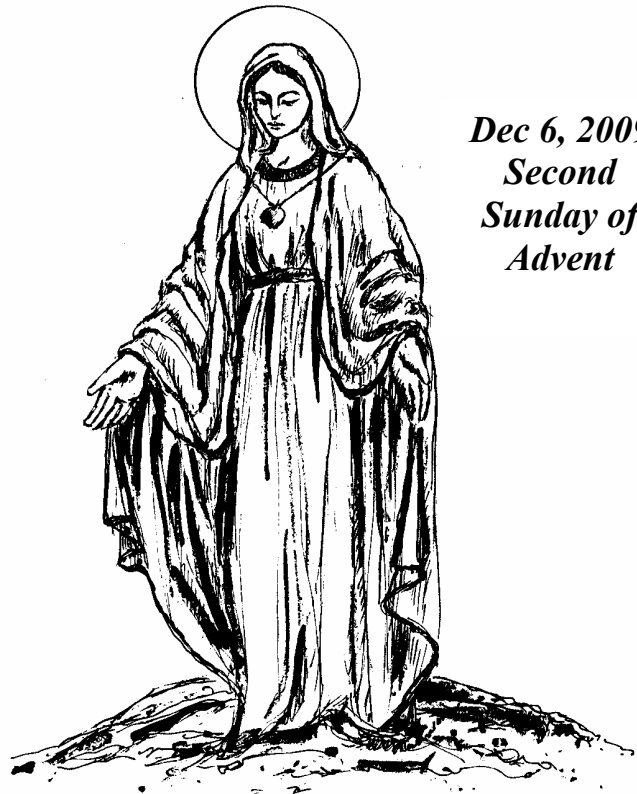


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MOST REVEREND GEORGE MURRY, SJ  
BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

Dec 6, 2009  
Second  
Sunday of  
Advent



**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**  
Dan Bergen, **Liturgical Music**  
Kent Kuholski, **Youth Ministry**

**Phones**

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**Liturgy**

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.  
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.  
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 , 11:00 a.m.  
Adoration Sun. 12 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.*



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Celebrated on Dec 8.

Masses: Mon 4:30 pm and Tues 8 am.



## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar



Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, Face Book and MTV as they battle for their children’s attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like an outdated “voice crying out in the wilderness.” As God came to John the Baptist “in the wilderness” God is with you in your “wilderness” moments as a parent.

## LUNCH BUNCH

This Thursday, Dec 10 at 1:00 the Lunch Bunch will meet at Chops Grille, 534 at 90. Please bring a canned food item or donation for the Food Pantry. For lunch reservations call Dea, 466-3594, or Vel, 466-2940. All are invited to join them.

## TURKEY RAFFLE DRAWING WINNERS

Linda — Mark Anderson Laurie Avsec  
 E. Nunez Mr. Keck Alberta Kearney  
 May Maple G. Gribbons Gertrude Stamper  
 Paul Wadowick. Congratulations to all!

**WII FUN** The winner of the Wii game, raffled by Altar & Rosary, is **MARY KERESTMAN**. We hope you enjoy the game system!!

**TV WINNER** The Parents Association TV Raffle winner is **ERIN LILLIS**. Congratulations!!

## CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We will be practice on Dec 12 and 19 at 10 am. All youth are invited to join us and sing before 4:00 Dec 24.

**DECORATING** church for Christmas will begin Dec 20. All are invited to help.

**PARISH COUNCIL IS DEC 8** at 7pm. The calendar is Incorrect.

**FEAST of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is Saturday, Dec 12. Mass is at 9 am.

Please remember to pray for the sick and recovering in the parish. Jane Smith, Wil Boomhower, Andy Boomhower.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec 10 at 6:30 pm. We ask the parishioners for prayers for our young people as they ready themselves for this important part of their relationship with God.

## USHERS NEEDED

**Ushers** are needed for the 4:30 and 11:00 Masses. If you are willing to help out, please see Fr. Mel, or call the rectory. Also, in preparation for the holidays, ushers are asked to sign up for the Masses listed on the message board in the vestibule of the church.

**LECTORS and EUCHARISATIC MINISTERS** are also asked to fill in the holiday Masses. The 9 pm Dec 24 Mass is covered. Please assist at the others. The list is in the sacristy. Thank you.

## ALTAR & ROSARY’S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be at Ferrante’s Winery on Friday, Dec 11 at Noon. We will order off the menu. **Please bring an unwrapped ornament for our tree. Also bring a food item or donation for the Geneva Food Pantry.** For further information or to make a reservation, please call Rose, 466-4056, or Dolores, 466-5867, by December 7.

## YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE

Youth Ministry requests parish help to make their holiday Bake Sale a success. The Sale will be held the weekend of Dec 19 & 20. Bakery can be brought to the hall on Saturday. Mixed dozens will be put together for purchase. We will be sorting on Dec 19 at the hall at 1:00. Any parents willing to help, please contact Kent Kuholski.

**THANKS** to our 5th and 6th grade Assumption students who served the parish by replacing the hymn books.

### “WINDOWS INTO THE FUTURE”

**Goal \$40,000**  
 Donations (Week # 24) \$ 25,770 (64%)  
 Unpaid Pledges: \$ 1,085

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Thank you!  
 Additional forms are available at the school, rectory and side entrance of the church.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa is preparing a pancake breakfast next Sunday, Dec 13, 8-12 noon. His workshop will also be open with gifts to purchase and themed baskets to win. Santa will be sit for a photo too. Join in the fun.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 6:

<b>SUN.</b>	Youth Meeting .....	Noon
	Psalms Class .....	3-5
<b>TUE.</b>	BINGO, 12/8/09. Team # 4 .....	6:30
	Admissions D. Pasqualone	
	Early Birds R. Laurello	
	Early Instants T. Ivankovic	
	Cashier B. Peters	
	Kitchen T. Baxter, T. Foss, K. Bukys	
	I Caller J. Watson	
	Floor need worker	
	Instants N. Perijoc	
	II Caller need worker	
	Floor J. Watson	
	Instants N. Perijoc	
<b>WED.</b>	AA Friendship Room .....	7:00
	Clinic .....	1-3
	CCD, K-8 .....	4:15
<b>THU.</b>	Basketball .....	2:30-4:30
	Choir Practice .....	7:30-9:00
	N.A. Rental .....	7:00
<b>SAT.</b>	Children's Choir Practice .....	10:00
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>Breakfast with Santa &amp; Workshop</b> .....	<b>8-12</b>
	Family Mass & potluck .....	11:00+
	Psalms Class .....	3-5

## TABERNACLE CANDLE for the Week

1. Health of Rev. Raymond-Marie Morin By cousin, Lucie
2. Health & Birthday of Fina Gruber By Anne

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

**DID YOU** read John Ayersman's letter in Star Beacon on Wed, Nov 25 "Thanks for..." Thanks, John, for something to think about.

## THANK YOU

Kay Riedel extends her thanks and appreciation to all those who attended her party for her 100th birthday and the nice reception at church. She enjoyed them both especially seeing everyone. Thank you for remembering her with gifts, cards and well wishes!!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Nov 15, 2009 Offertory .....	\$ 4,210
Nov 22, 2009 Offertory .....	\$ 5,160
Nov 29, 2009 Offertory .....	\$ 3,654
Retirement for Religious .....	\$ 1,860
Renovation Fund Balance .....	\$ 1,547
Bills to be paid .....	\$ 850
Assessments: to be paid .....	\$3,300/month

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

Our latest renovation projects have been new carpeting in the convent and the vestibule of the church. Thanks to those who give to the renovation fund.

## VOCATIONS RETREAT

Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest?

Young men, 18-40, are invited to a Vocations Retreat directed by Bishop Murry, SAJ, to explore a possible vocation to the priesthood. It will be held Dec 18-20, Friday, 6:30 pm, through noon Sunday at Loyola of the Lakes Retreat Center, Akron, OH. Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration. \$50 donation with scholarships available if needed. If interested, please get a referral from Fr. Mel. To register, call Vocations office, 330-744-8451, or email Fr. Chris Luoni at [cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

## ST JOHN &amp; PAUL NEWS

- The Herald Junior Class has been ranked in the top 10% of all high schools in the state based on their OGT scores. Congratulations
- Herald alumni are invited to attend a luncheon on Thursday, Dec 18 at 10:45 am in the high school cafeteria to discuss college and careers with our students. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the school, 997-5531, or email [maryannhartwell@neomin.org](mailto:maryannhartwell@neomin.org) by Dec 12. Alumni are also welcome to stay after lunch to celebrate our Advent Liturgy with us.
- SJP is planning a Herald alumni basketball game for Sat, Jan 2, 2010. All alumni are invited to play. All former Herald cheerleaders, band members, alumni & friends are welcome to attend. The Alumni Assoc. will also be serving a rigatoni dinner in the cafeteria during the games. To register, please contact Nick Iarocci, 440-813-0479, or Tom Penna, 440-812-4083.

**THANK YOU** ...to those who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Community Center. We appreciate your donations, prepared turkeys, and time in setting up, serving and cleaning. We served over 80 people, the largest number since the dinner was started.

## PILGRIMAGE to EL SALVADOR

**Baptism Class** will be held Sunday, Dec 20 at 6:30 pm in the rectory for parents wishing to have their child baptized. Please call the rectory, 466-3427.

For Anyone who may be interested in traveling to El Salvador, there is a trip planned for Jan 25-Feb 1. Estimated flight cost is \$1,000. Please call the Linehans, 466-3207, now, so they can make plans. Experience is priceless.

*"Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children."*  
St. John Vianney

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>ALICE &amp; LOUIS GRUBER</b> Daughter & Family
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>RAY GRUBER SR.</b> Fina & Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>PETER FERRANTE SR.</b> Joe & Delores Kessler

**MON. 8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

	<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>ELSIE COMMISSO</b> Cliff & Mary Ann Fenner
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PETER N. FERRANTE SR.</b> Tess Congdon & Randy

**WED. 8:00 AM ALL VICTIMS OF ABORTION**  
Apostles of Divine Mercy

**5:00 PM PRIESTS of the DIOCESE**

**THU 8:00 AM VICTOR BUCKLEY**  
Stella Idzik

First Reconciliation

**FRI. 8:00 AM CAROLINE PALMIERO**  
Logan Family

**SAT. 9:00 AM ALL SOULS**  
**4:30 PM BOB CURRY**

Fenner Family

**SUN. 9:00 AM KEARNEY & KAPPE FAMILIES**  
Jack & Alberta Kearney

**11:00 AM RAY ELLIS**  
Judy Shannon &  
Nancy Hackathorn

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC 12-13 :**

**LECTOR**

SAT.	4:30 PM	C. Fenner
SUN.	9:00 AM	P. Wadowick
	11:00 AM	B. Hunt

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SAT.	4:30 PM	Sr. Joyce, M. Debevec
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Gerber, D. PerDue
	11:00 AM	J. Pasqualone, S. Sharpe

**ACOLYTES**

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, A. Costello
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Koch, B. Privitera, J. Kearney
	11:00 AM	M. Sharpe, E/E Logan



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 6:

Sun.	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6
Mon.	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tue.	Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed.	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thu.	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13; Mt 11:11-15
Fri.	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat.	Rev 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Jud 13:18-19; Lk 1:39-47
Sun.	Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I want to first thank all of you for making me feel so welcome at Assumption. I also want to thank Fr. Rusnak and Sr. Joyce for allowing me to help with the youth group. These last three months of living in Geneva have been exciting and challenging for my personal life. I just know that God is looking over me and my fiancé.

I would like to reflect on these last 3 months. First of all, I would thank all the parents with whom I've been in contact. There has been some great feedback as well as support. I understand that anyone's faith journey starts with their families. I just want to be a small part of that journey for your youth. I would like to challenge all the parents from the parish to persuade their kids to **come to meetings and events**.

Secondly, I want to let you know where the youth group is right now and where it is going. We are small now, but the kids are great. I've met high school kids from multiple schools and am excited to see the group continue to grow. I have also invited the kids from 7th and 8th grades. I hope to form a group that offers a place to form friendships and grow in faith for all youth. Both age groups play an important part in the group and are encouraged to attend meetings and events.

I've heard from people that the youth are the future of the church. I would even go further and say they are "the present" of the church. They don't need to wait until they are adults to be involved. Instead they should be developing their daily faith life right now. That's why youth ministry is so important. I hope to help the youth of Assumption have the chance to learn more about their faith at this very important time of their lives.

As for the future of the youth group, I see a lot of promise. I have a huge passion for the kids and helping them grow in their faith life. Some events I'd like to see this upcoming year include broom hockey, events at the Servants of Mary Shrine, skiing, and a 30 hour famine. Anyone from the parish who is interested in volunteering is always welcome. Thank you for your warm welcome and I look forward to continuing to work with the youth of the parish. Kent Kuholski

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