# **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

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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).

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 Ascension of Christ, Gebhard Fugel (c. 1893)

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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#### JULY 7, 2024 • FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### 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

MONDAY, JULY 8 8:00 a.m. NO Mass

**TUESDAY, JULY 9** 5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. Wilbur DePue by Rosemary DePue

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 8:00 a.m. For those who are suffering with anxiety

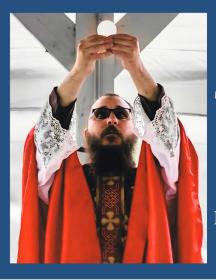
**THURSDAY, JULY 11** 8:00 a.m. Janet Hoying by Family and Friends

**FRIDAY, JULY 12** 8:00 a.m. For unborn babies

SATURDAY, JULY 13

8:00 a.m. Camillo J. Lee by the Kim Family 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mark Mann by Mark & Joanne Hawkins

SUNDAY, JULY 14 8:30 a.m. Lee Ann Fausnaugh by the Paider Family 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. Godspeed, Father, on your new appointment!



#### WELCOME, FATHER JINS

Father Jins Devasia 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.

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

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	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Shelli Writesel	Jackson Wernette	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Ryan Neal	Billy Staneart	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Theresa Shively – Host	Tom Staneart – Chalice	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane	Nadia Staneart	Diana Lewis
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Ali Staneart – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Gary Shively	Ali Staneart	Lora Dunfee
	Theresa Shively	Tom Staneart	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JULY 6-7, 2024

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JULY 13-14, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Gary Shively	Claire Barb	Ryan Neal
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Jack Smithhisler
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Alex Smithhisler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Linda Droege – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Laura Sammons – Host
		Jerri Burgel – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Peter Luhrman	Rodney Tornes	Mike Dunfee
	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Dennis Murnane	Mark Sheehan	Mike Dunfee
	Jan Orkis	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.

### Your Gifts to God

Due to early bulletin deadlines, **YOUR GIFTS TO GOD**, will be published in a later bulletin. Please remember that the **St. Vincent de Paul Collection** will take place next weekend



#### *THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE* WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR 2024

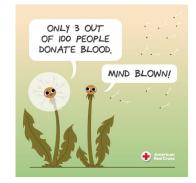
**APPEAL GOAL!** Many thanks to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. Your support will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal is vital to the success of the Diocesan-wide campaign and will benefit 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!

#### CHRIST, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for fellowship on Friday mornings after Mass. 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.

#### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in providing the meat for our potluck for the Johnstown Fireworks on Friday, July 5. We hope everyone had a great time!



#### DONATE BLOOD

Summer schedules can get hectic with time off and fun summer activities – making it a tough time to keep a sufficient blood supply. When blood donations go out the door faster than we can collect them, a shortage may happen and delay essential medical care. **Help prevent a blood shortage from happening this summer. DONATE BLOOD** – Mark your calendar now for the next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE that will take place at Ascension on Monday, July 15, 2024 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. All donors who come to donate blood **July 1–31** will get a **Fandango Movie Ticket** by email – which they can use to see the big-screen thrill ride TWISTERS on us! Donors who come to give **in July** will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn<sup>®</sup>! The blood collected at your Blood Drive can give patients in need the opportunity to have more sunny days, enjoy more thrilling adventures and create more memories this summer. Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-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.

#### HOMESCHOOL MOMS' DAY OF REFLECTION

Join other homeschooling mothers to spend time in prayer and reflection as you begin preparing for the next school year. Meet new friends, evaluate your previous school year, get encouragement and inspiration for next year!

When: Saturday, July 27 at Ascension. Begins with 8:00 a.m. Mass Adoration and Confession; ends at 3:00 p.m. with lunch out together!

For more information or to register, please contact Elizabeth Hawbaker at 1familyhawbaker@gmail.com or 972-965-5021.

#### ORA ET LABORA DAY AT CHILDREN OF MARY

**Ora et Labora Day at Children of Mary** on Saturday, July 13. The Sisters need help cutting, splitting and stacking firewood, weeding the gardens, and various other jobs. Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m., work, lunch provided at Noon, and end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome! Located at 8353 Pleasant Chapel Road, Newark, OH. Email childrenofmarysisters@gmail.com or www.childrenofmary.net or call 740-323-1977 for more info and to register. We would love to have you join us! God bless you all!



#### ASSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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. 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.

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### **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 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 740-345-256, ext. 107, to learn more about this opportunity to serve.

#### 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

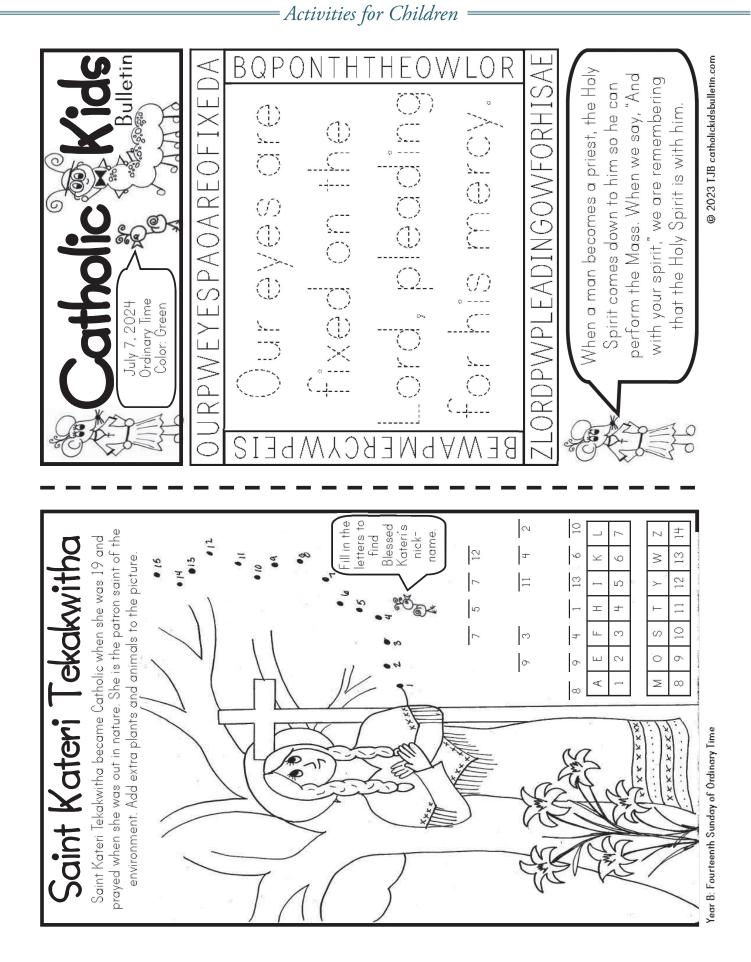
Please consider giving an hour of your time to be ministers to the Lord at Mass. We are in desperate need for all Mass times, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (5th Grade-Adult) and Greeters. Training provided. Contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstownascension.org.

#### 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.

#### ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times a 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.



#### HOME

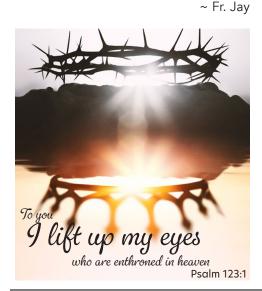
#### Reflection on Mark 6:1-6

I heard this so long ago that I can't remember who first said it: "The role of the prophet is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable." This certain truth comes through in this weekend's readings.

God is sending His prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites who are, as God describes, "hard of face and obstinate of heart," and quite comfortably so! Stay tuned for how this "rebellious" house is disturbed by the prophet.

Jesus goes home, only to discover that "a prophet is not without honor except in his native place." How is it that these folks are so complacent in the sure comfort of "knowing" who Jesus is, and knowing to whom He is related? Their astonishment at the wisdom and mighty deeds of this hometown boy ultimately leads to them taking "offense at him." The dynamic of this transition, from astonishment to offense, may seem strange on the surface, until we consider how often we become fearful in life of any kind of change. As the townspeople go on about knowing His relatives, we hear them arguing from the familiar, the known, the comfortable. With Jesus, the status quo has been changed. Such disruption brings resentment and spells danger.

Perhaps this is why Jesus so often says, "Don't be afraid." He knows that the wisdom and mighty deeds He showers in each of our lives will change us and change the way we relate to each other. Unless we are too comfortable to be disturbed by grace.



#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

**Sunday, July 7, 2024** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

**Monday, July 8, 2024** Weekday Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 9:18-26

#### Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Weekday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38

#### Wednesday, July 10, 2024 Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 10:1-7

#### **Thursday, July 11, 2024** Saint Benedict, Abbot Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

**Friday, July 12, 2024** *Weekday* Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23

#### **Saturday, July 13, 2024** *Weekday* Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

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

#### SAINT BENEDICT

Saint of the Day: July 11 Patron Saint of: Europe, Kidney Disease

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally, he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world – Monte Cassino.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

Today, the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.

The Church has been blessed through Benedictine devotion to the liturgy, not only in its actual celebration with rich and proper ceremony in the great abbeys, but also through the scholarly studies of many of its members.

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Read the full article: "Saint Benedict" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-benedict/ (Accessed June 24, 2024).

