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MISSION STATEMENT

Church of the Ascension is a Catholic community in Johnstown, Ohio that keeps Christ at the center of our hearts, families, homes and parish, so we can live the truth and share it with others

(John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:15).

With the help of sacred scripture, tradition, and the sacraments, we strive to know, love and serve God in this world, while encouraging others to do the same, so we may live eternally in heaven with Christ, the angels, and the saints

(Ephesians 2:4-8).

Ascension of Christ, Gebhard Fugel (c. 1893)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Wednesday-Saturday 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.
TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 740-967-7871.

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MAY 26, 2024 • THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Betty Nicotra
by the Robbins Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 a.m. Bob & Beverly Meholick
by the Cromwell Family
11:00 a.m. Paul Harnetty, Jane Boback,
Dave & Lois Sammons
by the Sammons Family

MONDAY, MAY 27

8:00 a.m. Robert & Jan Gibbs
by the Barb Family

TUESDAY, MAY 28

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
6:30 p.m. For the intention of
Bob Muench by a friend

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00 a.m. Gordon Cromwell
by the Benton Family

THURSDAY, MAY 30

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Carter
by the Carter Family

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:00 a.m. Irene S. Lee
by the Kim Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Luke
& Rebecca Morrison
by Stan &
Elizabeth Hawbaker
4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:30 a.m. Gordon Cromwell
by the Cromwell Family
11:00 a.m. Pamalyn Withers
by Gary &
Theresa Shively

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates! May God's blessings be upon all of you as you continue your journey of life. Please remember to keep God first in your life and know that you will always be welcome at Ascension.

Please make plans now to join us for our annual **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, June 2.** We will process downtown and then return to the church for Benediction.

By publicly proclaiming belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist, the parish has an opportunity to invite the broader community to ask questions about the Eucharist and encounter Christ as the Blessed Sacrament is brought to them directly on the streets.

Just a reminder that Father Fox will be covering for me at Church of the Ascension from May 29-June 12, as I will be away visiting my parents in Florida. I know you will welcome him with open arms and make him feel right at home.

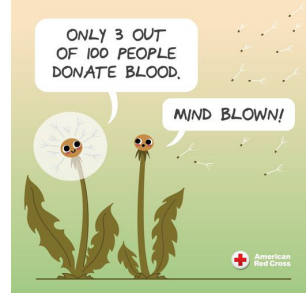
May God bless you,

Fr. Smith

THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. Your support will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal is vital to the success of the diocesan-wide campaign and will benefit our parish. We are off to an excellent start with pledges of \$29,656.17 toward our parish goal of \$42,436.17 and we can achieve this together. 100% of every dollar collected exceeding this goal will return to our parish for our needs and priorities. Please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



Just as a reminder, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. Many thanks to all those who gave blood on May 20. We surpassed our goal. The Red Cross has decided to do away with the additional Blood Drive rotation that began during

COVID. There has not been a great attendance for those drives. They will continue to offer a drive here at Church of the Ascension every other month (there must be at least 56 days between donations). Please note that Blood Drives will take place on the following dates for the rest of this year: Mondays, July 15, September 16, and November 18, 2024.

The Most Holy Trinity, MAY 25-26, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Shelli Writesel	Billy Stanearth	Cole Fox
	Gary Shively	Claire Barb	Alex Rush
	Ethan Wnek	Joey Barb	Gabi Cervantes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Linda Droege – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Mike Fox – Host
		Volunteer Needed – Chalice	
LECTORS:		Tom Stanearth – Host	
	Theresa Shively	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
GREETERS/USHERS:	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Carrie Sues – Angelus	Peter Luhrman – Angelus
	Jan Orkis	Tom Stanearth	Anna Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:	Mary Ann Shaffer	Ali Stanearth	Olivia Ryan
			Keith Ryan
			Misiunas Family

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, JUNE 1-2, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	CC Zirille
	Ryan Neal	Austin Eckstein	Jack Smithhisler
	Mike Keebaugh	Billy Stanearth	Joey Barb
			Alex Smithhisler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:			Volunteers Needed
	Dennis Murnane – Host	Jerri Burgel – Chalice	Cathy Biancone – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
LECTORS:		Michael Robbins – Host	
	Barbara VanHoose	Adele Robbins	Volunteer Needed
GREETERS/USHERS:	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Aaron Locker – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus
	Shelli Writesel	Mark Sheehan	Zirille Family
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:	Jan Orkis	Mary Sheehan	Mary Ann Shaffer
			Smithhisler Family

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Bob Muench, Sally Blubaugh, Ernie Burnam, Bob & Sylvia Freed, Rick Potter & Family, Justin King, Virginia Ankrom, Maxine Nann, Letha Patton, Wesley Potts, Susan Welch, Joyce Curran, Gabrielle & Shawn, Dana Caswell, Suzanne Kubin, Sharon Freitag, Di Habash, Joe Lindsay, Ivan Booth, Donna Dellapina, Mark & Cathy Mann, Peggy Hall, Terry Baesmann, John & Helen Tomich, Barbara Penhorwood, Margie Easterday, John & Neva Stover, Jared Writesel, Don Vocca, Karen Reitz, Jeff Ankrom, JoAnn Wright, Ron & Ann Mullins, Ron Gallo, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Are you or someone in your family on active duty in the military? Please let us know and we will add the names to our Prayer Requests.

PRAYERS REQUESTED – BOB MUENCH

Some of you may remember **Bob Muench**. He was an active member of Ascension for many years. He has recently been diagnosed with cancer in his lungs and lymph nodes and is undergoing treatment at St. Ann's and could really use your prayers.

Your Gifts to God

WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

MAY 18/19, 2024

Total Offering	\$	4,627.00
56 Envelopes	\$	3,427.00
Loose Cash	\$	542.00
Online	\$	658.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	250.00
CCC	\$	70.00

Do you return a portion of your time/skills/possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude? Looking for an easier way to give? Scan the QR code to open a link to the Church of the Ascension ParishSOFT Giving. Simply hold your phone's camera over the square and touch the link that appears at the top of your camera screen, or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown>.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Many thanks for your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

YOUTH GROUP CEDAR POINT TRIP

The YOUTH GROUP is planning a trip to Cedar Point on June 27. Cost is \$75.00/person, which includes park admission, drink every 15 minutes and food every 90 minutes. We will need adults to come with us who are compliant with PGC and several willing to drive, as well. Please RSVP to Mary at mnelson@johnstowncatholic.org by June 2!

REST IN PEACE

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Mark Mann, husband of Cathy Schirtzinger Mann, who passed away on May 15, 2024. May Our Heavenly Father grant him eternal peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr. Stephen Smith who will celebrate his 8th Anniversary of Ordination on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. We are so blessed to have had him as our Pastor these past three years. We look forward to having him with us for the next few months before he leaves to begin his new assignment in Portsmouth.



ASSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2024-25 school year. We strongly believe that student exchange programs contribute to world peace at a grassroots level, and our host families play a crucial role in achieving that. ASSE students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community. To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can click here to view their profiles and read some of their captivating letters. These students are genuinely grateful to you and the USA for giving them the chance to live with your family and become part of your community for a year. Visit <https://asse.com/become-a-host-family/> for details.



THE WORLD'S LARGEST DIAPER DRIVE 2024

Many thanks to all those who donated diapers and baby wipes to The World's Largest Diaper Drive 2024! The box is still in the Gathering Space if you forgot to bring them and they will be stopping back in at the end of the month to pick up any other donations.

QUO VADIS VOCATION DISCERNMENT CAMP

Quo Vadis is a vocation discernment camp led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations.

When: July 28-31, 2024

Who: Young men entering grades 9-12

Where: The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus

Cost: \$50.00 – Scholarships available.

Registration Deadline: July 19

To register or for more information, visit <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis> or email columbusquovadis@gmail.com.



COME JOIN US FOR VBS 2024: SCUBA!

We need many volunteers for VBS! Couldn't make it to the meeting last Sunday, but still interested in volunteering? Email me at kpertee@johnstowncension.org. Volunteers can be going into 6th grade to adult. If you are over 18 years old, a background check and Protecting God's Children are required. VBS will take place June 10-14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and is for kids entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. Please sign up by going to www.johnstowncension.org/register. It will be a fun week full of games, music, friendship, and, of course, awesome Bible stories.

ARC – ACTIVE RETIRED CITIZENS

ARC will be meeting on Monday, June 3rd from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall at St. Francis. Please come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Euchre and Bingo – your choice of fun!! There will be refreshments and “fabulous door prizes.” Bring a friend or make new ones. Questions? Call Chris at 364-0449 or Deb at 366-6924. Hope to see you on the 3rd.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is seeking volunteers to serve on our local Advisory Board. CSS provides programming that assists senior citizens and disabled individuals live independently in the community. Programs include Transportation Services, Supportive Services, & Payee Services. All services are available to individuals regardless of denomination or faith. Interested parties can email Dave Desender at dender@colscs.org or call 740-345-2565, ext. 107, to learn more about this opportunity to serve.

CONGRATULATIONS

FATHER TYLER CARTER



FATHER DANIEL COLBY



FATHER DAVID JOHNSTONE



FATHER JASON FOX



FATHER MICHAEL HAEMMERLE



MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions on our calendar. Please contact us in the office at 740-967-7871, office@johnstowncension.org or drop a note in the collection with the intention and your name. The Mass Stipend is \$10.00. We will do our best to accommodate any special date requests.

THE EUCHARIST: SACRAMENT OF TRUTH AND LOVE

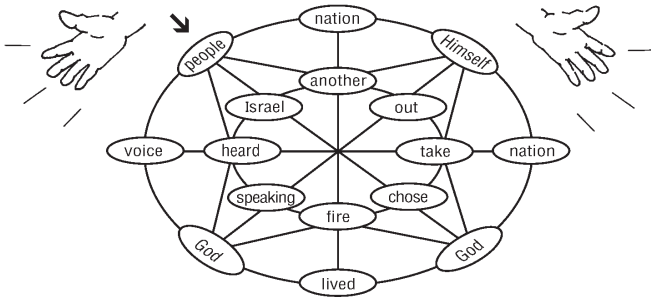
A Men's Day of reflection entitled “The Eucharist: Sacrament of Truth and Love” is scheduled at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Father Peter Fegan, OP will be the facilitator. Registration includes two talks, Mass, Stations of the Cross on the beautiful grounds, breakfast, and lunch. Cost: \$40.00. Registration at pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection. Questions? Email joetesta9@icloud.com.

Activities for Children

A Chosen Nation

God told His people to consider the past, from the day God created the earth. Something great had happened, like nothing that had ever been heard of before.

What wonderful thing had God done? Start at the bold arrow, then follow the rest of the arrows to fill in the blanks.

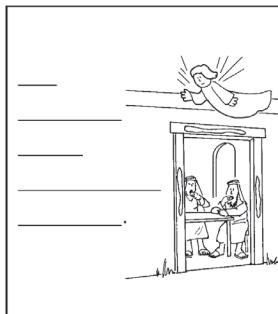
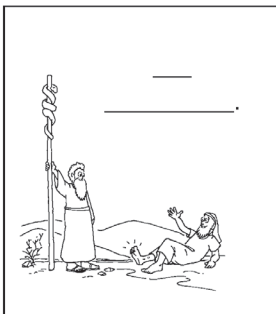
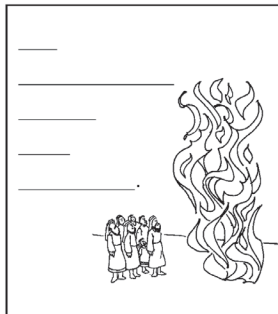
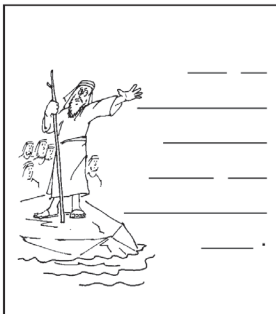


The _____ of _____ the _____ of _____
 _____ out of the _____ and _____
 _____ to _____ 1 _____ for _____
 _____ of _____

God did these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides Him there is no other.

How did God show His power and love to His people? Match the pictures with their descriptions.

- 1. By testings.
- 2. By miraculous signs and wonders.
- 3. By a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.
- 4. By great and awesome deeds.



"Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other."

What were the people told to do? Add and subtract the letters to find out.

- ite + - sh = " _____ "

- at + - fh = _____

- er + - own + - b + _____

- hirt = _____

- h = _____

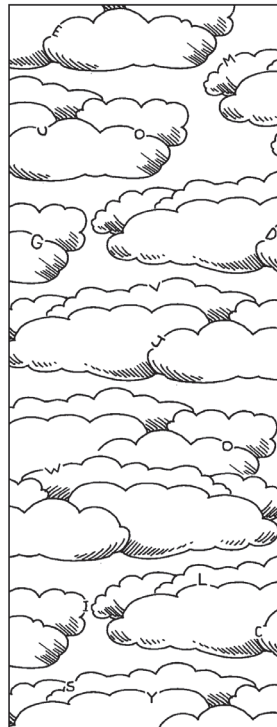
- b + - p + - cale + _____

- un = _____

... so that it may go well with you and your children ... and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you."

Because God loved Israel, He made them hear His voice from heaven. On earth, He showed them His great fire, and they heard His words from out of the fire.

Find and circle the letters in the clouds to spell GOD'S VOICE, and in the fire to spell GOD'S WORDS.



MOST HOLY TRINITY

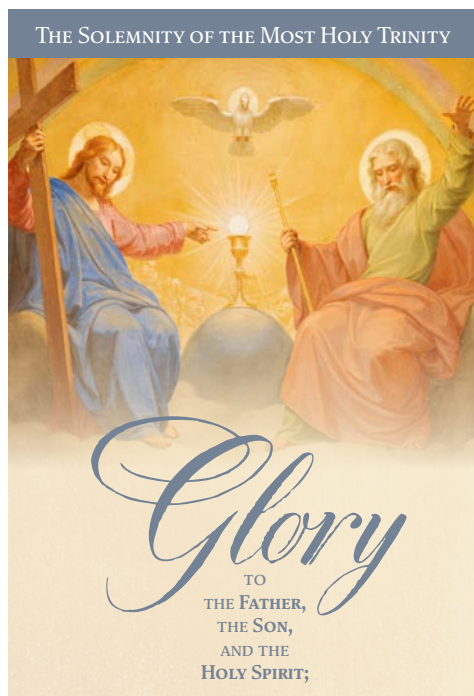
Reflection on Matthew 28:16-20

In the seminary and in study ever since, I have been at times riveted with fascination, and at other times bored to tears, while reading various treatises and descriptions of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Trinity is not just an abstract dogma, and no one explanation or treatise can fully contain the mystery.

All of creation bears the imprint of its Creator, especially human beings, for we are made "in the image and likeness of God." We are created in the likeness of the Trinity. When we gaze deeply into our humanity and the human community, we see beauty, variety, movement, connectedness. These are dimensions, aspects, workings (although all these words are inadequate!) of our Triune God. There is a foundational relationship of love at work here in God and in us!

Beyond trying to understand the Trinity, we focus on today's feast unquestionably as a celebration of mission. We are sent out to invite, welcome, include and embrace everyone into the spaciousness of God. We will never fully comprehend the mystery of the Trinity, but we can live the mystery. We are a part of the Trinity whenever people can look at us and say: "See those Christians and how they love one another!"

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 27, 2024

Weekday
1 Pt 1:3-9
Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Weekday
1 Pt 1:10-16
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Saint Paul VI, Pope
1 Pt 1:18-25
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Saint Joan of Arc
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12
Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5
Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 31, 2024

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk 1:39-56

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Saint Justin, Martyr
Jude 17, 20b-25
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6
Mk 11:27-33

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT JOAN OF ARC

Saint of the Day: May 30

Patron Saint of: Military Members

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically-motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920.

Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiègne the following year, Joan was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men's clothes. The English resented France's military success—to which Joan contributed. On this day in 1431, Joan was burned at the stake in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. A second Church trial 25 years later nullified the earlier verdict, which was reached under political pressure.

Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life "offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action" because her spiritual insight is that there should be a "unity of heaven and earth."

Joan of Arc has been the subject of many books, plays, operas and movies.

Read the full article: "Saint Joan of Arc" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-joan-of-arc/ (Accessed May 13, 2024).

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