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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 28, 2024 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:00 a.m. Lukas H. Kim by the Kim Family8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions4:00 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

MONDAY, JULY 29 8:00 a.m. NO Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 30

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. Loretta Rosenberger by Dean Byron & Nancy Phillips

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 8:00 a.m. Diana & Ron Gillum by Karen Butt

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 8:00 a.m. Stella Chantler by the Carter Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 a.m. Intentions and Needs of Beau Bateson by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confession
4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the William & Helen Mooney Family by Regina Pasini

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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

Pastor's Column

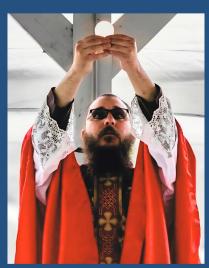
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, I will depart Church of the Ascension to take up my new appointment as pastor of St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish in Portsmouth, Ohio.

When I arrived as your pastor three years ago, I had hopes of being with you for six or more years. However, as we often learn in life, God often asks the unexpected.

It is my hope that over these past three years as your pastor, I have been an effective conduit of God's grace and mercy to all the people of our parish. It has been my greatest joy and honor to spend this time with you as we each continue to grow deeper in love with God. I am thankful for Bishop Brennan's confidence in me to lead this community of faith and am thankful for Bishop Fernandes' confidence in me to lead the people of Scioto County. I ask for your continued prayers for me as I take up this new assignment and please know of my prayers for each of you.

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!

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.

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	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Isaac Dorsten	Luke Orsini	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Christian Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Cole Fox
	Ethan Wnek	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Maureen Keebaugh – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Linda Droege – Host
		Billy Staneart – Chalice	
		Tom Staneart – 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

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, AUGUST 3-4, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Gary Shively	Austin Eckstein	Jack Smithhisler
	Ethan Wnek	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Alex Smithhisler
	Mike Keebaugh		CC Zirille
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Michael Robbins – Chalice	Joanne Hawkins – Host
		Jerri Burgel – Chalice	
		Mary Sheehan – Host	
LECTORS:	Theresa Shively	Adele Robbins	Kelly Bernthold
	Dennis Murnane – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Chuck Berthold – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Mark Sheehan	Zirille Family
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

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 20/21, 2024

Total Offering	\$ 6,569.81
59 Envelopes	\$ 5,418.00
Loose Cash	\$ 403.81
Online	\$ 748.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 345.00



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 below.

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/ giving/ascensionjohnstown

SOS SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their mission to Support our Seminarians. Knights will be collecting donations in the gathering space on August 3/4 and November 2/3, 2024. The money raised supports our seminarians and promotes vocations.



THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

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 \$48,586.17. 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 1st, 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 degrees 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 St. 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 deeply honored also 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.

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next RED CROSS Blood 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.

PANERA SCHEDULE UPDATE

All time slots for Saturday and Sunday night Panera pickups are filled for 2024. The schedules are posted on the bulletin board just inside the front doors of the church. There was some overlap, so please check the schedule. Thank you for your generous response. Any questions, please call or text Diane Green at 859-380-1944. God is good all the time.



REVIVING AMERICA SUMMIT

Living a faith-filled life and raising a family in America is **more challenging than ever**. You strive to deepen your relationship with God, nurture a Christ-centered marriage, raise faithful children, uphold the sanctity of life, exercise your religious freedoms, and foster positive change in your community.

But let's be honest ... it's getting harder every, single day.

It feels overwhelming – like the whole culture is arrayed against your values, leaving you powerless to make a difference.

You're not alone.

A recent national survey reveals that 98.3% of weekly churchgoers are deeply distressed about America's future.

Ready to turn around the state of our union?

Join other believers at the REVIVING AMERICA SUMMIT. More than 25 Christ-Centered Leaders reveal a five-week Roadmap for Renewing Faith, Family, Life, Liberty, and Leadership.

FREE Online Summit Starting July 29. Go to www.davidbereit.com or register through our Facebook page.

Week 1: Awakening Faith

Week 2: Strengthening Family

- Week 3: Protecting Life
- Week 4: Advancing Liberty
- Week 5: Leading Change

STATEWIDE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE TO CAREY:

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Bishop Fernandes will be leading a Novena at Carey, starting on August 6 every night at 9:00 p.m., except for Sunday, August 11, which will be at 2:00 p.m. Please see these announcements for your parish bulletin.

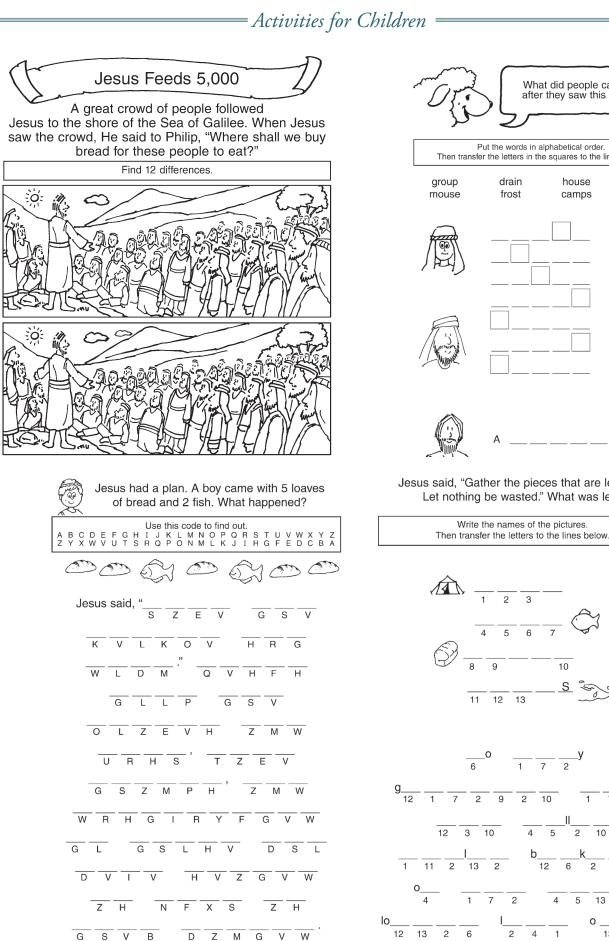
ST. CATHARINE PARISH IS HIRING A SECRETARY

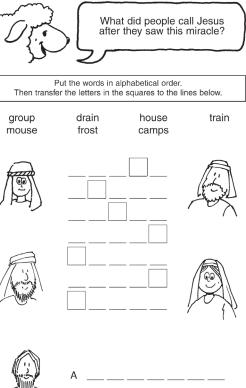
St. Catharine of Siena Church (Columbus) is hiring a mission-oriented and highly organized secretary to coordinate and facilitate the day-to-day operations and activities of the Parish. This position offers the flexibility and opportunity to make use of a wide variety of skills, and works hand-inhand with the pastor in order to make disciples for Jesus Christ. For a detailed description of this position, visit www. stcatharine.com/employment or email Beth Sission, bsisson@stcatharine.com



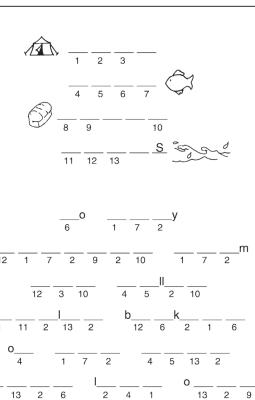
EARLY FALL RETREAT!

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.





Jesus said, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." What was left?



HUNGRY

Reflection on 2 Kings 4:42-44

There is a story told about Mohandas Gandhi, a person who certainly knew the aching hearts of hungry millions. When asked once about Christ's followers and the meal that united them, he said: "I have finally figured out the meaning of the Eucharist. How else could God come to a hungry world except in food and drink?"

John's narrative of the feeding of the crowd is a foreshadowing of the gift of the Eucharist. We discover that with Jesus, hunger has a way of getting satisfied, because bread has a way of getting multiplied. We are hungry for so much – real and lasting peace, respect and dignity, good health, intimacy, the realization of ideals and dreams, and so much more.

At every Eucharist, we become more deeply the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus that we receive in the form of bread and wine. We are the gift to each other; we feed each other's hungers. We become like the boy who had the five barley loaves and two fish that day – we offer all that we have and all that we are to feed the crowd. Jesus takes us, blesses us, breaks us open, and distributes us. And God's love is multiplied!

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday, July 29, 2024

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Weekday Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 2, 2024

Weekday Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Weekday Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

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

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Saint of the Day: July 31 Patron Saint of: All Spiritual Retreats

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannonball shattered his leg. During his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading about the life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others – one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier – vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity – the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, Ad majorem Dei gloriam – "for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Read the full article: "Saint Ignatius of Loyola" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola/ (Accessed June 24, 2024).

