

CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY

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February 8,
2009
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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.

BENEFIT PASTA DINNER for J. BUSKIRK
Today, Noon-4:00, here.
There will also be gift basket raffles and 50/50.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

Today we celebrate World Marriage Day. Marriage is a healing sacrament because everyone comes to marriage with flaws of which we are ashamed. The love of a spouse allows us to admit our flaws and see our value through the accepting eyes of our spouse.

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Next weekend, Feb 14-15, is our combined collection, which replaces 4 separate collections, for Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/ Peters Pence, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Church in Latin America. As we move toward Lent, please support these programs of charity in the church.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Today, Sunday, the Family Fun event will be held at Roller Den, West Ave, Ashtabula, 4:30-7:00. Admission is \$2.50 each. Guests may come if accompanied by Assumption members.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking their monthly collection at the doors after each Mass this weekend. Please be generous. More people could be helped this winter. Thank you.

2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The annual Contribution reports are ready. If you are in need of your copy, please call the rectory. Your statement will be mailed to you.

“SHARE THE BOUNTY” RUMMAGE SALE

Spring Cleaning time is around the corner. As you begin, remember the Bounty Sale is in May. We are accepting items now. Call 466-3207.

Praise the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **MICHAEL BRANHAM**, husband of Jeanette, who died recently.

LUNCH BUNCH

This month The Lunch Bunch has been cancelled due to unpredictable weather.

COMALYA

The Comalya will be held Friday, April 17, 6-11 pm at DeRubertis Party Center, Rte 20, Madison. Tickets, available from Board members and the school office, are \$50 for one, \$90 for two, Table of 8 for \$320. Honored this year is Mike Kahanca, a founding member of the Endowment Board who is still active and involved. Come join us for dinner and dancing and bid on the Chinese auction and Silent Auction.

MARRIAGE VOWS

A renewal of marriage vows will take place at all Masses next weekend, Feb 14-15. All couples are invited to participate.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Next Saturday, Feb 14, there will be a practice at 10 AM for the children's choir for next month's Family Mass.

Today is **Consecrated Life Sunday**. The church honors those who have given themselves in this way to serving their diocese through prayer and action.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL is looking for a used working washing machine. If you have one to donate, please call Greta Cordova at 415-1216. Thank you.

SCC– Small Christian Communities will be meeting during Lent. Call Rita Linehan if you are interested in participating in a group. 466-3207.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 8:

SUN.	World Day of Consecrated Life St. Vincent Collectionall Masses Pasta Dinner to benefit the Buskirks12-4 Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep #2
MON.	Family Fun Day, Roller Den4:30-7 Soccer Practice6-8
TUE.	BINGO, 2/10/09. Team # 16:30 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.	CCD, K-7,4:15 Basketball Practice5-7 Choir7:30
THU.	Basketball Practice5-7
FRI.	No School Soccer Practice6-7:30
SAT.	Happy Valentine's Day Children's Choir Practice10:00 Neo Catechumenal Way Liturgy7:00
SUN.	Marriage Renewal of Vowsall Masses Friendship Room Rental12-5 Neo Catechumenal Way, Prep # 3

HOSPITALIZED

Vilma Gifford is in Geneva Hospital after a fall. Cards would be appreciated as we pray for her recovery.

FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act)

The U.S. Bishops are very grateful for the participation of so many in their "Fight FOCA" postcard campaign. The campaign is designed to allow citizens to voice their opposition to FOCA which is the most serious threat to pre-born children in the history of the US. If you haven't sent a card, or if you know of anyone who would like to have cards to send, there are more available. Also there are e-mail signup forms that will allow you to join "Legislative Alert" networks in order to participate in future action against FOCA or other anti-life legislation. If you have internet, this is a quick and inexpensive way to communicate with legislators. Place your completed e-mail sign up forms in baskets at either entrance marked "Fight FOCA." Thank you.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 1, 2009 Offertory	\$4,451
Catholic Schools Week Collection	\$ 395
Renovation Fund Balance	\$3,745
Bills to be paid	\$ 3,069

Thanks to all our generous parishioners.

GUARDIANSHIP ORIENTATION

Join us and learn about becoming a volunteer guardian and advocate for an elderly person in Ashtabula County. Tuesday, Feb 10, 5-7 pm, at Catholic Charities, 4200 Park Ave, 3rd floor, Ashtabula. Register ASAP. A light dinner/refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call Brian or Barb at Catholic Charities, 992-2121.

CATHOLIC MENS FELLOWSHIP of NEO

"Answer the Call" Men's Conference, to be held Saturday, Feb 28, at Archbishop Hoban High School Auditorium in Akron. Bishop Murry, Fr. Phil Chavez, Danny Abramowicz and Garry Faust are among the speakers. For registration information call 1-877-208-5585. All priests, deacons and seminarians admitted free. Lower registration fees for parish groups.

MARDI GRAS

St. Mary/ St. Frances Cabrini Parishes and K of C of Conneaut present Mardi Gras Family Night on Saturday, Feb 21, 6-9 pm. at St. Frances Hall, 734 Mill St. Music by The Corky Godec Band. Entry is \$5. Come join us for the evening.

NEW LAW: NEW OPPORTUNITY

If you are over age 70 1/2 you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of the distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on Oct 3, 2008 offers the opportunity for you to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish or other Catholic cause. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward your fulfilling your required minimum distribution.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets the second Monday monthly 5-6 pm at Private Dining Room at Geneva Hospital, inside main lobby entrance. Led by Jeanette Behm, the group is offered at no charge, no registration.

LEARN MORE

Study the Catholic Faith by taking a correspondence course. Eight courses available. Go to www.amm.org/chss.htm or write Catholic Home Study Service, P.O. Box 363, Perryville, MO 63775-0363.

FISH FRY

St. Joseph, Ashtabula, will hold fish dinners each Friday, now through April 3, 4-7 pm in the Church Community Room. Take out available. Menu includes Fried Fish, Breaded Baked Fish, Unbreaded Baked Fish, and Shrimp. Macaroni & Cheese also available. Dinner costs: Adults \$7 Children \$4. Shrimp dinners are \$8. **Please note: Assumption will not be having Fish Fry this year.**

Mass Intentions  for the week

SAT.	4:30 PM	JEANNETTE MEZNARICH Blue Star Mothers
SUN.	9:00 AM	EDWARD A. HEINZ Fina Gruber
	11:00 AM	JUNE ELLER Assumption Choir
MON.	8:00 AM	BRUNO SZEWCZYK Mike & Jeannette Branham
TUE.	No Service	
WED.	8:00 AM	EUSEBIO DEJESUS Margaret DeJesus
THU	8:00 AM	GERTRUDE GERMACK Ray & Fran Gruber
FRI.	8:00 AM	KARL SIRONEN Assumption School Staff
SAT.	9:00 AM	JACK HASSETT Rose Hassett
	4:30 PM	ISABEL PIZZUTO Family
SUN.	9:00 AM	RACHELE STEIMER M/M Mike Kahanca
	11:00 AM	PAUL HOLLER Anna Fulajtar

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 14-15:

LECTOR

SAT.	4:30 PM	C. Fenner
SUN.	9:00 AM	D. Gerber
	11:00 AM	F. Krasneski

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SAT.	4:30 PM	J. Carle, Sr. Joyce, M. Bergen
SUN.	9:00 AM	D. PerDue, J. Decker
	11:00 AM	S. Sharpe, J. Soslowicz, T. Costello

ACOLYTES

SAT.	4:30 PM	K. Baxter, T. Stocker
SUN.	9:00 AM	J. Koch, J. Loftus, B. Privitera
	11:00 AM	C. Vaughn, A. Fistek, C. Costello

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 8:

Sun.	Job 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Mon.	Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56
Tue.	Gen 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7: 1-13
Wed.	Gen 2:4-9,15-17; Ps 104:1-2,27-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thu.	Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri.	Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat.	Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sun.	Lev 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Assumption School Staff and Students, I would like to thank our generous supporters who gave the school a wonderful gift of \$395 in the second collection on Sunday, February 1. We appreciate your continued support.

Mrs. Cheryl Woodward

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITY:
AWAKEN YOUR FAITH**

Mark your calendars

During the month of March I will be offering a course entitled: Ready Your Hearts, Adult Disciples in Formation. The course is based on the U.S. Bishops' document *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*. The document is a call of our bishops to reinvigorate the effort to foster **adult** faith formation.

As young Sister of Notre Dame, I went through "formation," a long period of training in the life and ministry of my congregation. When I pronounced my final vows, my formation was complete. So I thought then. Today, I realize that "formation" is not about just one stage of life. Rather, *faith formation is deepening, ongoing*, as we progress through life's many stages.

Just how do we continue to grow in one's faith? The bishops rightly and boldly say that faith formation should be positioned "at the heart of our catechetical vision and practice." Have you ever had a house plant that began to die? You thought, what happened? I am giving it the same care. Water and sunlight. But it's the soil!! The nutrients have been used up over time and a new infusion is needed to bring that old plant to life.

The course I will be presenting is not on a specific faith topic. Rather, the topic is forming the faith of adults. As adults, we bring life experience, personal choice, and mature self-understanding. We bring active participation. We have something to say. Our course will utilize an interactive, yet non-threatening format. It will not be a lecture nor a sermon. My role will be to facilitate the process. We will learn from the bishops and each other.

Form to sign up will be available soon. Class times are 6:30-8:30 pm the five Sundays in March.

Sr. Joyce