

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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February 22,
2009
Seventh 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.

LENT BEGINS

Lenten books of daily reflections are available for each family at the side entrance.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when, at the Transfiguration, he changed in front of them, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships. Children grow up, parents age and spouses change. Healthy relationships grow. Our challenge is to embrace the new.



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Old Palms will be burnt after 11 am Mass today.

Ash Wednesday:

Mass at 8 am, ashes.

Geneva Ministerial Assoc. Series,* 12:10 at

Methodist Church, luncheon follows.

Ashes at 4:45.

Evening Mass 6:30, ashes.

Fridays: Adoration, 9 am-7pm, 8 pm-9 am

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturdays: Confessions 3-4 pm.

Sundays: Adoration, 1pm-8 am.

Ash Wed is a day of fast for ages 18-60 (1 large meal, 2 smaller meals, no food in between meals) and abstinence (no meat) for ages 15 +.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

***Ministerial Lenten Series:** Fr. Mel will be speaking on Wednesday, March 4. The ladies of the parish are asked to help with the luncheon that day. Please call Rose Hassett, 466-4056, if you can give an hour or two.



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RCIA will hold the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent. **William and Jaimie Steen** will be affirmed as they begin their final phase of preparation before the sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Please pray for them as they more closely

scrutinize their lives this Lent to follow Jesus more freely.

COUNTING TO FORTY

Why are there 46 days from Ash Wed. to Easter? Every Sunday we remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, so each Sunday is a little Easter and not counted as days of Lent. 46-6 Sundays= 40 days of Lent.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish. Joe Kessler, Kathy Merrill, Vel Gifford, Francis Eckenrode, and all our sick parishioners.

PARENTS of FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

There will be a meeting on Thursday, Feb 26, at 7 pm in the Friendship Room. All parents of the First Communion Class are asked to be there.

REVERSE RAFFLE

The Assumption School Parents Association has been hard at work planning this event. It will be held on March 21 at the Geneva Community Center from 5:30- 12: Midnight. Tickets are \$28 each and include buffet meal of appetizers, dinner and dessert, 3 drink tickets and a chance at the \$1,000 main board prize. There will also be side boards, 50/50 and basket raffles. A DJ will play tunes for dancing after the raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so gather your family and friends for a nice evening out! Tickets are available on the school office, 466-2104, if you would like to stop in and pick out your numbers.

FAMILY MASS

Sunday, March 1, 11 am is the Family Mass. Children will participate in the liturgical roles. Children's Choir will practice Saturday, Feb 28 at 10 am in the Friendship Room for the Mass.



WHAT IS LENT?

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a season that is reflective, inner-changing, joyful, holy and all about Easter as we ready ourselves for the Paschal Mystery, the great, transforming mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

MUSIC OF LENT

Since Lent is a solemn time, a time of fasting and praying, the music reflects this by being quiet and at a minimum. There is no Gloria nor Gospel Alleluia sung. Many times soft instrumental music replaces choral pieces.

COLORS OF LENT

During the season of Lent the liturgical color is purple. You will notice the banners and vestments are purple except for the feast days of St. Joseph, March 19, and the Annunciation, March 25. More joyful singing is permitted. On the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, the half way point of Lent, pink is worn. It is a hopeful color, a mix of purple with white. Flowers are permitted and music is more festive. Half of our preparation time is finished. We are closer to Easter's glory.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 22:

SUN.	Burning of Palms	after 11:00 Mass
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 1	
	Friendship Room Rental: Scouts	2:00
MON.	Soccer Practice	6-8
TUE.	Stewardship Meeting	7:00
	BINGO, 2/24/09. Team # 3	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss,
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	Need worker
	Instants	T. Ivankovic
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Kleps
	Instants	T. Ivankovic
WED.	ASH WEDNESDAY, Start of Lent	
	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Basketball Practice	5-7
	Choir	after 6:30 Mass
THURS.	Parents First Communion Meeting	7:00
	Basketball Practice	5-7
FRI.	Stations of the Cross	7:00
	Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SAT.	Children's Choir Practice	10:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Liturgy	7:00
SUN.	First Sunday of Lent, Rite of Election	11:00

Mother Theresa said:

"The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love and the Fruit of love is silence."

SOCIETY OFFICERS

Altar & Rosary Society officers are Rose Hassett, President; Becky Packrall- VP; Nikki Williamson -Secretary; and Dorothy Mason -Treasurer.

SEMINARIAN DINNER

On Monday, March 30, the Knights of Columbus of District 63 will be sponsoring a benefit dinner for the three seminarians: Michael Marcelli, Kevin Estabrook and John Sheridan. The event will be held at Mother of Sorrows school hall, 1464 W. 6th St, Ashtabula. Social hour starts at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30. A program follows. Cost is \$13. Tickets can be obtained from Paul Stumpff, 466-2095, Mike Kahanca, 964-8398. Please join us in showing support to our seminarians.

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, March 5 instead of March 11. Members, please make note of this change.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 15, 2009 Offertory	\$4,505
Renovation Fund Balance	\$3,965
Bills to be paid	\$ 15,460
Prior Yrs assessments & Internal Loan: 26,939+42,000	
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

CENTURY CLUB

The drawing of the current Century Club game was held Feb. 16. Our \$100 winner is **Doris Zalewski**. Congratulations!!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Forgiveness too is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness.

DATES TO SET ASIDE

The diocesan wedding anniversary celebrations, for couples celebrating 25,40 or 50+ years, will be Sunday, June 14 at the cathedral, and Sunday Oct 18 at St. John the Baptist, Canton.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In January the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Assumption Parish distributed a total of \$2131.55 in emergency aid to 24 Geneva area families. The funds were used for emergency shelter, transportation, food and to avoid eviction and utility disconnection. Thank you once again for your heartfelt generosity in supporting our efforts.

A working chest freezer is available to anyone in need. Contact David Per Due, 428-1250.

A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

Do you sometimes wish that you knew better the people whom you worship with on weekends? Would you like to get together with a smaller group of faithful folks to talk about what you believe?

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (SCC's) will be meeting weekly during Lent. A SCC is a group of people meeting in homes to read scripture and discuss the application of faith to our lives, to pray together, and to help us live as Christians in our world.

Some of the groups read the Sunday gospel and discuss it. Others choose a topic pertinent to living a Catholic Christian life. There are groups of folks who are retired, married couples, mixed groups of singles, married, widowed, men and women, people who are living with cancer, and people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. There is the possibility of groups for young adults, for parents of young children, for divorced.

The purpose of the SCC's is to help us grow in faith and recognize how to live our faith in our families, workplace, community and church. We do this through getting to know each other and supporting each other in our faith journeys.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call Rita Linehan at 466-3207.

Assumption Old-timers remember the fun we used to have at **parish pot luck dinners** where people of all ages came together for food and fellowship. We are going to begin parish pot lucks again! - on **the first Sunday of each month** at noon. The pot lucks will follow the family Mass at 11am each month. The first pot luck will be on Sunday, March 1st. Each family or single is asked to bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Coffee and juice will be provided. It will be great food and great fun! How about bringing some games for folks to play??


Mass Intentions for the week

SAT.	4:30 PM	JEANNETTE MEZNARICH Dave & Betty Cook
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER Mother, Amy Eaton
	11:00 AM	VERN YOUNGBERG Rita Youngberg

MON.	8:00 AM	ANNETTE GENTILE Mike Gentile Jr.
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	BUZZ CARRAHER Mary Carraher
	4:45 PM	Service of Ashes
	6:30 PM	DONALD FURLAN Dorothy & Matthew Furlan
THU	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI.	8:00 AM	MARGARET REUSE School Staff & Students
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	9:00 AM	DARRYL EARTLY JR. Eggleston Family
	4:30 PM	DAN FENNER Ralph & Elaine Varckette
SUN.	9:00 AM	DARRYL EARTLY JR. Stella Idzik
	11:00 AM	ALOYZ FILIPCIC Filipic Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 28-MAR.1:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	V. Smee
SUN.	9:00 AM	H. Hambleton
	11:00 AM	Children's Mass

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SAT.	4:30 PM	C. Fenner, J. Carle, Sr. Joyce
SUN.	9:00 AM	J/L Zalewski
	11:00 AM	J. Soslowicz, T. Costello, E. Mallick

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, F. Stocker
SUN.	9:00 AM	A. Cordova, J. Loftus, D. Gustafson
	11:00 AM	K. Lewis, T. Hunt, A. Wright

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 22:

Sun.	Is 43:18-19,21-22,24-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12
Mon.	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1,2,5; Mk 9:14-29
Tue.	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37
Wed.	(Ash Wed) Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu.	Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri.	Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:1-9; Mt 9:14-15
Sat.	Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun.	Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

MY TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

My trip to El Salvador was my fourth. I carried with me greeting cards and posters from our school children, 300 rosaries from Judy Shannon and friends, stoles for liturgy, an alb and a ciborium, for Fr. Julio, and a monetary gift of \$1,015 from the people of Assumption too the pastor and people of San Fernando.

My companions on the journey were a group of 5 (a married couple and two college students) from St. Paul Catholic Church, Salem, under the directions of Fr. Tom McCarthy, also a group of six (two high school students, a college student and two adults) from Jefferson United Methodist church under the direction of Rev. Meredith Coleman. After a couple of days of orientation, including a visit to the Pacific Ocean and the capitol city of San Salvador, the two groups separated and were involved in different activities. The group from Jefferson used their time to help native workers with the construction of a house. The group from Salem traveled to the mountains to visit schools, families and members of the church council.

My purpose was to meet with Fr. Raphael, visit a few families who are receiving assistance from the Central American Fund, and renew friendships with the people and pastor, Fr. Julio, of San Fernando. The highlights of my trip were the experiences of the liturgies and rosaries prayed in common for one another. On February 1, a proclamation was presented in Spanish from our Parish Council stating:

“WE HEARBY DECLARE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY

SAN FERNANDO SISTER PARISH DAY.

A thunderous applause was heard after the proclamation. Both the pastor and people were happily surprised. The framed proclamation was given to the pastor to be hung in the church.

When I saw the development of the people by the church and government workers working together I observed that their faith in God is found and supported by their culture. They have not experienced de-Christianization as much as we have here in the USA. With God's grace and guidance may we continue our relationship in the years to come.

Fr. Mel