

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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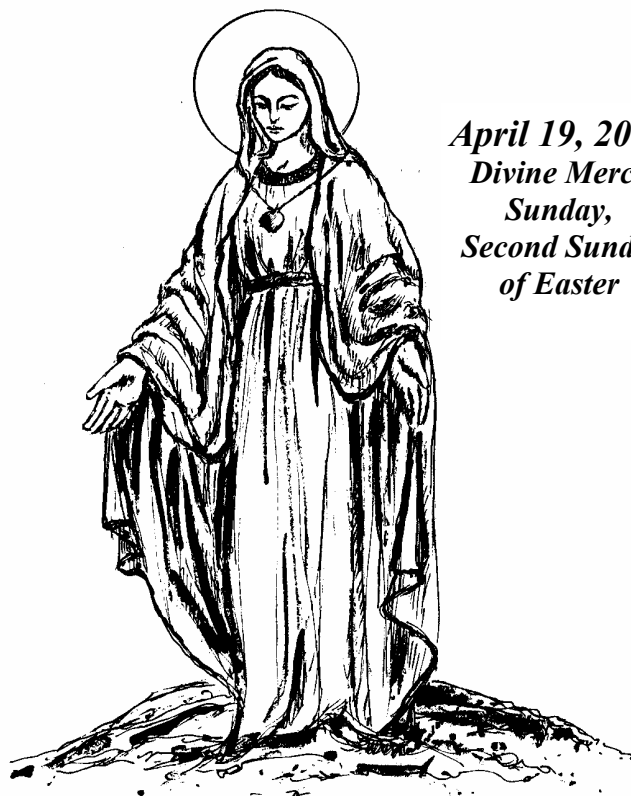
MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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*April 19, 2009
Divine Mercy
Sunday,
Second Sunday
of Easter*

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.

CELEBRATING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION and HIS DIVINE MERCY this SUNDAY

Confessions 1:00; Devotions 3:00



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Notice Jesus came into a house and said, "Peace be with you." Peace is not measured only by the noise levels in our home; it also depends on the levels of trust, acceptance, forgiveness and respect for one another.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We end our novena today and invite all to Reconciliation at 1:00 pm. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 3:00.

REGISTRATION for CCD

Now through Wednesday, April 22, new and returning students can register for the fall term of CCD. 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 Sr. Joyce, 466-3664. Please provide sacramental records if you are new to our program.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar & Rosary meetings have moved. They will be on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars for the next few months.

Have you seen this year's **grill** to be raffled on Father's Day? The Altar & Rosary Society has it at the side entrance. Tickets are available: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Next Sunday, April 26, is the **Spring Tea**. The ladies have been working hard to make this popular event as nice as always. Guest speaker is Jack Sargent. Music by Carol Hill. Seating is limited. Do you have a ticket?

BOUNTY (Rummage) SALE, MAY 16-17. Items being accepted now. Call 466-3207.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **JUNE CONRAD**, mother of Chuck Conrad, Geneva Pointe resident **DOROTHY DONNERSBACH**, and **MARY KAHANCA**, sister of Mike Kahanca, who died recently.

THE APRIL SHOWERS RAFFLE:

Apr. 1-9 won \$50 each, Apr. 10 won \$500. Congratulations to...!

Apr 1: Pat Hocevar	Apr 6: Gloria DiFabio
Apr 2: Ann Sezon	Apr 7: Mike Vandervort
Apr 3: Ron Marchewka	Apr 8: Paul Wadowick
Apr 4: J. Podsedly	Apr 9: Fr. Mel
Apr 5: Janice Harchalk	Apr 10: Diane Bruening

Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. Gross: \$2035, Expenses \$1050; Net \$985.

K of C REVERSE RAFFLE

A Reverse Raffle with \$1,500 Grand Prize will be held Sat, April 25 at the K of C hall, Geneva. Doors open at 6 pm. Cost is \$35 each and includes raffle entry, meal and beverage. Contact Mike Kahanca, 964-8398, or Paul Stumpff, 466-2095.

MINISTERS to the Sick visit people in Nursing Homes and in their own homes on a regular basis. If you know someone who is ill and would like a visit and/or Communion, please call the rectory, 466-3427, or Rita, 466-3207.

PICNIC PLANNING

Planning Meeting for the Annual Parish Picnic, August 15, 2009, will be held in the School, Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm. Please, all who are interested in helping, attend!

"A CHEERFUL GIVER does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given."

St. Julian

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19:

SUN.	Divine Mercy, Confessions and Devotions	1:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 1	7:00
MON.	Back to School	
	Stewardship Meeting	7:00
TUE.	TEA Prep-	Friendship Room closed the week
	BINGO, 4/21/09. Team # 3	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. Ayersman
	Floor	Need Worker
	Instants	T. Ivankovic
	II Caller	J. Ayersman
	Floor	J. Kleps
	Instants	T. Ivankovic
WED.	Clinic	1-3
	CCD, K-7,	4:15
	Finance Council	7:00
	Choir	7:30
THU.	Basketball Practice	5-7
SAT.	Outdoor Soccer Games begin	
	Eucharistic Ministers Workshop	2:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way –Mass in church	7:00
SUN.	Spring Tea	2:00
	Neo Catechumenal Way– Convivance	10:30-3:00

Additional Easter Flowers:

In Memory of Mary Ann, Robert and Tom Schultz
by William Schultz

STS. JOHN & PAUL

There are two openings on the Sts. John & Paul Board of Directors, as of June 1st. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2009. Applications are available in the office at the High School.

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.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

April 5, 2009 Offertory	\$ 5,807
Rice Bowl Collection	\$ 324
Holy Land Collection	\$ 220
Other Sundays Offertory	\$ 967
EASTER Offertory	\$ 7,549
Renovation Fund Balance	\$ 3,692
Bills to be paid	\$ 19,231

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

SHARING HOPE in THOUGH TIMES

When one of us suffers, we all suffer. Inviting a family who is experiencing an employment layoff to dinner can ease much suffering.

Pray that in response to difficult financial times, Christians everywhere generously celebrate community with their friends and neighbors and share in a daily meal.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Christian Community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything for their own, but held everything in common and distributed to each other whatever was needed.

ASHTABULA COUNTY CONCERTS OF PRAYER BREAKFAST, Friday, May 8 at 7 am at Mt. Carmel Community Center. The speaker is Ashtabula native, Steve Koproski. A table of 8 may be sponsored for \$90, or individual tickets are \$10. Make checks payable to ACCP. Please reserve by April 23 to Bruce Schlosser, ACCP Board Member, PO Box 925, Ashtabula, 44005. Please include where the tickets should be sent.

RETRouvaille

If your marriage has grown cold and uncaring, Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples heal their marriages. The next program will begin April 24 at Avalon Inn. For confidential information on our diocese program call 800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Please support the Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and church. Catholic Charities receives 66% of the funds collected through the appeal to assist children, adults and families in your community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Next weekend an announcement will be made and brochures distributed. The Appeal commitment weekend is May 2-3. Our parish **goal is \$20,591**, a month's collection for the parish. IF you give \$10 a week in the offertory, try to give at least \$40 to the Appeal. If everyone did this, we would make our goal. Thank you.

So far, the parish's 36 early givers have pledged \$8,028. Thank you.

Mass Intentions  for the week

SAT.	4:30 PM	MARY LOU KREZ Marilyn Bergen
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER Paul & Marie Steimer
	11:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Martha & Family

MON.	8:00 AM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	JEANNETTE MEZMARICH Dave & Betty Cook
THU	8:00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
FRI.	8:00 AM	GENE ELLER Assumption Choir
SAT.	9:00 AM	JACK SLEPICKA Karen Slepicka
	4:30 PM	THE MARK FAMILY Filipcic Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	JACK HASSETT, Anniversary Rose Hassett
	11:00 AM	BERT HUDSON, Memorial Mass Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APR 25-26:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	E. Sidley
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Privitera
	11:00 AM	F. Krasneski

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SAT.	4:30 PM	L. Lippart, C. Fenner, J. Carle
SUN.	9:00 AM	J/L Zalewski
	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	K. Lewis, T. Hunt, M. Sharpe

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APR 19:

Sun.	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Mon.	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8
Tue.	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7-15
Wed.	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu.	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Fri.	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Sat.	(St. Mark) 1 Pt 5:5-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Sun.	Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

*He came to pay a debt He didn't owe
Because we owe a debt we cannot pay.*

When the late John Paul II announced the first Sunday after Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday” both SINNERS and SAINTS rejoiced!

Something essential and practical to our Catholic faith was rediscovered. Namely, that Divine Mercy is far greater than our selfishness and sinfulness. It makes us question how God could love a sinner that much? How could the church give away the keys to Heaven?

Indeed, anyone who turns away from sin, pleads for God’s Mercy for oneself or another can be saved through Jesus Christ! Furthermore, all Catholics on Divine Mercy Sunday who have confessed their sins, received the Eucharist, and pray for the grace of conversion can receive a plenary indulgence!

What is a plenary indulgence? “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven ...” Catechism of Catholic Church # 1471

“To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a *double consequence*. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the “eternal punishment” of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the “temporal punishment” of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.” CCC 1472

In the words of today’s economy if heaven was a piece of real estate on earth, your mortgage payments would be **PAID IN FULL** and any delinquent taxes erased!! WOW , WHAT A GIFT!

HAPPY EASTER,
FR. MEL