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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.
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JUNE 30, 2024 • THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, JULY 1

8:00 a.m. NO Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 2

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
6:30 p.m. Kay Bramer by the Steins

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Fr. Stephen Smith

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Matthew Brown
by the Benton Family

FRIDAY, JULY 5

8:00 a.m. Tom Cooley
by the Barb Family

SATURDAY, JULY 6

8:00 a.m. Virginia Gutridge
by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. For the intention of
Paul Groves &
Nick Bloom
by Bonnie Roberts

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:30 a.m. Wayne Barb
by Carol Barb
11:00 a.m. Parish Family



JOIN US AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO FATHER SMITH

*Parish Breakfast in the Pavillion
July 28th 9:30 -10:45am*

Pastor of Church of the Ascension
July 6, 2021 - August 1, 2024

Join us as we say farewell to our Pastor, Fr. Stephen Smith, on July 28th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Father Smith will take up his appointment as Pastor of St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish on August 1st. A box for cards or well wishes for Father Smith will be in the church Gathering Space. God Speed, Father, on your new appointment!



WELCOME, FATHER JINS

Father Jins Devasia will be joining us as our full time 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 Pigion (Tokposin). Fr. Devasia has been the Parochial Vicar at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury, Ohio since July 2022.

The *FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR* this weekend are in memory of Wayne Barb by The Barb Family.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JUNE 29-30, 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	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 Stanearth – Chalice	
		Michael Robbins – Host	
LECTORS:	Barb VanHoose	Adele Robbins	Peter Luhrman
	Dennis Murnane – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Mark Sheehan	Mike Dunfee
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JULY 6-7, 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	Jackson Wernette	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Ryan Neal	Billy Stanearth	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Theresa Shively – Host	Tom Stanearth – Chalice	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane	Nadia Stanearth	Diana Lewis
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Ali Stanearth – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Gary Shively	Ali Stanearth	Lora Dunfee
	Theresa Shively	Tom Stanearth	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

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 22/23, 2024

Total Offering	\$	3,461.00
52 Envelopes	\$	2,128.00
Loose Cash	\$	600.00
Online	\$	733.00
Holy Father	\$	92.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	90.00

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>.



The Appeal

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2024

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WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR 2024 APPEAL GOAL! Many thanks 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. 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!

JOHNSTOWN FIREWORKS

Join us at Church of the Ascension for front row seats to the Johnstown Fireworks on Friday, July 5th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own table service and a side dish or dessert to share. The Knights of Columbus will be providing hot dogs and brats, but you may bring your own meats and they will cook it for you if you prefer something else.

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 Sues at 302-377-1755 or carriesues@yahoo.com.



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.

40 HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

5750 N. High Street, Worthington

9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20–6:00 a.m., Monday, July 22

All those who are unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis are invited to unite our prayers with them as we pray for an increased awareness of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Sign up for an hour of Adoration! You can sign up at <https://stmichaelchurchwor.flocknote.com/signup/170632>.

JOSEPHINUM 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.

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.

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 dsender@colscs.org or call 740-345-2565, ext. 107, to learn more about this opportunity to serve.

WOMEN BLESSING WOMEN

The Women of Ascension have moved the date of the ladies' tea for all women of the parish to **Saturday, September 14 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 contact Adele Robins at 614-406-7023 or adelerobins6@gmail.com.

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

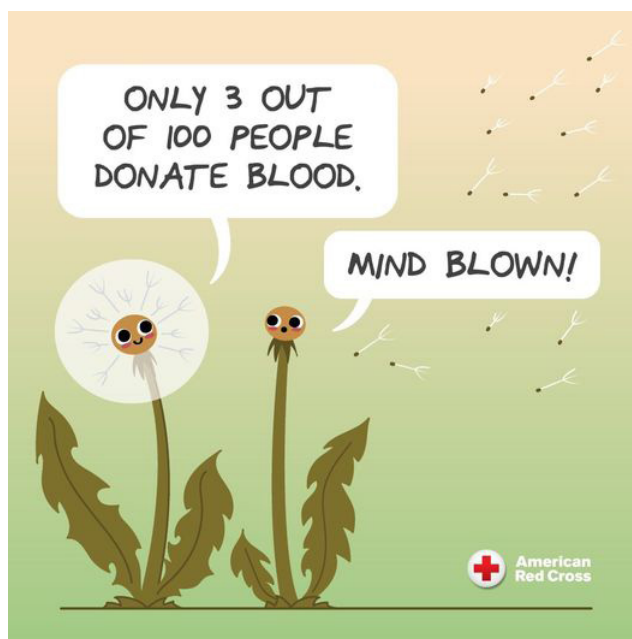
Where: The Pontifical College

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/quo vadis> or email columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

***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.

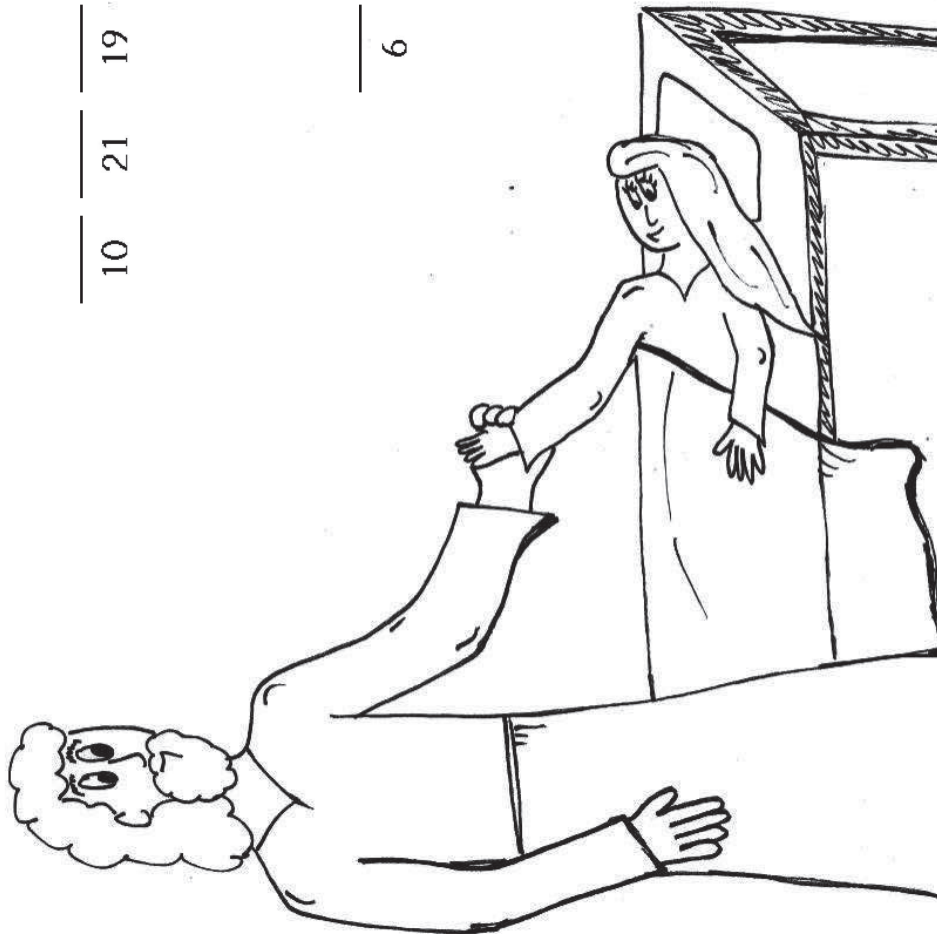
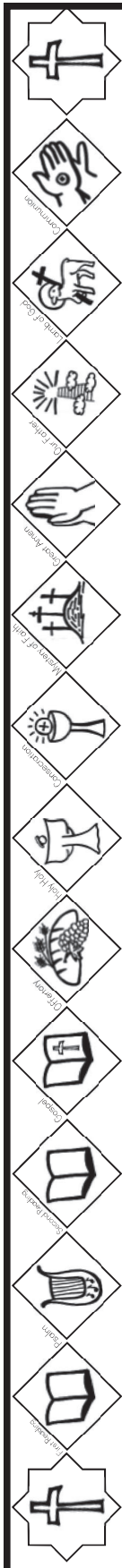
Just as a reminder, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

Activities for Children



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Gospel

A young girl had died, but Jesus brought her back to life!
 Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

HEALED*Reflection on Mark 5:21-43*

In reaching out to touch the cloak of Jesus, the woman afflicted with hemorrhages certainly displays the human desire for connection and love we all have. But she also is courageous in her faith, as Jesus acknowledges. It is interesting that Jesus does not know who touched Him, and we must not conclude from this that He is some kind of vending machine dispensing healing at the touch of a button. Rather, Jesus uses this encounter to seek this woman out and call her, "daughter." How wonderful, how intimate the designation of belonging must have sounded in her ears! To be a "son" or a "daughter" is to be in a generative relationship with our "father" and "mother." Not only is this woman cured of her 12-year physical affliction, but she is also healed of her isolation and drawn more deeply into that relationship with Jesus that gives life, and always changes the direction of our lives.

~ Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, June 30, 2024***13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday, July 1, 2024*Weekday*

Am 2:6-10, 13-16

Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23

Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 2, 2024*Weekday*

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12

Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 3, 2024*Saint Thomas, Apostle*

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Jn 20:24-29

Thursday, July 4, 2024*Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*

Am 7:10-17

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 5, 2024*Weekday*

Am 8:4-6, 9-12

Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131

Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 6, 2024*Weekday*

Am 9:11-15

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Mt 9:14-17

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

SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL*Saint of the Day: July 4**Patron Saint of: Charities*

Elizabeth is usually depicted in royal garb with a dove or an olive branch. At her birth in 1271, her father Pedro III, future king of Aragon, was reconciled with his father James, the reigning monarch. This proved to be a portent of things to come. Under the healthful influences surrounding her early years, she quickly learned self-discipline and acquired a taste for spirituality.

Thus fortunately prepared, Elizabeth was able to meet the challenge when at the age of 12, she was given in marriage to Denis, king of Portugal. She was able to establish for herself a pattern of life conducive to growth in God's love, not merely through her exercises of piety, including daily Mass, but also through her exercise of charity, by which she was able to befriend and help pilgrims, strangers, the sick, the poor – in a word, all those whose need came to her notice. At the same time she remained devoted to her husband, whose infidelity to her was a scandal to the kingdom.

Denis, too, was the object of many of her peace endeavors. Elizabeth long sought peace for him with God, and was finally rewarded when he gave up his life of sin. She repeatedly sought and effected peace between the king and their rebellious son Alfonso, who thought that he was passed over to favor the king's illegitimate children. She acted as peacemaker in the struggle between Ferdinand, king of Aragon, and his cousin James, who claimed the crown. And finally from Coimbra, where she had retired as a Franciscan tertiary to the monastery of the Poor Clares after the death of her husband, Elizabeth set out and was able to bring about a lasting peace between her son Alfonso, now king of Portugal, and his son-in-law, the king of Castile.

Read the full article: "Saint Elizabeth of Portugal" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-portugal/ (Accessed May 31, 2024).

At nightfall, weeping enters in, but
with the dawn,

Rejoicing!

Ps 30:6

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