

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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*March 15,
2009
Third 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.

MASS SCHEDULE MADE PERMANENT

Sat: 4:30 pm. Sun: 9 am & 11 am.

See article on page 5.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Stop making my Father's house a market place." Has your home been reduced to an extension of the shopping mall, a chaotic feeding station or Laundromat?? If you are not busy and productive, do you feel you are wasting time? This week, waste time just being together.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISTRIBUTION SITE

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County clothing distribution site at Mother of Sorrows is announcing expanded hours. We will now be open on Tuesdays 1:30 PM– 4:45 PM and Thursdays 9:30-12noon. In order to support these hours, we are in need of additional Volunteers. The site accepts gently used clothing, outerwear, shoes, boots, towels and linens, small appliances, cookware and eating utensils, toiletries, and other misc. household items. We also accept new underwear and socks. Please make sure all clothing is clean and household items are in working order. Please think of us during your annual spring cleaning. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9-2 or call 992-2121 to make arrangements. Thank you for your continued support.

BLANKETS FOR BABIES

The Blankets for Babies Project always welcome new knitters, crocheters and quilters. If you have a warm heart for pregnant moms and mothers of newborns, we have fabric and yarn to get you started on homemade afghans, quilts and baby garments. Please call the Lake County Right to Life office for an informative brochure, 440-255-5257.



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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **JAMES REMINDER**, father of Virginia Folsom.

"APRIL SHOWERS"/ EASTER SCHEDULE

Mailed this week was the Easter Schedule with Confession times and Masses and information on the "April Showers" 10 day raffle. If you did not receive it and would like to have one, please stop in at the office, or call. The raffle begins April 1st. Monies raised will help pay utility bills - (our budgeted gas bill will go from \$1400 to 2800 in April).

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 our school, but, tickets must be purchased here. Many prizes to be awarded. First returns by April 9.

PARENTS ASSOC. REVERSE RAFFLE

The Assumption School Parents Assoc. invites you to come to the Reverse Raffle on March 21 at the Geneva Community Center from 5:30-Midnight. Tickets are \$28 each and includes buffet meal of appetizers, dinner and dessert; 3 drink tickets, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages and a chance at the \$1,000 main board prize.

There will also be side boards, a Chinese Auction of themed baskets and individual items. Some of these items include: an American doll named Julie, 2 tickets to the Cleveland Orchestra, Vera Bradley purses, a lottery tree, and a full Turkey breast meal from Market Day.

A DJ will play tunes for dancing after the raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold. You must be 21 and over. Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend and available at the school office during the week.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15:

SUN.	First Scrutiny, RCIA	11:00	
	“Adult Faith”, in rectory	6:30	
MON.	Inquiry Class	7:00	
	St. Vincent Meeting	7:00	
TUE.	BINGO, 3/17/09. Team # 2	6:30	
	Admissions	D. Pasqualone	
	Early Birds	R. Laurello	
	Early Instants	T. Ivankovic	♣
	Cashier	B. Peters	
	Kitchen	T. Baxter, T. Foss,	Bakery
	I Caller	J. Ayersman	Needed
	Floor	J. Decker	
	Instants	E. Mallick	
	II Caller	J. Ayersman	
	Floor	J. Decker	
	Instants	K. Kleps	
WED.	CCD, K-7,	4:15	
	Evening Mass	6:30	
	Choir	7:30	
THU.	Feast of St. Joseph		
	Basketball Practice	5-7	
FRI.	Stations of the Cross	7:00	
	Soccer Practice	6-7:30	
SAT.	Reverse Raffle at Community Center	5:30-12M	
SUN.	“Adult Faith”	6:30	

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. As Christian stewards we know we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

2008 Bishop’s Appeal Update

Parish Goal: \$ 18,719 Pledges: \$19,874 (106%)
 Paid: \$17,751 (89%) Due; \$ 2,123 (11%)
 Thank you, Parish.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY REFLECTION DAY

Day of Reflection will be held Wednesday, March 25, 8:30-2:30 at St. John Vianney Social Hall, 7575 Bellflower Rd, Mentor. Topic is *The Face of Terminal Illness*. Registration is 8:30, prayer at 9:00, 4 speakers, lunch at 12:15 and Mass at 1:30. Call Marilyn Bergen, 440-639-9604 for more information.

St. Casmir Parish, 149 W. Jefferson St, Youngstown, 3/22, 1-5pm, **A Polish Easter Workshop & Celebration**. Food, Chinese auction, demos, hands-on activities, Polka DJ. Workshop by Lawrence Kozlowski. Event is free & open to all.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 1, 2009 Offertory	\$ 4,469
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 4,489
Bills to be paid	\$ 21,378
Prior Assessments & Internal Loans: \$26,939 +\$42,000	
Thanks to all our generous parishioners.	

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. 6th 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.

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Friday, April 17, 6-11 pm at DeRubertis Party Center, Route 20, Madison. Tickets are \$45 each with a discount for a table of eight for \$320, all with cash bar. In purchasing a table for 8, one person is to collect all monies and pay at one time, before our event. Tickets are available from Board members and the school office. Join us for dinner, dancing, silent auction and Chinese auction.

“CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER”

Monday, March 23 at 7 pm, a program entitled “Care for the Caregiver” will be held at Immaculate Conception,, Madison, for those who are caring for ailing parents, terminally ill spouses, children, family members, etc. You are invited to this informative evening. For more information or reservations, call Grace at the church office, 428-5164.

WOMEN’S SPRING RETREAT

Sat, March 21, 8:30-12:30 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 and continental breakfast provided. Call Joanne, 998-7073, or send name and fee to Mt. Carmel Parish, Ashtabula. Forms are on the bulletin board.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sundays:	Adoration, 2p-8a “Awaken your Faith” 6:30-8:30
Wednesdays:	Lenten Series, 12:10 Methodist Church; Lunch follows. Evening Mass at 6:30
Fridays:	Adoration, 9am-9am Sat. Stations of the Cross, 7:00
Saturdays:	Confessions, 3-4 pm

For Lent, review the Ten Commandments. The first three have to do with our right relationship with God. #3, keeping holy the Sabbath: God has given us a great gift— a day to rest, worship, sing, rejoice— to refresh the soul. Do we take advantage with joy?

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

SAT.	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Vilma & Gary Gifford
	11:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Joe & Delores Kessler

MON.	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	JUNE ELLER Cordova Family
	<u>6:30 PM</u>	WARREN GROSSNER Family
THU	8:00 AM	PRESIDENT OBAMA Geneva/Madison K of C
FRI.	8:00 AM	JACKIE CIMORELL Peg Lynch & Brian
	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	9:00 AM	GENE ELLER Altar & Rosary Society
	4:30 PM	ROSE ROSKOVICS Jennie & Henry Klarzuk
SUN.	9:00 AM	JUNE ELLER Assumption Choir
	11:00 AM	JOE LEBEN Ray & Fran Gruber

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAR 21-22:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	L. Lotze
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Gerber
	11:00 AM	J. Smith

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SAT.	4:30 PM	J. Carle, Sr. Joyce, M. Bergen
SUN.	9:00 AM	J/L Zalewski
	11:00 AM	T. Costello, S. Sharpe, J. Soslowicz

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, J. Ferrante
SUN.	9:00 AM	A. Cordova, D. Gustafson
	11:00 AM	N. Watson, A. Wright, M. Sharpe

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 15:

Sun.	(Yr B) Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Mon.	2 Kg 5:1-15; Ps 83; Lk 4:24-30
Tue.	Dan 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed.	Deut 4:1,5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thu.	(St. Joseph) 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16.18-21,24
Fri.	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11,14,17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat.	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21; Lk 18:9—14
Sun.	(Yr B) 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



SURVEY RESPONSES

The results of the survey indicated:

A total return of 162 response forms.

A total of 87 in favor of the new schedule. (54% of 162 responses)

A total of 43 not in favor of the new schedule. (26% of 162 responses)

A total of 32 who did not comment. (20% of 162 responses)

An analysis of responses according to Mass times:

	Positive	Negative
Saturday	28	12
9:00 a.m. Sun.	35	19
11:00 a.m. Sun.	24	12
Total	87	43
Percent	67%	33%

Based upon the above data and written responses it looks to me a majority support the new Mass schedule. At the present time we will continue to count attendance at all Masses and monitor the available seating. For those finding these changes most difficult I appreciate your faith commitment and flexibility. If Summer visitors and returning "snowbirds" overcrowd our worship space adjustments will be made. In conclusion, we will continue with the new Mass schedule.

Respectfully,
Fr. Melvin Rusnak
Pastor