

CHURCH  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY

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BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN

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December 7,  
2008  
Second  
Sunday in  
Advent

**Liturgy**

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.  
Weekends: Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:00 , 10:00 a.m., 12: noon  
Adoration Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sat.  
Sun. 2 pm – 8 am Mon.

**Sacraments**

**Confessions:** Saturday, 4:00 - 5:00 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**  
**Monday, Dec. 8**  
**Mass at 8 am and 7:30 pm.**



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Friday, Dec. 12**  
**Mass at 8 am.**



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel raises many questions: Was the Baptist's family embarrassed by his life style, diet, clothing and message? Did they avoid him or advise him to come home and be normal? Advent, a time to change our hearts, raises another question: Who in your family needs your acceptance?

### SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is to assist the Disaster relief fund of American Red Cross. Please write checks to American Red Cross.

### BREAKFAST with SANTA

In the hall this morning is Santa's workshop, (a shopping opportunity), and Breakfast with Santa, a Pancake & Sausage meal: \$5 adults, children \$3  
 Breakfast is served 8:45 - 11:45. Adults \$5, children 3-11 \$3, Seniors \$3, children 2 and under are free.  
 Pictures with Santa are \$4 and Christmas Basket Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

### Sharing Tree & "A Stocking Was Hung"

The tree is cleared! Thank you, Parish.  
 The items for our Christmas families are due next Sunday, Dec 14. Forty individuals in 8 families are counting on us for their Christmas. Thanks to all who have already returned their items and tags. Assumption has always been a very generous parish. Thank you.

### "The Word Among US"

If you have not already done so, please take home a copy of "The Word Among Us" and use it this advent. The book contains short daily meditations to use throughout the season. It is one of many ways to prepare for Christmas.

### ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Friday, Dec. 12, at Noon, the Altar & Rosary members and their guests are invited to join us for our annual Christmas lunch at Ferrante's Winery. We will order off the menu. For reservations please call Delores Kessler, 466-5687.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **ROSE PETRO ROSKOVICS**, mother of Barbara (Petro) Anderson, who died recently.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Pancake breakfast 2 weekends ago was a great success. Over \$700 was raised to fund our efforts in assisting those in need in the Geneva area. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who attended and to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy. God Bless You All.

### THANK YOU

The Assumption School Parents Association would like to thank everyone who helped to make our annual Turkey Raffle successful. Thank you to the many donors of prizes, suppliers of food and beverages, parents, family and friends who volunteered, and everyone who attended the Turkey Raffle. Special thank you's to: Mr. Terry Hambleton, Mrs. Dorothy Pasqualone, and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mallick. We appreciate your help and always look forward to working with you at this event.

### "BECAUSE WE CARE"

The committee is looking for your stewardship questionnaire. Please fill out the form and mail or drop in the collection basket. You will be contacted after the holidays about ministries which you find interesting.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, Dec. 11 at 1:00 the group will be eating at Chops Grille & Tap House, Rte 534 at 90. For reservations call Dea, 466-3594, or Vel, 466-2940. All are invited to come.

### BOOK COVERS

There is still time to purchase a missalette cover in memory of a loved one. Donations are \$5. Labels will be put on soon. You can use a display envelop or a plain one with "Cover" written on it.

"Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit."  
 St. Lucy

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 7:

|      |   |                 |
|------|---|-----------------|
| SUN. | Family Mass .....                       | Noon            |
| MON. | Altar & Rosary Meeting .....            | 6:30            |
|      | K of C .....                            | 7:30            |
| TUE. | BINGO, 12/9/08. Team # 4 .....          | 6:30            |
|      | Admissions                              | D. Pasqualone   |
|      | Early Birds                             | R. Laurello     |
|      | Early Instants                          | T. Ivankovic    |
|      | Cashier                                 | B. Peters       |
|      | Kitchen                                 | T. Baxter,      |
|      | I Caller                                | Need Caller     |
|      | Floor                                   | J. Watson       |
|      | Instants                                | S. Gonzalez     |
|      | II Caller                               | J. Watson       |
|      | Floor                                   | Need Worker     |
|      | Instants                                | S. Gonzalez     |
| WED. | Immunization Shots .....                | 1-3             |
|      | CCD, K-7, .....                         | 4:15            |
|      | Choir .....                             | 7:30            |
| THU. | Lunch Bunch .....                       | 1:00            |
|      | Sacrament of First Reconciliation ..... | 7:00            |
|      | Reception follows                       |                 |
| SAT. | St. Vincent Collection .....            | after 5:30 Mass |
| SUN. | St. Vincent Collection .....            | all Masses      |
|      | School Christmas Program .....          | 2:00            |

## JOB OPENING

Traveling Educational Assistant with the ability to read and write and speak Spanish fluently to work with limited English proficient students. Must have a High School diploma or its equivalent and be able to pass both a BCI and FBI background check. Resumes are to be sent to Mrs. Angela Smith, Curriculum Director, Madison Board of Education, 6741 N. Ridge Rd, Madison, OH 44057.

## WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The universal Church has been celebrating World Day of Consecrated Life since 1997 close to February 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Bishop George Murry, SJ, invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our Diocese on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 am liturgy. All are welcome. Please mark your calendar.

Anyone who is going and would like to represent the parish, please call the rectory.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| November 23, 2008 Offertory .....   | \$4069 |
| November 30, 2008 Offertory .....   | \$4647 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious ..... | \$2100 |
| Renovation Fund Balance .....       | \$3219 |

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|--|-------------------|
| Bills to be paid .....                   | \$ 3007           |
| Assessments and Internal Loan .....      | \$26,900 + 42,000 |
| Thanks to all our generous parishioners. |                   |

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that St. Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be the relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container of relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks, trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presipio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presipio* and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a "Where's Waldo?" children's book. The oldest surviving *presipio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. St. Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshippers themselves becoming a living *presipio*. By the 17th century, the tradition was well established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presipios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 7:

|      |   |
|------|---|
| Sun. | IS 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8                             |
| Mon. | (Immaculate Conception) Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Tue. | Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10-13; Mt 18:12-14                                      |
| Wed. | Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30  |
| Thu. | Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13; Mt 11:11-15                                       |
| Fri. | Rev 11:19, 12:1-6,10; Jud 13:18-19; Lk 1:39-47                                |
| Sat. | Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9-13  |
| Sun. | Is 61:1-2,10-11; Lk 1:46-50,53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28             |

Mass Intentions  for the week

SAT. 5:30 PM **BILL MEZNARICH**  
Blue Star Mothers, # 57

SUN. 8:00 AM **MARY D'ORIO**  
Ladies of the Club

10:00 AM **EDWARD A. HEINZ**  
Assumption Parish

12:NOON **ROSE GRENIER**  
Assumption School Staff

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

7:30 PM **JUNE ELLER**  
Tess Congdon

TUE. No Service

WED. 8:00 AM **RAY GRUBER SR.**  
Fina & Family

THU 8:00 AM **DARRYL EARTLY JR.**  
M/M Mike Kahanca

7:00 PM **First Reconciliation**

FRI. 8:00 AM **CAROLINE PALMIERO**  
Assumption School Children

SAT. 9:00 AM **JEANNETTE MEZNARICH**  
Blue Star Mothers, # 57

5:30 PM **ISABEL PIZZUTO**  
Family

SUN. 8:00 AM **RON CONGDON**  
Tess Congdon

10:00 AM **IRENE & JOHN KEARNEY**  
Jack & Alberta Kearney

12:NOON **JOE KRISTANC SR. & JR.**  
Ray & Fran Gruber

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DEC. 13-14:

|              | <u>LECTOR</u>                       | <u>EX MIN of EUCH</u>      |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SAT. 5:30 PM | V. Smee                             | C.Fenner,<br>M. Bergen     |
| SUN. 8:00 AM | A. Kearney                          | L. Daly, R. Linehan        |
| 10:00 AM     | H. Hambleton                        | J. Gerber,<br>J. Soslowicz |
| 12:NOON      | B. Hunt                             | Team of 3                  |
|              | <u>ACOLYTES</u>                     |                            |
| SAT. 5:30 PM | K. Baxter, M. McBee                 |                            |
| SUN. 8:00 AM | A. Cordova, A. PerDue               |                            |
| 10:00 AM     | J. Hodgson, J. Kearney, J. Ferrante |                            |
| 12:NOON      | M. Sharpe, C. Costello, A. Fistek   |                            |





## Something to think about

Last weekend the proposal for a new weekend Mass schedule for January through March was announced. “The proposed schedule” as recommended by the parish pastoral council is:

**Saturdays at 4:30p.m.**

**Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

The reasons for this new Mass schedule are:

1. A decline in Mass attendance in general.
2. Earlier time on Saturday will help transportation in daylight.
3. Two Sunday Masses will conserve energy costs and human resources. (eg. liturgical ministers)

Adjustments to change are signs of life and health. Your feedback and response in the next two weeks is invited. A decision needs to be announced by December 20<sup>th</sup>. 2008.

Thank you for your Christian Witness,

Fr. Melvin E. Rusnak, pastor

