

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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Rev. Melvin Rusnak, **Pastor**
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February 15,
2009
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Liturgy

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00a.m., 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.



WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND

“For better...For poorer...In sickness...until death.”
... And the greatest of these is Love!



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar



The key words in today's gospel were spoken to Jesus by the leper:

“If you wish, you can...!” How many people are waiting to be made clean

by your understanding and forgiveness? Remember, IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN!

MARRIAGE VOWS RENEWAL

A renewal of marriage vows will take place at all Masses this weekend. All couples are invited to participate.

OLD PALMS are requested. They will be burnt after 11:00 Mass next Sunday and used for Ash Wednesday services. Please place the old palms in the box at the side entrance.

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend is our combined collection, which replaces 4 separate collections, for Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/ Peters Pence, Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and Church in Latin America. As we move toward Lent, please support these programs of charity in the church.

COMALYA

This year's Comalya will be held Friday, April 17, 6-11 PM at DeRubertis Party Center. Tickets are \$50 for one, \$90 for two, table of 8 for \$320. Honored this year is Mike Kahanca, a founding member of the Endowment Board who is still active and involved. Come join us for dinner and dancing and bid on the Chinese auction and Silent Auction. Sponsored by Assumption School Endowment Board.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Saturday, Feb 14, there will be a practice at 10 am for the children's choir to prepare for next month's Family Mass.

RECEIVED

A used, working washing machine has been donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish, especially Joe Kessler, Vel Gifford.

BAPTISM CLASS

Parents wishing to have their children baptized in the next few months are invited to attend the parents' Baptism Class to be held in the rectory this FRIDAY, FEB. 20 at 7pm. This is the required class before scheduling the sacrament. Godparents and Grandparents are also welcome.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Faith sharing groups will be meeting in area homes during Lent. This can be an important role in faith growth. If interested in being in a group, please call Rita Linehan, 466-3207.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITY—

“Awaken Your Faith”

On the 5 Sundays of March, 6:30-8:30 pm, Sr. Joyce will offer “Ready Your Hearts, Adult Disciples in Formation.” Parishioners \$12, others \$15.

The course is based on the U.S. Bishops' document *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*. The topic is forming the faith of adults. It will not be lecture nor sermon. We will teach and learn from each other as well as from the bishops. Sign-up forms will be out soon.

ADULT INQUIRY CLASS

Beginning Monday, Feb 23, 7:00-8:30 pm. in Sr. Joyce's office, above school office. For anyone who would like to ask questions about the Catholic faith. For anyone interested in the Catholic faith. For anyone interested in the meaning of faith. For anyone interested in listening to their life and lives of others in regard to relationship with God. Contact Sr. Joyce, 466-3664, or just show up.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 15:

SUN.	Marriage Renewal of Vows	all Masses
	Friendship Room Rental; Hall rental.	afternoon
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 3	
MON.	No School	
	St. Vincent Meeting	7:00
TUE.	Parish Staff Meeting	6:00
	BINGO, 2/17/09. 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
	Bakery Needed	
	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
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Word	7:00
	Choir	7:30
THU.	Basketball Practice	5-7
FRI.	Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SUN.	Burning of Palms after 11:00 Mass	
	Friendship Room- Scouts	2:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 1	

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS

Same as cash. Card returned to you showing any balance. Sizes available: \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. You get face value and the church receives 5%. See the salesperson at the side entrance.

Join us for **COFFEE and DONUTS** in the hall after Sunday Masses.

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal: \$ 18,719
 Pledged: 19,823
 Paid: 17,389
 Due: \$ 2,434
 20% of our households (143 of 713) supported this appeal.

'Today's Sacrifice- Tomorrow's Church' Update

We received a check for \$6,115.68 from the Campaign Funds. It will be put aside for replacing school windows. Pledge amount to be paid: \$51,645 (26%).

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 8, 2009 Offertory\$ 4,907
 Renovation Fund Balance\$ 3,875

Bills to be paid\$ 12,650
 Assessments prior years \$26,939, internal loans \$ 42,000
 Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY RAFFLE

Saints John & Paul School will be hosting our 16th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Raffle on Saturday, March 14 at Mt. Carmel Community Center. There is a grand prize of \$25,000 with over \$39,000 in total prize money. Appetizers begin at 6, raffle at 8. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the high school at 997-5531.

MARDI GRAS

St. Mary/St. Frances Cabrini Parishes and K of C of Conneaut present Mardi Gras Family Night on Saturday, Feb 21, 6-9 pm at St. Frances Cabrini Hall, 734 Mill St. Music by The Corky Godec Band. Entry is \$5. Come join us for the evening.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Faith Formation Classes are again being held across the diocese. Locally these are the classes:

- **Elementary Catechesis**, St. Joseph Jefferson, Apr 15-May 13, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 with Sr. Clara Chandler, HM. Fee is \$15. 10 hours EC.
- **Adolescent Catechesis**, Assumption, Geneva, May 17,31, June 14,28. Sundays, 6:30-9:00, with Sr. Joyce Schreiber, SND. Parishioner fee is \$12, others \$15. 10 hours AC.
- **Ready Your Hearts, Adult Formation**, Assumption, March 1-29, Sundays, 6:30-8:30, with Sr. Joyce. Parishioner fee \$12, others \$15. 10 hours AFF.
- **Gospel of John**, St. Joseph, Jefferson, March 12-April 2, Thursdays, 7:00-8:30, with Fr. Art King. Fee is \$10. 6 hours general.

To register for any of these classes, send Name, address and class desired with fee to Office of Religious Education, 225 Elm St, Youngstown, OH 44503. Or, for classes here, watch for Sr. Joyce's forms.

Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio

On Saturday, Feb 28, 9 am-5 pm (registration opens at 8 am) CMF of NEO will sponsor its annual "Answer the Call" conference at Archbishop Hoban High School, One Holy Cross Blvd, Akron. It will be a day of lively speakers, fellowship and much more. Bishop Murry, Fr. Phil Chavez, Danny Abramowicz and Gerry Faust are among the speakers. Single registration is \$30, groups 5-9 are \$25 each, groups of 10+ are \$20 each. Contact Larry Daly at oblio@roadrunner.com, or 466-4139; or Paul Stumpff at 466-2095.



SAT.	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER M/M Mike Kahanca
	11:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Anna Fulajtar

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	CHARLES WILLIAMSON Nikki Williamson
THU	8:00 AM	BERT HUDSON Becky Packrall
FRI.	8:00 AM	DENNIS BERG Joe & Delores Kessler
SAT.	9:00 AM	ROSE ROSKOVICS Sophie Klarzuk
	4:30 PM	JEANNETTE MEZMARICH Dave & Betty Cook
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER, 1st Anniv. Mother
	11:00 AM	VERN YOUNGBERG Rita Youngberg

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 21-22:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	P. Cordova
SUN.	9:00 AM	P. Stumpff
	11:00 AM	J. Smith

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SAT.	4:30 PM	M. Bergen, L. Lippart, C. Fenner
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Gerber, P. Stoltz
	11:00 AM	T. Costello, E. Mallick, J. Soslowicz

ACOLYTES

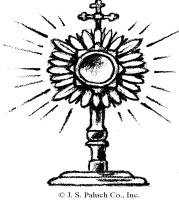
SAT.	4:30 PM	A. Nicoletti
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Kearney, A. PerDue
	11:00 AM	A. Logan, N. Watson, M. Sharpe

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 15:

Sun.	Lev 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Mon.	Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50; Mk 8:11-13
Tue.	Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wed.	Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116; Mk 8:22-26
Thu.	Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33
Fri.	Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat.	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sun.	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

HOLY HOURS: Friday & Sunday

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



My baby sister visited Rome recently. Her summary? “Overwhelmed; numbs the mind!” She recalled walking into St. Peter’s... the sunlight streamed through the windows of the dome casting seemingly supernatural rays of light down to the floor before her. She said without words — ‘I’m home. I’m in my Father’s house.’ I envied her. To see and travel to places I will likely only read about...

From a dusty corner of my brain came the words of a near forgotten sermon... “There is no greater miracle in all the great basilicas in all the world than the one on your own parish altar. Here He waits. Here is your private audience without an appointment. Here is The One who knows your intimate victories and failures. Here is The One who longs for you as if there were no other in all the world to long for.”

Eucharistic Adoration was a privilege not always available to the laity. Once reserved for convents and monasteries, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit foresaw the need for God’s people to have greater accessibility to the source of strength. Likewise, the need for the Almighty to have greater accessibility to lure His great desire: ME!

We here at Assumption Church have this Eucharistic privilege available on Fridays and Sundays. Visitors are welcome — no, longed for. Commitment to difficult hours of attendance (late night, wee hours of the morning) takes real courage, but only at first. As His strength in you grows, so does your longing for Him. Come see this Hidden Love who now is loving you. To consign to a regular holy hour, call 812-61989 or 466-6827.

Theresa Hodgson
466-6827

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God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, And He’ll always respond to all our needs, ASAP: Always Say A Prayer!