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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 23, 2024 • TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions

#### **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

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 24**

8:00 a.m. NO Mass

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions

6:30 p.m. Kay Bramer by the Bitto's

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 a.m. Camillo J. Lee

by the Lee Family

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of Dorothy Flood by Janet Flood

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of Faith W. by Janet Flood

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

8:00 a.m. Lukas H. Kim

by the Kim Family

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:00 p.m. Parish Family

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

8:30 a.m. Jack Reardon

by Bubby & Robbi Eichner

11:00 a.m. Michael Feeney

by Molly Orsini



#### WELCOME, FATHER JINS

Father Jins will be joining us as our fulltime Parochial Vicar on July 9, 2024. Please give him a warm Ascension welcome! Reverend Jins Devasia, H.G.N., is a priest from the Heralds of Good News order. Born in India, he was ordained on April 15, 2010. His first appointment was in one of their schools and parish at Yernagudam in India as assistant correspondent and assistant parish priest. Then he was appointed as the assistant parish priest for the Archdiocese of Ernakulam and Angamaly. After a year of service in that diocese, he was appointed to be in charge of the construction of their house for the destitute and named the director of the destitute house after its completion. After working there, he left for Papua New Guinea for a period of five years as a volunteer missionary. After returning from the Papua mission, he was appointed as the assistant

correspondent and administrator of a school at Bonakal, India. When he was in Bangalore, he received the assignment to the Diocese of Columbus. He speaks some local languages of India and Pegion (Tokposin). Fr. Devasia has been the Parochial Vicar at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury, Ohio since July 2022.

#### **WOMEN BLESSING WOMEN**

The Women of Ascension are hosting a ladies' tea for all women of the parish on Saturday, June 29th 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.

#### 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 \$36,136.17 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!

A BIG THANK-YOU to all who helped represent Church of the Ascension in the Fireman's Parade on Saturday morning. Your support is greatly appreciated.

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
	Shelli Writesel	Austin Eckstein	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Gary Shively	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Gabi Cervantes
	Maureen Keebaugh – Host	Tom Staneart – Chalice	Bernadette Fox – Host
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:		Jerri Burgel – Host	
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LCTORG	Mike Keebaugh	Aaron Locker	Carrie Suess
LECTORS:	Maureen Keebaugh – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus	VOLUNTEER NEEDED  Gabi Cervantes  Bernadette Fox – Host
	Dennis Murnane	Bubby Eichner	Anna Ryan
GREETERS/USHERS:	MaryAnn Shaffer	Roberta Eichner	Keith Ryan
			Olivia Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

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ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Annie Muntz	Jack Smithhisler
	Isaac Dorsten	Luke Orsini	Alex Smithhisler
	Christian Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Ryan Neal
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Tom Nann – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Mike Rush – Host
		Billy Staneart – Chalice	
		Michael Robbins – Host	
LECTORS:	Barb VanHoose	Adele Robbins	Peter Luhrman
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Angelus
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GREETERS/USHERS:	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler 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.

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# Your Gifts to God

#### **WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00**

#### **430 REGISTERED FAMILIES**

#### IUNE 15/16, 2024

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Total Offering	\$ 9,235.00
71 Envelopes	\$ 7,900.00
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,390.00
SOLT	\$ 25.00
SOS	\$ 20.00

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 <a href="https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown">https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown</a>.



#### CHRIST, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for fellowship on Friday mornings after Mass, when we will have continuous conversations on various topics on Catholicism. Beginning Friday, July 12, we will discuss "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Flower World Prophecy" by Joseph Julian Gonzalez and Monique Gonzalez. Any questions, please contact Carrie Suess at 302-377-1755 or carriesuess@yahoo.com.

#### PANERA BREAD UPDATE

A high school senior needing community service hours signed up for three nights this summer. If you know anyone needing hours, please share this information with them.

Available Saturdays this summer are August 10 and August 17.

Available Sundays this summer are June 23, July 28, August 11 and August 25. All fall signups are open.

More details in the Flocknote Signup

Sign-up Saturday: https://churchoftheascension18.flocknote.com/signup/117789 Sign-up Sunday" https://churchoftheascension18.flocknote.com/signup/141481

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Not cellphone savvy? Just text or call Diane at 859-380-1944. Thanks! Your help is desperately needed and appreciated.



#### **EARLY FALL RETREAT!**

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a **Worldwide Marriage** Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend in the Central Ohio area is September 6-8, 2024. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Kim and Don Downs at 614-893-1935. Early registration is highly recommended.



#### **MEN OF THE EAST REUNION**

Men of the East will hold a Reunion on June 20, 2024 at St. Leonard Church, 57 Dorsey Mill Road E, Heath, OH 43056. We will start with Adoration with Reflection in the church at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the hall. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### IOSEPHINUM PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SIENA

All Pontifical College Josephinum friends and alumni are invited to make a special faith-filled journey to the Eternal City and the birthplace of Saint Catherine! Join alumnus Father Jeffrey Rimelspach '79, Chaplain, for a Pilgrimage to Rome and Siena on October 9-17, 2024. Highlights include lodging near the Vatican; daily Mass and spiritual guidance; visits to many churches and basilicas; private tours of the Vatican's Necropolis, Vatican Museums, and Sistine Chapel; Sunday Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica; Angelus with Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square; a day trip to Siena; front row seats for a papal audience; and free time to explore independently. Registration open through July 1. Complete information and online registration at stcharlespilgrimages.com/pcj-rome.

#### QUO VADIS VOCATION DISCERNMENT CAMP

Quo Vadis is a Vocations 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.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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



#### **DONATE BLOOD**

Mark your calendar now for the next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE that will take place Monday, July 15, 2024 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please make an appointment by calling 800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org, sponsor code ProlifeJohns.

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.

#### **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.



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# Activities for Children



### A New Creation

# In our lives now, we can't understand everything about God.

Complete the names of the animals' offspring. Write the letters in order in the blanks.

A P	cow	_	cal	pigeon	_	quab
;	sheep	_	lmb	cat	_	ktten
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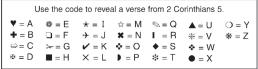
### What should our goal be?

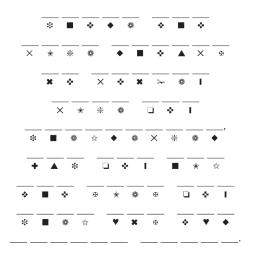
Supply the letter that appears at least twice in each animal name. Read the words in the columns.

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huingbird		pnd	
rdvrk		goria	
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We try to please those we love. That is why we try to please God above all others.





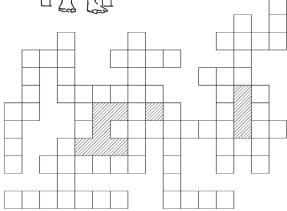
We should always try to please God because we know that someday He will judge all our deeds.

Fit all the capitalized words of the verse into the crossword boxes.

(Hint: start with the longest word.)



WE MUST ALL
APPEAR BEFORE
the JUDGMENT SEAT
of CHRIST, THAT
EACH MAY RECEIVE
WHAT IS DUE HIM for
the THINGS DONE
WHILE IN the BODY,
WHETHER GOOD
or BAD.



### **SUPPORT**

Reflection on Mk 4:35-41

"What's the point of being Christian if you don't also know that what God withholds in the way of protection, he more than supplies in the form of support."

These words, from the great preacher, William Sloane Coffin, help me remember not to expect a pain-free, storm-free life. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of seeing the difficulties of life as punishments, or as proof that we aren't pious enough. Nothing could be further from the truth of living in God's presence.

When we belong to Christ, we follow Him in the pattern of His life, suffering, death and Resurrection – the Pashal Mystery. Storms will come. We will get tossed about by them. We may even fall overboard. But in all of life's difficulties, we have a God who, in Christ, suffers with us. In the God who walks with us, intimately, through all the darkness, pains, and tragedies life will offer, we have all the support that heaven can provide. Be not afraid.

~ Fr. Jay



### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, June 23, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8-11
Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31
2 Cor 5:14-17
Mk 4:35-41

Monday, June 24, 2024

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist ls 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Weekday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Weekday 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 Mt 7:15-20 Thursday, June 27, 2024

Weekday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Mt 7:21-29

Friday, June 28, 2024

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

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

### SAINT JOHN FISHER

Saint of the Day: June 22

Patron Saint of: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester in New York State

John Fisher is usually associated with Erasmus, Thomas More, and other Renaissance humanists. His life therefore, did not have the external simplicity found in the lives of some saints. Rather, he was a man of learning, associated with the intellectuals and political leaders of his day. He was interested in the contemporary culture and eventually became chancellor at Cambridge. He had been made a bishop at 35, and one of his interests was raising the standard of preaching in England. Fisher himself was an accomplished preacher and writer. With the coming of Lutheranism, he was drawn into controversy. His eight books against heresy gave him a leading position among European theologians.

In an attempt to be rid of him, Henry first had Fisher accused of not reporting all the "revelations" of the nun of Kent, Elizabeth Barton. In feeble health, Fisher was summoned to take the oath to the new Act of Succession. He and Thomas More refused to do so because the Act presumed the legality of Henry's divorce and his claim to be head of the English Church. They were sent to the Tower of London, where Fisher remained 14 months without trial. Finally, both men were sentenced to life imprisonment and loss of goods.

When the two were called to further interrogations, they remained silent. On the supposition that he was speaking privately as a priest, Fisher was tricked into declaring again that the king was not supreme head of the church in England. The king, further angered that the pope had made John Fisher a cardinal, had him brought to trial on the charge of high treason. He was condemned and executed, his body left to lie all day on the scaffold and his head hung on London Bridge. More was executed two weeks later. John Fisher's liturgical feast is celebrated on June 22.





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