parish will be offered at all Masses.

In the 1980’s the people of El Salvador experienced a civil war that left the people, cities, churches, and countryside in ruins. After the war efforts of reconstruction began and both the Catholic Church and the government have been working steady to bring hope and peace to the people.

Today their church bells ring out to announce the Mass, the angelus prayer , and special events. Visitors cross borders and see the development of roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, shopping malls, factories, etc. They indeed are a developing country and we are a part of this history through our sister parish relationship. May God bless the work of our efforts and may Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe protect us.

Fr. Mel Rusnak, pastor

