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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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JUNE 16, 2024 • ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. NO Mass
8:30 a.m. NO Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 a.m. Parish Family
11:00 a.m. In Celebration of all Fathers
by Mark &
Joanne Hawkins

MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 a.m. NO Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
6:30 p.m. Wilbur DePue
by Rosemary DePue

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 a.m. Ron Terry
by the Barb Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Sharon Freitag
by Keren Hottinger

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 a.m. Virginia Gutridge
by The Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Baby Angel
Titus Rex Harrington
by Regina Pasini

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:30 a.m. Becky Drewry
by Dominic &
Beth Ann Prunt
11:00 a.m. Parish Family



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING AMANDA MAHLE TO THE PARISH STAFF!

Amanda joins us as an Administrative Assistant to Kathy in the office. She left her position as the Office Manager at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury and hopes to bring her knowledge to Church of the Ascension. You may recognize her. She and her husband Andy, and their three children, Drew, Lauren and Sam, were parishioners for seven years from 2005-2012. Please stop by the office in the coming weeks to meet her and welcome her back to the parish.

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 \$34,386.17 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!

WALK WITH US IN THE JOHNSTOWN FIREMAN'S PARADE

On June 22, Church of the Ascension will be in the Johnstown Fireman's Parade. If your kids (adults are welcome too!) want to walk with our float, join us that morning at 10:30 a.m. in the middle school parking lot. We'll need help throwing candy, passing out flyers and waving at everyone. **We're also taking candy donations.** If you'd like to contribute candy to throw in the parade, label it "parade candy" and leave it in the parish lobby after Mass this weekend, June 15/16. Thanks for your help with this important and fun community outreach.

The FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

this weekend are in celebration of Gertrude Hall's 95th Birthday by Gary and Theresa Shively.

VBS 2024 – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Kelly Pertee, Carrie Suess, Mary Nelson and all the fabulous volunteers who helped to make VBS 2024 such a fantastic success. The decorations, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, etc., were all huge hits!

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, JUNE 15-16, 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	Claire Barb	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Ryan Neal
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Chalice	Mark Hawkins – Host
		Jerri Burgel – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Diana Lewis	Mike Rush
	Tom Nann – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Mark Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
	Jan Orkis	Mary Sheehan	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JUNE 22-23, 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	Austin Eckstein	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Gary Shively	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Gabi Cervantes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Maureen Keebaugh – Host	Tom Stanearth – Chalice	Bernadette Fox – Host
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
		Billy Stanearth – Chalice	
LECTORS:	Mike Keebaugh	Aaron Locker	Carrie Suess
	Maureen Keebaugh – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Dennis Murnane	Bubby Eichner	Anna Ryan
	MaryAnn Shaffer	Roberta Eichner	Keith Ryan
			Olivia Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for 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.

Your Gifts to God

WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

JUNE 8/9, 2024

Total Offering	\$	6,118.00
61 Envelopes	\$	3,045.00
Loose Cash	\$	525.00
Online	\$	2,548.00
Home Missions	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,469.00
SOLT	\$	10.00



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 Parish SOFT 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>.

SVDP NEIGHBORS IN NEED FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 6

- 2020 – 32 neighbors assisted
- 2021 – 21 neighbors assisted
- 2022 – 45 neighbors assisted
- 2023 – 16 neighbors assisted
- 2024 – 53 neighbors assisted

On average from Jan 1 to June 6, 31 neighbors are provided financial assistance. This year we have exceeded the average by 21 more neighbors in need. There will be a second collection the second Sunday of the month. If you forget, bring it the next week, earmark it for SVDP and put it in the collection basket. SVDP thanks you for your generous contributions to our neighbors in need. God bless you and yours.

REST IN PEACE

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the repose of the soul of Richard Cherry. A funeral will be held for Richard on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please keep his family in your prayers. May God grant him eternal rest.



ST. VINCENT HAVEN CHARITY GOLF OUTING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(Tax ID Number 80-0191758)

Help raise money to support our local shelter for males 18 and older who are homeless in Licking County through our 17th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the Denison Golf Club at Granville. St. Vincent Haven is a 50-bed, nonprofit, privately-funded agency that provides emergency program shelter and supportive services for adult males leading to employment and their own housing. Here are sponsorship opportunities:

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Silver Sponsor (\$500.00)

Provides an individual with housing for more than 3 weeks

- Same as Bronze Sponsor plus:
- Corporate Sign placed on Golf Course

Bronze Sponsor (under \$500.00)

Provides an individual with housing for up to 3 weeks

- Recognition in Golf Outing program
- Link from St. Vincent Haven website

Hole Sponsor (\$250.00)

Provides an individual with housing for 8 days

If you are interested in providing a sponsorship, please complete the information below and make check or money order payable to **St. Vincent Haven**. Mail to: St. Vincent Haven, 115 Wilson Street, Newark OH 43055

Sponsorship Amount: \$ _____

Company/Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

We request that all sponsorship information be received by July 20th, 2024 in order to guarantee inclusion on signs and in programs.

Please contact one of the following sponsorship committee members for more information: John Paul Munhall at 614-649-9782 or JohnPaul@SVDPhaven.org; or Helen Hall at 740-670-0822 or hhall@SVDPhaven.org.



**Eucharistic Adoration
for Children & Families
June 20th – 1-3pm**


**Adoration 1-1:30
Gathering in Pavilion
1:30 – 3pm**

WOMEN OF ASCENSION MEETING REMINDER
WOA will have their monthly meeting Wednesday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. Please join us – all women of the parish are welcome.

WOMEN BLESSING WOMEN
The Women of Ascension are hosting a ladies’ tea for all women of the parish on Saturday, June 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments and tea will be served, as well as a time for fellowship. Special guest speaker, Darcey McCampbell of Kingdom Pillars Strong Tower will share her mission of leading a local ministry that serves the young women of our area who are coming out of human trafficking or are at great risk. Please pick up a flyer on the credenza in the Gathering Space or contact Adele Robins at 614-406-7023 or adelerobins6@gmail.com.

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@johnstownascension.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.

HELP STOP HUNGER IN OHIO
The latest stats of the hunger rate in Ohio shows that one in five children face hunger. You can help. Every Saturday and Sunday, Panera gives their leftovers (50 pounds of bread and pastries) to The Church of Ascension. All we need to do is pick it up and deliver it to The Haven on Saturday or the church lobby on Sunday. More details in the Flocknote Signup. Available Saturdays this summer are July 13, July 20, July 27, August 10 and August 17. Available Sundays this summer are June 23, July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25. We are having difficulties with the QR Code for Sunday. We will post it when it is operational. Sign up Saturday at <https://churchoftheascension18.flocknote.com/signup/117789> or use the QR code below:



Not cell phone savvy; just text or call Diane at 859-380-1944. Thanks. Your help is desperately needed and appreciated.

MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES
Please consider giving an hour of your time to be ministers to the Lord at Mass. We are in desperate need for all Mass times, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (5th Grade-Adult) and Greeters. Training provided. Contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstownascension.org.



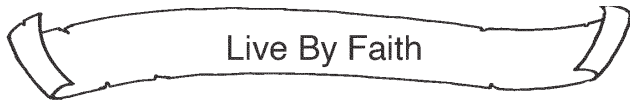

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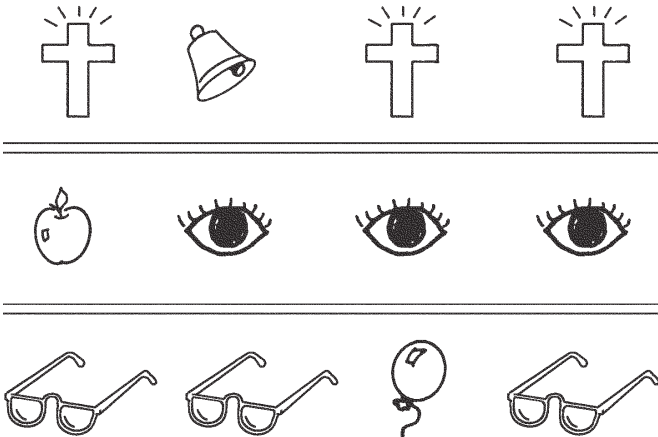


Activities for Children



Paul said: We live by faith, not by sight.

In each row, draw an X over the picture that does not match.



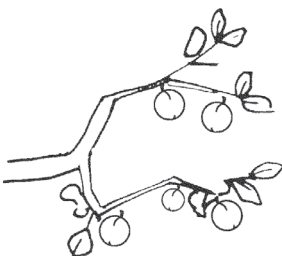
So we make it our goal to please Him.

"On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; ...

Circle the words in each column that are described by the underlined words at the top of the column. Then read the remaining letters from top to bottom, and write the words in order on the blanks below.

2 body parts 2 colors 2 trees 1 vegetable 2 animals

<p><u>A</u> R M B R A N C H E S <u>L</u> E G</p>	<p>R E D B L U E F R U I T</p>	<p>E L M B E C O M E P I N E</p>	<p>S P L E N D I D C A R R O T</p>	<p>C E D A R C A T S S H E E P</p>
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If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

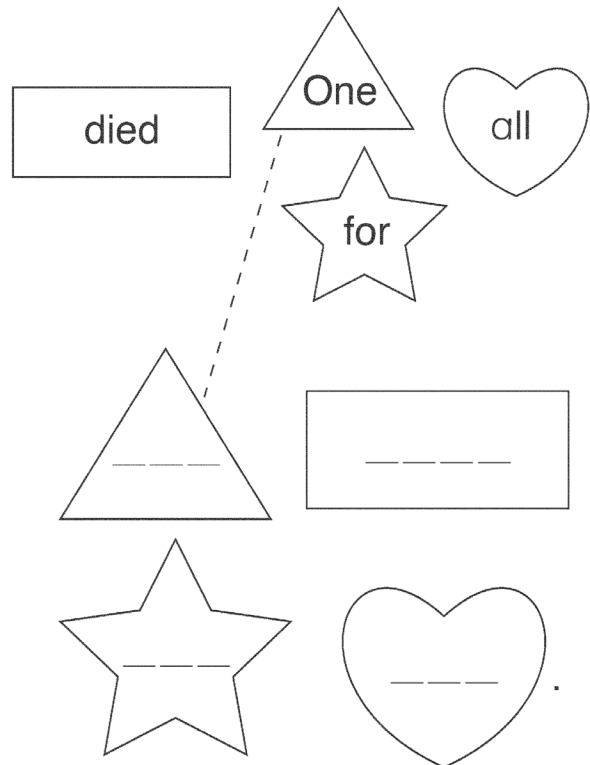
Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L



The old has gone, the new is here!

We believe that One died for all.

Match the shapes. Write the words.



RHYTHMS

Reflection on Mark 4:26-34

Farmers and gardeners know that in the mystery of their efforts in the fields and in gardens, there is a certain rhythm at work. Preparing the soil, planting the seed, feeding and pruning, and harvesting – all by the grace of soil, sun and water – and the attention of the worker.

So the Church recognizes a certain rhythm in the mystery of evangelization, catechesis, and mission. There are certain steps to accomplish before others can be effective in the spread of the Gospel and the making of disciples. Liturgical processes like the Catechumenate, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and faith formation programs like Alpha, take these rhythms into account.

Ultimately, however, and to change the metaphor: “If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor.” In other words, all of our efforts in the church at planting and harvesting – educating and forming – making disciples – must be accomplished through prayer and the mysterious grace of God at work in us.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

Monday, June 17, 2024

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16
Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14
Ps 31:20, 21, 24
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14
Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7
Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 21, 2024

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Weekday

2 Chr 24:17-25
Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34
Mt 6:24-34

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Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>



SAINT JOHN FRANCIS REGIS

Saint of the Day: June 16

Patron Saint of: Lacemakers, Medical Social Workers, and Children Who are Born Outside of Marriage and Family.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, John Francis undertook missionary work in various French towns. While the formal sermons of the day tended toward the poetic, his discourses were plain. But they revealed the fervor within him and attracted people of all classes. Father Regis especially made himself available to the poor. Many mornings were spent in the confessional or at the altar celebrating Mass; afternoons were reserved for visits to prisons and hospitals.

Though Father Regis longed to work as a missionary among the Native Americans in Canada, he was to live out his days working for the Lord in the wildest and most desolate part of his native France. There he encountered rigorous winters, snowdrifts and other deprivations. Meanwhile he continued preaching missions and earned a reputation as a saint. Upon entering the town of Saint-And , one man came upon a large crowd in front of a church and was told that people were waiting for “the saint” who was coming to preach a mission.

The last four years of his life were spent preaching and organizing social services, especially for prisoners, the sick and the poor. In the autumn of 1640, Father Regis sensed that his days were coming to a conclusion. He settled some of his affairs and prepared for the end by continuing to do what he did so well: speaking to the people about the God who loved them. On December 31, he spent most of the day with his eyes on the crucifix. That evening, he died. His final words were: “Into thy hands I commend my spirit.”

John Francis Regis was canonized in 1737.

Read the full article: “Saint John Francis Regis” [Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-francis-regis/](https://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-francis-regis/) (Accessed May 31, 2024).

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