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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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JULY 21, 2024 • SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 a.m. Virginia Gutridge
by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30 a.m. Parish Family
11:00 a.m. Gordon Cromwell
by the Cromwell Family

MONDAY, JULY 22

8:00 a.m. NO Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Lori Stradley
by Jessica Santarelli

THURSDAY, JULY 25

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Luke Hamrock
by Monica Flynn

FRIDAY, JULY 26

8:00 a.m. Bob Muench
by the
Alexandria Buckeyes

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:00 a.m. Lukas H. Kim
by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confession
4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:30 a.m. Jerre West
by the Benton Family
11:00 a.m. For the Intention of the
Perry Family
by the Barb Family

Pastor's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we pray in a special way for an end to political violence in our country and throughout the world. What a tragedy our country experienced last week as shots rang out in the assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump, the loss of life of a rally attendee and the critical injuries to two other attendees. Regardless of one's political ideology, this evil must be condemned.

At the same time, we thank God for His merciful hand in sparing our country even greater sorrow and turmoil. It is important as Americans that we continue to pray for our country and all our elected leaders.

This weekend, we welcome back former pastor, Fr. Mark Ghiloni, who will offer our weekend Masses. I am grateful to Fr. Ghiloni for joining us while I continue to be away and Fr. Jins offers a missionary appeal elsewhere in the diocese.

Next weekend, July 27/28, will be my last weekend with you as your pastor. I will be offering, or preaching, all Masses next weekend. Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will have a farewell breakfast in the pavilion. I hope to see you all there!

It's been a great honor, the greatest honor of my life, to serve as your pastor these past three years. Please know of my continued prayers for each of you and please remember me in your prayers.

May God bless and keep you always,

Fr. Smith



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 28, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Father Smith will begin his appointment as Pastor of St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish on August 1. A box for cards or well wishes for Father Smith will be in the church Gathering Space. Godspeed, Father, on your new appointment!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JULY 20-21, 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	Veronica Botts	Ryan Neal
	Jolene Bogner	Paul Cuthbert	Jack Smithhisler
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jackson Wernette	Alex Smithhisler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Tom Stanearth – Chalice	Bernadette Fox – Host
		Billy Stanearth – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Nadia Stanearth	Peter Luhrman
	Tom Nann – Angelus	Ali Stanearth – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Mary Ann Shaffer	Tommy Botts	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Maureen Keebaugh	Andrea Botts	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JULY 27-28, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Isaac Dorsten	Luke Orsini	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Christian Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Cole Fox
	Ethan Wnek	Paul Cuthbert	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Maureen Keebaugh – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Linda Droege – Host
		Billy Stanearth – Chalice	
		Tom Stanearth – Host	
LECTORS:	Mike Keebaugh	Aaron Locker	Sally Blubaugh
	Maureen Keebaugh – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus	Mike Rush – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Robbi Eichner	Olivia Ryan
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Bubby Eichner	Keith Ryan
			Anna Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Angela Taylor, baby Carmen, 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, 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

JULY 13/14, 2024

Total Offering	\$	6,111.00
57 Envelopes	\$	4,650.00
Loose Cash	\$	443.00
Online	\$	1,018.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,507.50
SOLT	\$	30.00
SOS	\$	30.00

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The Appeal
Supporting Catholic Ministries
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. Our pledge total to date is \$47,586.17. 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!



My name is Father P.J. Brandimarti.

It is a great honor to begin serving you as your Parish Administrator beginning August 1, here in our community of Church of the Ascension.

I am a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I grew up with my parents, Paul and Joan, and my sister Elena. My brother Gian Paul passed away before I was born. I worked in retail and retail management for Circuit City in Pittsburgh. I moved to Columbus in 2008 to accept a position working for Sony Electronics. I then took a job in 2010 with Motorola Mobility as the market development manager for central Ohio. After coming back to the practice of the faith, I discerned a call to the priesthood and entered seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2012. I graduated with my bachelor's and master's degree from there, and was ordained a priest by Bishop Robert Brennan on May 25, 2019. I served as Parochial Vicar of St. Paul the Apostle in Westerville and Saint Luke and St. Vincent de Paul churches in Knox County. I was named a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher in 2022, and I received my Master of Business Administration from Bowling Green State University in 2023.

I am also deeply honored to serve as the only Catholic chaplain in the Ohio Army National Guard. I was commissioned a first lieutenant and completed chaplain's basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina this year. I continue to serve our Soldiers one weekend a month and two weeks a year as a chaplain.

In my spare time, I love watching sports. I am a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins and Columbus Blue Jackets fan. I love pretty much all music, but Gregorian Chant and early 2000s Pop-punk are my favorite genres. I am a horrible golfer, and I love watching movies, especially Star Trek and Star Wars.

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.

NOW HIRING FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS AT ST. FRANCIS PARISH & SCHOOL

The blessing of our growing parish and school necessitates the addition of new staff members in a variety of roles, including:

- K-8th Grade Music Teacher
- School Enrollment Director
- Intervention Aide
- Classroom Aide
- Substitute Teachers
- Childcare Providers
- Assistant Childcare Coordinator
- Middle School Youth Ministry Co-Leader

Ideal candidates will be mission-driven, on-fire for their faith and long to help more and more people to discover the beauty of the Catholic Church. Get details and apply by visiting www.stfrancisparish.net/hiring.

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.

CHRIST, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for fellowship on Friday mornings after Mass; we will have continuous conversations on various topics on Catholicism. Any questions, please contact Carrie Suess at 302-377-1755 or carriesuess@yahoo.com.

40 HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who came and donated blood at our **RED CROSS Blood Drive** on Monday, July 15. We surpassed our goal! Our next drive will take place on **Monday, September 16 from 12:00-6:00 p.m.** 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 MOM'S 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, and 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.

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 21 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.

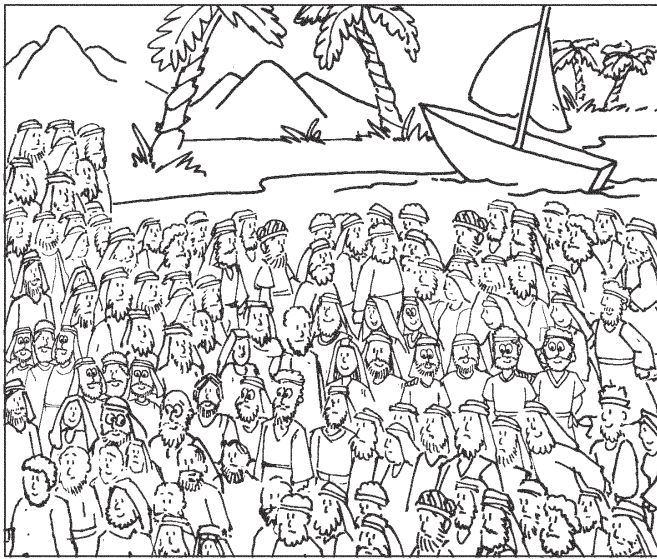
For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

Activities for Children

People Followed Jesus Everywhere

People crowded around Jesus.

Find Jesus in the crowd.



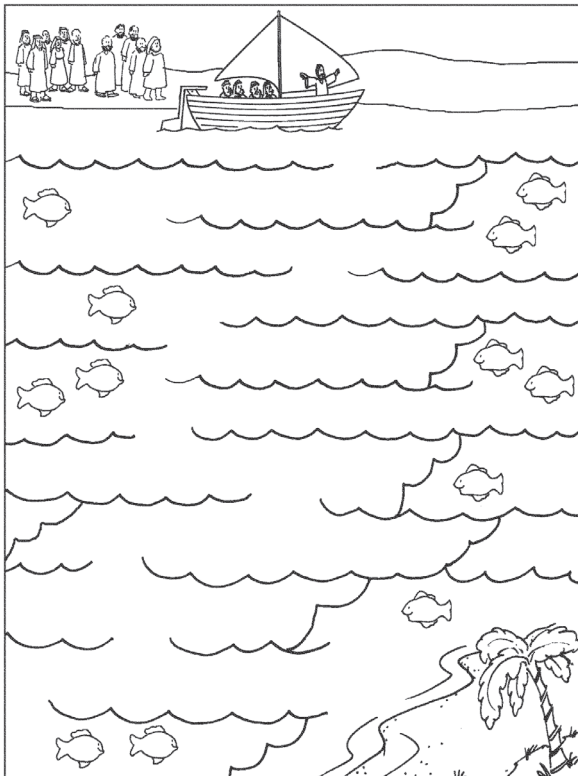
The people wanted Jesus to heal them.

Circle 6 differences in the bottom picture.



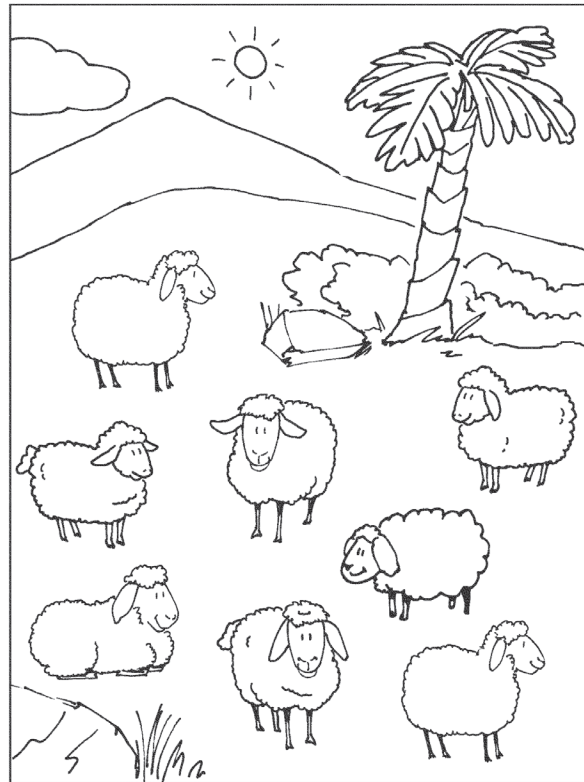
Jesus said, "Let us find a quiet place to rest."

Follow the maze to help the boat across the lake.



But the crowds followed them. Jesus said, "They are like sheep without a shepherd."

Find the 2 sheep that match and circle them.



CAUGHT UP

Reflection on Jeremiah 23:1-6

Some years ago I had agreed to lead a worship service for a group of Boy Scouts at their summer camp. I left in plenty of time to be prompt, but unexpected road work got me turned around. I finally found a familiar road, and realized I had better hurry so as to be on time. When the state patrolman pulled me over, I thought, "Great, now I'll have an escort." But he had other plans. The "priest on a mission" line didn't appeal to him. \$75 later, I arrived at the camp, a little late and very subdued at getting caught.

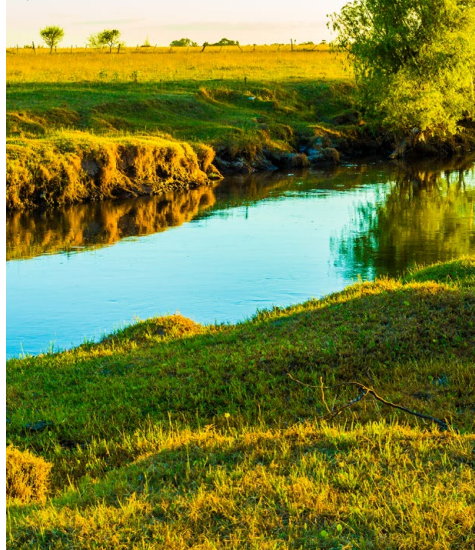
Jesus and His disciples get caught in this Gospel story. Trying to get away by themselves for some much needed rest, they end up being followed by a crowd of hungry folks, wanting what they have to offer. What was supposed to be a retreat turned into an intense time of teaching and feeding the vast crowd.

I am sure that getting caught that way by the needs of so many people unleashed many graces for Jesus and His disciples. For me, getting caught speeding made me slow down and drive more safely. When the unexpected, the surprising, even the irritating rushes in to meet us – though it may not tickle – it is more often than not an invitation to get caught up in something new and growthful.

~ Fr. Jay

*In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.*

Psalms 23: 1-3



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

Monday, July 22, 2024

Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Weekday

Jer 1:1, 4-10
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Mt 20:20-28

Friday, July 26, 2024

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 3:14-17
Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Weekday

Jer 7:1-11
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11
Mt 13:24-30

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

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Saint of the Day: July 21

Patron Saint of: School Children, Poor People, Cooks and Comedians

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. His parents William and Elizabeth Russo gave him the name of Julius Caesar, Caesare in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

With his facility for languages, Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people – a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar – began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

Read the full article: "Saint Lawrence of Brindisi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi/> (Accessed June 24, 2024).

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