

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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*March 8,
2009
Second
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.



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**“If God is for us,
who can be against us?”
Romans 8:31b**



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus is transfigured. Change is the only constant in family life. We constantly change clothes, jobs, our minds, diapers and plans. Beneath all the changes, we are still the same person. It is our commitment to each other that binds a family together throughout the inevitable changes of life.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sundays: “Awaken Adult Faith” class, 6:30-8:30 pm In the rectory.
Wednesdays: Ministerial Lenten Series, Methodist Church, 12:10 pm, followed by luncheon Evening Mass, 6:30
Fridays: Stations of the Cross, 7:00
Saturdays: Confessions, 3-4 pm
Sundays & Fridays: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

LUNCH BUNCH

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

K OF C BENEFIT DINNER

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

K of C RAFFLE TICKETS are available at the school office. These state-wide tickets are \$5 each with half of the price returned to the school. Many prizes are awarded in this fund-raiser. First returns by Apr 9.

SAINTS JOHN & PAUL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 12, 3-7 pm, at both buildings, K-6 at 2150 Columbus Ave,(997-5821) and grades 7-12 at 541 W. 34 St.,(997-5531) Ashtabula.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: parishioner, **LOUIS GRECO**, husband of Anne; **DESIREE (EARTLY) REO**, wife of Vince, and **CHARLES W. WHITE**, father of “Bud” White; who died recently.

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. Tickets are available at the school office, 466-2104, if you would like to stop in and pick up your numbers.

COMALYA HONORS MIKE KAHANCA

Friday, April 17, 6-11pm, at DeRubertis Party Center, Route 20, Madison. Tickets are available from Board members and the school office. Come join for this Easter Week event and enjoy dinner and dancing and bid on the Chinese auction and Silent auction.

COMALYA CHANGES

In tune with the times, the Endowment Board has decided to set the price for all Comalya tickets at \$45 each with the discount of \$320 for a table of eight, all with cash bar. In purchasing a table for eight, one person is to collect all monies and pay at one time, before our event, to the Endowment Board.

EVENING IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

On the first and third Thursdays of April through October, the Ashtabula County Health Department will hold clinic hours 5-7 pm in our St. Vincent de Paul office— by appointment only. Please call their office to arrange with them, 576-6010. They will also be keeping the weekly Wednesday, 1-3 pm hours. Call ahead for adult shots for Wednesdays.

“Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8:

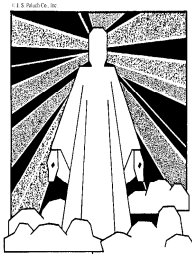
SUN.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.	
	St. Vincent de Paul Collection	All Masses 6:30
	"Adult Faith" in rectory.....	6:30
MON.	Inquiry Class	7:00
	K of C	7:30
TUE.	BINGO, 3/10/09. Team # 1	
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone
	Early Birds	R. Laurello
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic
	Cashier	B. Peters
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss, J. Soslowicz
	I Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	Need Worker
	Instants	B. Peters
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	Need Worker
	Instants	B. Peters
WED.	Ministerial Lenten Series, Methodist Church	
	CCD, K-7,	12:15
	Basketball practice	4:15
	Choir	5-7
	Choir	7:30
THU.	Lunch Bunch	1:00
	Basketball Practice	5-7
FRI.	Stations of the Cross	7:00
	Soccer Practice	6-7:30
SUN.	"Adult Faith"	
		6:30

TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

1. **Special Intention** By Stella Stancliff
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PARISH POTLUCK

Thank you to everyone who came to Assumption's first monthly Parish Pot Luck. Adults enjoyed the fellowship and the food variety. The children had fun playing games. The pot lucks will continue on the first Sunday of each month after the 11 am Family Mass. We hope to see you at the next Parish Pot Luck on April 5th.



He was
Transfigured
Before Their Eyes

HOLY MOUNTAIN

In the year 348 St Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mt Tabor to Mt Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration. It has been a strategic military site with fortresses. Franciscans have lived there since 1631. The mountain is divided into Greek and Latin zones with 4,300 steps as one way to climb it, enjoy the view & plan the descent.

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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

March 1, 2009 Offertory	\$ 5,040
Ash Wednesday	\$ 846
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 4,269
Bills to be paid	\$ 11,204
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

On March 21, 8:30-Noon at St. Michael Parish, Canfield. Sr. Regina Rogers, OSU, and Monsignor John Zuraw will present *Women and the Spirituality of Change in a Changing Environment*. Cost is \$10. Registration forms are available on line at www.cathdoy.org or from the Worship Office, 330-744-8451, ext 304.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

The Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve presents their annual Day of Recollection, a time of prayer and meditation. It will be held at St. John Vianney Social Hall, 7575 Bellflower Rd, Mentor, on Wednesday, March 25, 8:30-2:30. The topic is *The Face of Terminal Illness*. Registration is at 8:30, Prayer at 9, 4 speakers, lunch at 12:15 and Mass at 1:30. For more information call Marilyn Bergen, 440-639-9604.

"CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER"

On Monday, March 23, at 7 pm, a program entitled "Care for the Caregiver" will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 2846 Hubbard Rd, Madison, for those who are caring for ailing parents, terminally ill spouses, children, family members, etc. There is a need to take care of the caregiver. You are invited to attend this informative evening. For information and reservations, call Grace at the church office, 428-5164.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To All Couples who have attended a Marriage Encounter: Eastern Ohio Marriage Encounter is holding an encounter couple's family social at the Akron Zoo on Sunday, May 31 from 1-5 pm. This rain or shine event offers behind-the-scene-tours, face painting, 50/50 raffle, and an ice cream social. The cost is \$8/person, which includes parking. For reservation forms, contact Dave & Lucy Downs, 330-546-0742, or the Spring issue of Footprints. Reservations have to be in by May 1.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own son." Are my gifts to the Lord— of my resources, of time, of myself— also sacrificial?

WOMEN'S SPRING REREAT

Sat, March 21, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at Laurello's Vineyard, Rte 307, east of 534. Sr. Maureen McCarthy, OSU, will be guest speaker. The workshop topic is "**Fasting: A Matter of the Heart.**" Sr. Maureen will speak about the time honored tradition of fasting: its many forms and benefits. A \$15 donation is requested. Lunch & continental breakfast provided. Call Joanne, 998-7073, or send name & fee to Mt, Carmel Parish, Ashtabula, by March 15. (forms are on bulletin board.)


Mass Intentions for the week

SAT.	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

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	VERN YOUNGBERG Judy & Mary Shannon
	<u>6:30 PM</u>	TOM MC GRAW Rubie Boomhower
THU	8:00 AM	JACK HASSETT Rose Hassett
FRI.	8:00 AM	CHRIS BEZZEG Bezzeg Family
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	9:00 AM	MARIE NEWMAN Nikki Newman
	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Vilma & Gary Gifford
	11:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Joe & Delores Kessler

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAR 14-15:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	V. Ferrante
SUN.	9:00 AM	P. Wadowick
	11:00 AM	F. Krasneski

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

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	A. Nicoletti
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Loftus, A. PerDue, J. Kearney
	11:00 AM	E. Logan, C. Vaughn, C. Costello

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 8:

Sun.	Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10
Mon.	Dan 9:4-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
Tue.	Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
Wed.	Jer 18:118-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
Thu.	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
Fri.	Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat.	Mic 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun.	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



THE CROSS & THE BEATITUDES
From the book of the same name
by Fulton J. Sheen

The last words of Jesus fulfilled his lessons along the way. Can you match the Beatitude and final words?
 (Answers below, but don't look until finished!)

LESSON

- A. Blessed are they that mourn, they shall be comforted.
- B. Blessed are the clean of heart; they shall see God.
- C. Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called the children of God.
- D. Blessed are the merciful; they will have mercy.
- E. Blessed are they that hunger & thirst for justice; they shall have their fill.
- F. Blessed are the poor in Spirit; theirs is the kingdom.
- G. Blessed are the meek; they shall possess the land.

LAST WORDS

- a. Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.
- b. It is finished.
- c. I thirst.
- d. This day you will be with me in Paradise.
- e. My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?
- f. Father, forgive them; they don't know what they do.
- g. Woman, behold your Son. (Son...mother)

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Each year Catholics are asked to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Seventy-five percent of the money raised is used by Catholic Relief Services in over 90 countries. Twenty-five percent remains in the diocese of Youngstown for local distribution to groups feeding the hungry. Please take home a bowl to put loose change into. Bring it in on Holy Thursday. (Visit <http://orb.crs.org>)

406 PREPARING TO BE MEMBERS

Within the six-county Diocese of Youngstown, 406 men and women are preparing to become members of the Catholic Church at Easter. 169 will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 11; 237 who have already been baptized will make profession of faith and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. **JAIMIE and BILL STEEN**, from Assumption are included in these numbers. The candidates continue their final preparation for Easter in parishes around the diocese. Please remember all of them in your prayers

Answers:

Aa, Bg, Cb, Dd, Ec, Fe, Gf,