

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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*March 1,
2009
First Sunday
of Lent*

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.*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: RITE OF ELECTION

Our candidates were chosen by God, they responded.
We, the faith community, praise God for His work.
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us “the Spirit DROVE Jesus into the desert.” evidently, Jesus was reluctant to go!

We all have areas in family relationships which we avoid. During this Lent let the Spirit lead you into those areas you have been avoiding. The gospel promises us: “This is the time of fulfillment.” Don't miss the opportunity.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Rice Bowls, to collect your Lenten sacrifices, are available at the side entrance.

Sundays: “Awaken Adult Faith” class, 6:30-8:30

Wednesdays: Ministerial Series, 12:10 at Methodist Church. Fr. Mel is speaker this week. Luncheon follows. (Assumption helps with lunch.)

6:30 evening Mass.

Fridays: Stations of the Cross, 7 pm.

Saturdays: Confessions, 3-4 pm

Sundays & Fridays: Adoration, after Mass to next morning.

FAMILY MASS

First Sunday at 11:00 Mass. Followed by Potluck lunch at the Hall. Bring a dish to share and your place settings. Coffee and juice provided.

“AWAKEN YOUR FAITH”

On the 5 Sundays of March, 6:30-8:30, Sr. Joyce will offer “Ready Your Hearts, Adult Disciples in Formation.” The class is \$12 for parishioners, \$15 for others. The class is not lecture, rather, we will learn from each other as well as from the bishops' document. Starts tonight!~

PARISH COUNCIL meets Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm.

MARKET DAY orders are due Tuesday. Pick up is Saturday, March 7, 10-11 am.

CHOIR PRACTICE for Easter, Wednesdays after 6:30 Mass, approximately 7:30.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **PAULEAN DUCLOS**, mother of Donna Wilhelm, who died recently.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary will meet this Monday, March 2, at 10 AM in the school library. Members, please plan to attend.

CHILD PROTECTION IN-SERVICE

For any one who volunteers here, or is on staff who still needs to take the in-service class to meet requirements, there will be a class on March 11th and 18th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Aurora, 7-9 pm. Call 330-477-6798.

LUNCH BUNCH

On March 12, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 1:00 at Best Friends, Rte 534 at Rte 90. For reservations, call Dea, 466-3594, or Peg, 466-1793.

LITURGY COMMITTEE meets Thurs, March 5, 7:30.

COVENANT:

An agreement between unequal parties.

“You will be My people and I will be your God.” This is a pact to be held most important, one to be faithful to; and though we are not always faithful, God is.

Spring clean-up items→ Bounty Rummage Sale in May.

“PRETZEL” PRAYER

We beg you, O Lord, to bless these breads which are to remind us that Lent is a sacred season of penance and prayer. For this reason, the early Christians started the custom of making these breads in the form of arms crossed in prayer. Thus they kept the holy purpose of Lent alive in their hearts from day to day, and increased in their souls the love of Christ, even unto death, if necessary. Grant us, we pray, that we too, may be reminded by the daily sight of these pretzels to observe the holy season of Lent with true devotion and great spiritual fruit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.. Amen.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1:

SUN.	RCIA Rite of Election	11:00
	Potluck	after Family Mass
	“Adult Faith”	6:30
MON.	Soccer Practice	6-8
TUE.	Market Day orders Due	
	BINGO, 3/3/09. Team # 4	6:30
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, B. Peters
	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.	GMA Lent Series, Fr. Mel, speaker.....	12:10
	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Mass	6:30
	Choir	7:30
THU.	Girl Scouts	2:30-4:00
	Basketball Practice	5-7
FRI.	Stations of the Cross	7:00
	Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SAT.	Market Day Pick-up	10-11
	TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR	
SUN.	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	all Masses

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism... that people placed their gifts, their resources— their selves— at God’s service in and through the Church.”

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; dinner served at 6:30. A program follows. Cost is \$13. Tickets can be obtained from Paul Stumpff, 466-2095, or Mike Kahanca, 964-8398. Please join us in showing support to our seminarians.

Mother Theresa said: “If you judge people you have no time to love them.”

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 22, 2009 Offertory	\$ 4,060
Combined Overseas Collection	\$ 1,109
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 4,204
Bills to be paid	\$ 11,113
Payroll, Assessments, Internal Loans, not included.	
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

REVERSE RAFFLE

The Assumption School Parents Association is planning a Reverse Raffle to be held on March 21 at the Geneva Community Center, 5:30-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 be side boards, 50/50 and basket raffles. Only 200 tickets sold, so gather your family and friends for a nice evening out. Tickets are available at the school office, 466-2104, if you would like to stop in and pick out your numbers.

HOSPICE- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

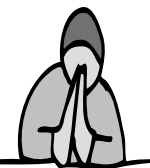
A Grief Support Group, for adults adjusting to life after the death of a love one, will be held at the Hospice Ashtabula Office, 1166 Lake Ave, Wednesdays, March 4-April 6, 1:30-3:00. Advanced registration is required. Call 997-6619.

A monthly support group for widows and widowers of any age, adjusting to life without their spouse, is held at the Hospice Ashtabula office the fourth Thursday of each month, 6-7:30 pm. For more information, call 997-6619.

REEL Grief, a 4 week support group using motion pictures to find insight into grief and as a catalyst for sharing, will be held on Thursdays, April 7-28, 6-7:30 pm. Registration is required. Call 997-6619.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION,
Time of Prayer & Meditation

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve presents its annual Day of Recollection at St. John Vianney Social Hall, 7575 Bellflower, Mentor on March 25, 8:30 am-2:30 pm. Topic is *The Face of Terminal Illness*. Registration is at 8:30 am; Prayer at 9 am; Lunch: 12:15; Mass at 1:30 with Bishop Edward Pevec. For more information call Marilyn Bergen, 1-440-639-9604.



WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 21, 8:30-Noon, St. Michael Parish, Canfield. Sr. Regina Rogers, OSU and Msgr. John Zuraw will be presenters. Cost is \$10. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Committee on Women's Issues. It will address Women and the Spirituality of Change in a Changing Environment. For a brochure contact the Office of Worship, 330-744-8451, ext 3034, or go to www.cathdoy.org.



OPEN HOUSE

Sts John & Paul school will be holding an Open House on Thursday, March 12, 3-7 pm at both buildings. Grades K-6 are located at 2150 Columbus Ave, 997-5821; Grades 7-12 are at 541 W. 34th St, 997-5531. If you are interested in learning more about Ashtabula County's Best Educational Option, please stop by our Open House or call for more information.

Mass Intentions  for the week

SAT.	4:30 PM	DAN FENNER Ralph & Elaine Varckette
SUN.	9:00 AM	DARRYL EARTLY JR. Stella Idzik
	11:00 AM	ALOYZ FILIPCIC Filipcic Family
MON.	8:00 AM	LT. CHRISTOPHER BOOMHOWER Mom
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	6:30 PM	JEANETTE MEZNARICH Blue Star Mothers
THU	8:00 AM	ALOYZ FILIPCIC Family
FRI.	8:00 AM	MARILYN HEAD Altar & Rosary Society
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	9:00 AM	FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
	4:30 PM	JOE KRISTANC JR. Ray & Fran Gruber
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER Connie & Dane Siedlarczyk
	11:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Fina Gruber

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAR 7-8:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Ellis
SUN.	9:00 AM	T. Hambleton
	11:00 AM	B. Hunt

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SAT.	4:30 PM	Sr. Joyce, M. Bergen, L.Lippart
SUN.	9:00 AM	L. Daly, R. Linehan
	11:00 AM	E. Mallick, S. Sharpe, J. Soslowicz

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, M. McBee
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Koch, B. Privitera
	11:00 AM	A. Logan, A/A Fistek

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 1:

Sun.	Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Mon.	Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tue.	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thu.	Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	Eze18:21-28' Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun.	Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 126:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

K OF C STATE RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets are \$5 each, available at the school office. Assumption School receives \$2.50 from each ticket sold here. Lots of prizes in this raffle. Returns should be in by April 9 for phase one and May 11 for phase two.

INQUIRY CLASS

Learn more about the Catholic faith. Class is now meeting on Mondays, 7-8:30 pm. Contact Sr. Joyce, 466-3664, for more information.

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS

Available are \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 size cards. Easy to use, balance on card can be used on a second trip. The church receives 5% of each sale. Many thanks to those who support this project so faithfully.

COMALYA

Friday, April 17, 6-11 pm. at DeRubertis Party Center, Route 20, Madison. Tickets are available from Board members and the school office: \$50 for one, \$90 for two, \$320 for a table of eight. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Altar & Rosary annual Spring Tea will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00. This is a little later than usual. Make plans now to attend.