

CHURCH  
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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
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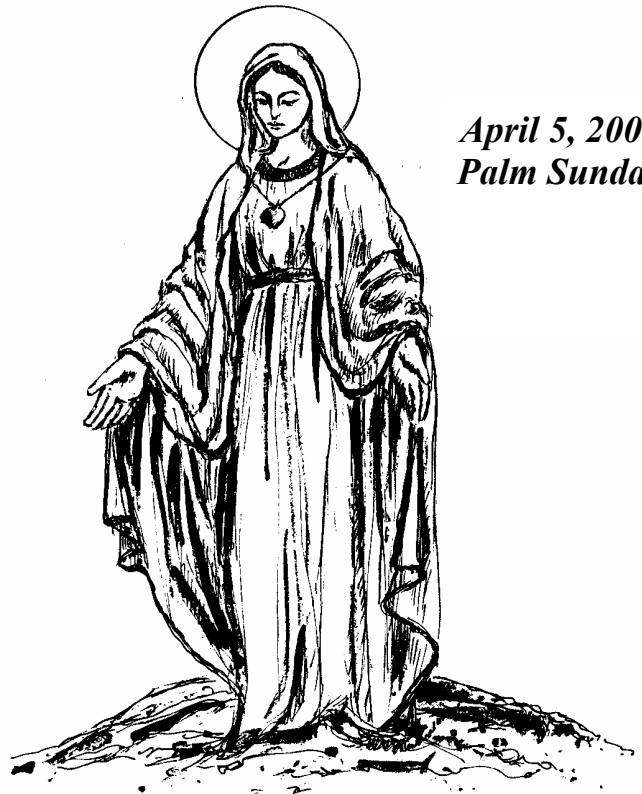
MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ  
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

**Parish Staff**

Rev. Melvin Rusnak, **Pastor**  
Rev. Mr. Edward Heinz, **Deacon**  
Mrs. Cheryl Woodward, **Principal**  
Sr. Joyce Schreiber, S.N.D., **DRE**  
Rita Linehan, **Pastoral Associate**  
Sheryle Daly, **Organist**  
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*April 5, 2009  
Palm Sunday*

**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

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***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.*



**“Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His presence.”**

**Paul Claudel**

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

**By Bud Ozar**



Following Christ is not easy. Like Jesus we will experience betrayal, denial, being ignored, falsely accused and left alone.

Even friends will “look on from afar.”

Family is the gift given to us so we never stand alone. Being together is the stuff of holiness.

**POTLUCK MEAL**, today, Sunday, after the 11:00 Family Mass. Bring a dish to share.

### 25-40-50+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebrations to honor couples observing their 25, 40, 50 and over years in 2009. It is on June 14, 2:00 at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown. Register at the rectory by May 8.

### SPRING HEALTH FAIR

A Spring Health Fair, sponsored by several businesses, will be held Friday, April 17, 9am-1pm at Geneva Community Center. At noon, special guest speaker is Herb Storm from Discovery Channel’s Storm Chaser. For more information, call Beth Cheney, 466-5733.

### STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Kayleena Brashear, daughter of Ed & Cathy, one of our young parishioners, has been chosen as a People to People Student Ambassador. She will represent our country in Italy and Greece this summer. Kayleena will hold a vocal and piano performance April 18 at 2:00 in the church to help defray the cost. A free will donation will be accepted. Refreshments will be served following in the Friendship Room. All are welcome.

### FROM DEMOCRACY TO ???

The US Dept of Health & Human Services invites public comment on a proposal to rescind an important Dec, 2008 federal regulation protecting conscience rights of health care providers (& beyond). Visit: [www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection](http://www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection) to access links to make a brief comment & learn more. Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.

**SCRAMBLE ‘Fore’ EDUCATION**, Assumption’s Golf outing, is looking for sponsors and golfers for their event to be held June 8 at Madison Country Club. Call Joe Cook, 440-862-4498.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday,	Confessions	8-10 pm
Monday, Tuesday,	Confessions	5 pm- 6 pm
Wed	GMA Lenten Series,	12:10 pm
Holy Thursday		
	Mass of Lord’s Supper,	7:00 pm
	Rice Bowl collection	
Good Friday		
	Service of the Lord’s Passion	3:00 pm
	Holy Land Collection	
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday		
	Blessing of Easter Foods	1:00 pm
	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
	Reception for the Steen Family	
Easter Sunday Masses		9 am & 11 am

### MADISON—PERRY CHRISTIAN MENS GOLF

This Monday League begins on April 13 at 5:00 at Powderhorn Golf Course, and is looking for men from our parish who like to golf. Call Cliff Fenner, 466-1380, if interested in participating.

**DONATE BLOOD** in memory of John Buskirk on Friday, April 24, 1-7pm at St. John & Paul High School gym. SJP Key Club is sponsoring this Red Cross blood mobile.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The regular monthly collection will be held next weekend. Please help them help others.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SPRING TEA.

The annual Tea will be April 26. Tickets are now on sale!

### SPEAKER

Ivan Dragicevic, visionary from Medjugorje, will speak Thurs, April 23. A service begins at 6:00pm with speaker at 8:00 at St. Columbkille Church, 6740 Broadview Rd, Parma. For more information call Peg, 440-350-9217.

### ADULT INQUIRY (on the faith) CLASS

The Inquiry class is meeting on Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm in Sr. Joyce’s office above the school office. If anyone who would like to learn more, ask questions, listen, grow, or know the meaning of faith, you are invited. Contact Sr. Joyce for more information, 466-3664, or just show up.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5:

SUN.	Grounds & Garden Collection .....	all Masses
	Family Mass & Potluck Meal .....	11:00
	Hall Rental .....	2-4
MON.	Last Soccer Practice .....	6-8
TUE.	Parish Council .....	7:00
	BINGO, 4/7/09. Team # 1 .....	6:30
	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.	GMA Lenten Series .....	12:10
	Health Clinic .....	1-3:00
	CCD, K-7, .....	4:15
	Choir Practice for the Triduum.....	7:30
THU.	Basketball Practice .....	5-7
	Clinic, by appt only .....	5-7
FRI.	Divine Mercy Novena Begins	
SAT.	Blessing of Easter Foods .....	1:00
SUN.	HAPPY EASTER .....	Masses 9am & 11 am

## TABERNACLE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

1. IN THANKSGIVING By D. & F. Eckenrode
2. SPECIAL INTENTION By D. & F. Eckenrode

## CCD REGISTRATION for FALL, 2009

For new and returning students, registration began April 1 and ends April 22, 2009. This includes K-8. Children expecting to make First Communion is grade 2 must be enrolled in Grade 1. Confirmation candidates for 2010 must be enrolled in grade 7 or 8. Registration forms are available by calling St. Joyce, 466-3664. Please provide sacramental records if you are new to our program.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch gathers Thursday, April 9 at Mar-G's, 4949 Golf Ave, Geneva-on-the-Lake. For reservations call Dea, 466-3594, or Peg, 466-1793.

**BOUNTY SALE, May 16-17.** Items for this rummage sale are being accepted now. Call John & Rita, 466-3207.

## HUMILITY

Jesus never sought worldly glory. He humbly accepted help from Simon of Cyrene while carrying His cross. Don't be afraid to allow your Simon help you make ends meet.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

March 29, 2009 Offertory .....	\$5,104
Gulu Mission Collection .....	\$1,595
Renovation Fund Balance .....	\$4,755
Bills to be paid .....	\$ 760

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

## SAMARITAN HOUSE

**Samaritan House offers short term, emergency residence to the homeless.** With your help we have been able to obtain new windows, furnace and some needed renovations. Now, we are in need of volunteers to help with special projects, cleaning, painting, phone work, etc. We have 5 room and 14 beds, allowing families to stay together in temporary shelter. There are ways everyone can help: cash donations, any donations except shoes and clothes. Needed items: Tylenol, cough drops, antibacterial spray, bleach, light bulbs, kitchen trash bags, coffee filters, scouring pads, sponges, foil, pillow cases, twin sheet sets, dish towels, dish cloths, sugar. Please write us at Box 743, Ashtabula 44005, or call 992-3178.

## ST. JOHN &amp; PAUL HERALD HALL OF FAME

The Alumni Assoc of SJP will be hosting the 2009 Herald Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on Saturday, April 25 at the High School. Inductees include John Brace, Steve Cress, Jayne Colin-Currie, Dario DiMare, John Buskirk, Carol Carney, Dixon Greenwood, Margaret Napoli, Louis & Madeline Simon. To purchase dinner tickets, please call the school, 997-5531 or email Christy.kovacs@neomin.org. Cost is \$30 each.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

site at Mother of Sorrows now has expanded hours. Tuesday: 1:30-4:45 and Thursday: 9:30-12noon. Volunteers are needed. Gently used clothing, towels, linens, small appliances in working order, and other misc. items can be dropped off Mon-Fri, 9 - 2. To make arrangements call 992-2121.

## HEALTH DEPT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

In our St. Vincent de Paul office, west side of the rectory, the Health Dept offers their clinic on Wed, 1-3 pm and first & third Thursday, 5-7 pm by appointment, April-October. To make arrangements, call 576-3023, ext 123.

## ASHTABULA COUNTY CONCERTS OF PRAYER

BREAKFAST, Friday, May 8, 2009 at 7 am at Mt. Carmel Community Center. Speaker is Ashtabula native, Steve Koproski. A table for eight may be sponsored for \$90 and could be donated to students. Individual tickets are \$10. Make checks payable to ACCP. Please reserve by April 23 to Bruce Schlosser, ACCP Bd. Member, P.O. Box 925, Ashtabula. Please include where to send tickets.

## K of C CHARITY TICKETS

The annual K of C Charity Tickets are available at the school office for \$5 each. Many good prizes await. The school receives \$2.50 for each ticket sold here. First return is April 9.

## 2008 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal	\$ 18,719	Total Pledges	\$ 19,874.50
Total Paid	\$ 17,820.50	Amount Due	\$ 2,054
144 Donors (20%) Thank you for a successful year!			

## STEWARDSHIP TOUGHT

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.


**Mass Intentions for the week**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>JEANNETTE MEZMARICH</b> Blue Star Mothers
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>DAN FENNER</b> Elaine & Ralph Varckette
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>DARRYL EARTLY JR.</b> Ann Grdanc

<b>MON.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>No Service</b>	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>RYAN SCHWARTFIGURE</b> Tess Congdon
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>GENE ELLER</b> Assumption Choir

THE TRIDUUM & EASTER

<b>THU</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>RYAN KLESH</b> Holy Thursday Mother, Ann Spellacy
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>SOLEMN SERVICE of the LORD'S PASSION</b> Good Friday Divine Mercy Novena Begins
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Blessing of Easter Foods</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>FRANK HOCEVAR</b> Parents
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>POPE JOHN PAUL II</b> Easter Ray & Fran Gruber
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>JOSEPHINE CARKHUFF</b> Family & Friends

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APR 11-12:

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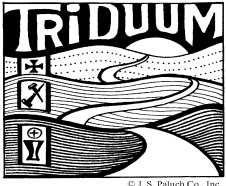
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	C. Fenner, L. Lippart, Sr. Joyce
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	J. Decker, L. Daly
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	T. Costello, E. Mallick, S. Sharpe

ACOLYTES

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	Team of 5
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	M. Sharpe, K. Lewis
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	J. Ferrante, N. Watson

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APR 5:

<b>Sun.</b>	Mk 11:1-10; Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:—15:47
<b>Mon.</b>	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11
<b>Tue.</b>	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
<b>Wed.</b>	Is 50:4-9; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25
<b>Thu.</b>	Ex 21:1-8,11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
<b>Fri.</b>	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
<b>Sat.</b>	Eze 36:16-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
<b>Sun.</b>	Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



**COME AND EXPERIENCE YOUR  
FAITH ANEW**

The spiritual life of a parish is primarily shaped by three historical and spiritual events: its Patron Feast Day, the Christmas season, and the Easter to Pentecost events. The central event in every Christian Church is Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection and our participation in it. Each parish begins this solemn celebration of Easter with a three -day celebration: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Are these days important? They are the source and summit of the entire liturgical year!

Holy Thursday! 7:00 p.m.

It receives its mark of identity by the surprising action of the master-teacher. When the apostles entered the room for the Passover meal they reclined in their places. Jesus stood up, took a towel and basin of water and bent down to wash the feet of all his disciples. That was a lesson NEVER to forget. Come and witness again this humble action.

Good Friday! 3:00 p.m.

After the solemn reading of the passion by St. John the church announces prayers for various needs. Then the priest/deacon lifts high the cross of our Salvation. All venerate the cross and are invited to become one with Christ in His Risen Body, the Eucharist

Come and offer your response to His Great Mercy and Love.

The Easter Vigil! 8:00 p.m.

The church is called a mother because she brings forth new Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. These actions are the holy signs of Divine Mercy acting in our midst.

Come and welcome Bill and Jamie Steen and their children into our parish family through the sacraments of Christian initiation.

A Blessed Holy Week,

Father Mel