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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AUGUST 18, 2024 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 a.m. Intentions & Needs of Beau Bateson by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 a.m. Janet Hoying by Family & Friends 11:00 a.m. Wayne Barb by Carol Barb

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 a.m. For our new seminarians

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. Jean Bottorf by Deacon Byron & Nancy Phillips

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 a.m. Joe & Eleanor Smith by Amanda Mahle

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00 a.m. Carolyn & Butch Carter by the Carter Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 a.m. Lloyd Conkling & Ron Ankrom by Virginia Ankrom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:00 a.m. Lukas H. Kim by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confession
4:00 p.m. Mark Mann by Linda Hattery

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30 a.m. Toni Burkart by John Burkart 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

Shepherd's Column

My brothers and sisters,

It is such a joy to begin another week celebrating our Catholic faith with you! As we begin another week of Christian life and service together, I wanted to share some thoughts on the importance of spending time with the Lord.

Prayer is integral to who we are as a Christian people. This prayer can take many forms, and should, as St. Paul explicitly reminds us that we are to pray always. Prayer can be vocal, or it can be silent. It can be structured in a formal way, such as through the Holy Rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet. It can be entirely unstructured, as it is when we just speak to the Lord as we speak to a friend. Prayer can even be exercising our specific vocations, such as a father comforting his crying child, or a wife caring for her husband.

However, the greatest expression of prayer as a Christian people is always our participation in the liturgical life of Holy Mother Church. Outside of Mass, participation in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is perhaps the greatest prayer that we can make. It is a conscious desire to physically spend time with the Lord, as one who loves desires to be physically close to their beloved. It is a time of peace and silence in a world that is often marked by great anxiety and loudness. We can look upon Him who loves us, and put ourselves into a physical and mental place away from the concerns of the world.

I am deeply encouraged by the amount of Adoration we have so far, and after receiving many comments, I am interested in your thoughts on the possibility of expanding our opportunities for this type of prayer. There is a QR code below for a survey where you can share your thoughts and opinions on this beautiful practice of our faith. It will remain open until September 1 for you to share any opinions on the expansion of Adoration here at Church of the Ascension.

Thank you all for your beautiful witness of faith, and I stand ready to assist you in any way I can. May God richly bless you!

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Fr. PJ Brandimarti

Parish Administrator Church of the Ascension

for any inconvenience.

Please note: Fr. Brandimarti's email address on the front cover is incorrect. Instead,please use pjbrandimarti@johnstownascension.org until new covers are run. Sorry

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Isaac Dorsten	Paul Cuthbert	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Christian Dorsten	Luke Orsini	
	Ethan Wnek	Ben Orsini	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Linda Droege – Host	Tom Staneart – Chalice	Pat Urban – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Billy Staneart – Host	
LECTORS:	Mike Keebaugh	Diana Lewis	Mike Dunfee
	Maureen Keebaugh – Angelus	Peter Luhrman – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Tommy Botts	Olivia Ryan
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Andrea Botts	Anna Ryan
			Keith Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, AUGUST 17-18, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, AUGUST 24-25, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Jackson Wernette	Annie Muntz	Cole Fox
	Isaac Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Ryan Neal
	Christian Dorsten	Veronica Botts	Alex Rush
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Dennis Murnane – Host	Jeri Burgel – Chalice	Mark Hawkins – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Michael Robbins – Host	
LECTORS:	Barbara VanHoose	Rodney Tornes	Kelly Bernthold
	Tom Nann – Angelus	Adele Robbins – Angelus	Chuck Bernthold
GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Mark Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for James Litzinger, Lyndsie Woosley Grubb, Rafferty Loughran, Jennifer Ankrom, Angela Taylor, baby Carmen, Sally Blubaugh, Ernie Burnam, Bob & Sylvia Freed, Rick Potter & Family, Justin King, 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

AUGUST 10/11, 2024

Total Offering	\$ 5,818.00
66 Envelopes	\$ 3,540.00
Loose Cash	\$ 525.00
Online	\$ 1,753.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,350.00
SOLT	\$ 20.00
Latin America	\$ 15.00

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

Thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Society last weekend. The money raised is used to help the lessfortunate in our community.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

will kick off this year on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m., in Rooms 7 and 8 at the church with an **INTRODUCTORY COOK OUT.** If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, are interested in serving as a sponsor, or are just interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, we hope you will join us. All are welcome. For more information, please contact OCIA Directors Mike and Maureen Keebaugh (Mike @ 614-323-6715 or mjk18@ att.net, Maureen @ 614-323-7293 or mkeebaugh@att.net).



RISE BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONCERT

Our Youth Choir, RISE, will be holding a Back-to-School Concert on Sunday, August 25. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m., is free of charge and is a great opportunity to pray for the kids as the new school year begins.

Any child interested in joining RISE is welcome to join us for rehearsals on Tuesday afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m., starting on Tuesday, September 10. Parents, please join the RISE (Children's/Youth Choir), so you can start receiving emails for the group.

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.





Let's Be Healthy Together!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT... SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Stroke is the #5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. Often, the stroke itself is the only warning sign. On average, every minute that a stroke goes untreated, 1.9 million brain cells die.

There is a simple, convenient and affordable way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions. On Monday, August 26, Life Line Screening will be at Church of the Ascension, offering painless screenings that go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor. You can't take care of a health issue if you don't know that one exists.

This four-screening package is offered for only \$159.00 and takes 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 888-814-0466 or visit https://llsa.social/HSCA and receive a FREE hypertension screening. Or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2024-2025 PYC YEAR

Please go to the parish website at johnstownascension.org to register. There will be a parent meeting on August 18 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for those seeking to have their student confirmed. You must be in at least 8th Grade to be considered for Confirmation and have completed 7th Grade PYC.

If you have any questions about PYC, First Communion, or Confirmation, please email kpertee@johnstownascension.org or mnelson@johnstownascension.org.

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. Brandimarti at pjbrandimarti@johnstownascension.org.

ST. PEREGRINE CANCER CARE COMMITTEE TRAINING

The Cancer Care Committee at the Maria Stein Shrine is looking for more volunteers who would be interested in joining the committee. The committee takes on the responsibility of spiritually investing in those fighting cancer. They walk with the patients or caregivers in their journey, providing them with some extra support as they can. If you are interested or know of someone who may have the interest, the Shrine will be holding a 7-week training at 7:00 p.m. on every Thursday from September 5th to October 17th. A commissioning to follow would be on October 20th. Please contact Caleb Gaier if you have any interest or questions by calling (419) 925-4532 or send an email to c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org.

ST. MONICA PRAYER SERVICE: PRAYING THEM HOME

All are invited to the St. Monica Prayer Service at St Brendan the Navigator in Hilliard on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m., to pray for all Catholic families and friends no longer practicing our Faith, for those who are on the edge, and for us to be strengthened to go out on mission and bring them home.

In this third year of Eucharistic Revival, our vision is to pray for and walk alongside others to lead them to Jesus. Learn what persisting in prayer can do through St. Monica's example. Be moved by music, Scripture, and testimony, with an opportunity to pray with a prayer team. Please also join us in praying a Novena each day leading up to the prayer service, beginning August 18, available at <u>www.stbrendans.net/ich</u>

ANNUAL SWAPPERS DAY AND BAKE SALE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. & SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

We need your donated items in order to make this yard sale as successful as in the past. Please donate any items that are clean, in good condition, and working order. We are also in need of volunteers to help sort, price, setup, checkout, and cleanup – Great opportunity for high schoolers who need volunteer hours. Look for a flyer for date and time details. Contact Mary Sheehan at 614-256-5096 with questions.

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.

DEACON MICKEY MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Deacon Mickey Memorial Golf Outing benefiting the Stewardship Employment Ministry will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024, rain or shine at Bent Tree Golf Club, 350 Bent Tree Road, Sunbury, OH 43074. Register online at StewardshipEmploymentMinistry. org/golf-outing, \$100.00 per player or \$350.00 per foursome. Includes dinner provided by Carfagna's. Check-in at 12:00 Noon; Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. Get in touch!

WOMEN BLESSING WOMEN

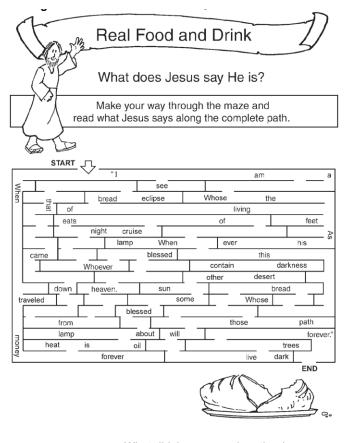
The Women of Ascension has moved the date of the Ladies' Tea for all women of the parish to **Saturday**, **September** 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments and tea will be served, as well as time for fellowship. Special guest speaker, Darcey McCampbell of Kingdom Pillars Strong Tower, will share 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.



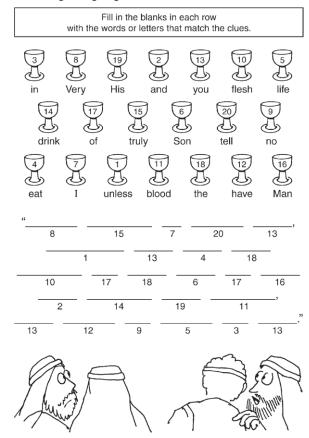
EARLY FALL RETREAT!

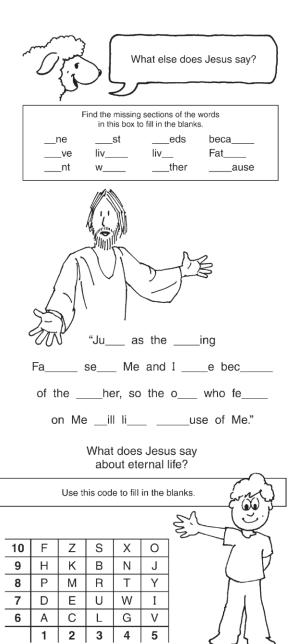
Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend in the Central Ohio area 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.

= Activities for Children =



What did Jesus say when the Jews began arguing with one another about Him?





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THE VASTNESS OF GOD

Reflection on John 6:51-58

The many images and the vast language we use for God, in both our Scripture and tradition, cannot limit or "contain" who God is, but reflect the expansiveness of the divine. While the image of "God as Father" certainly dominates much of how we speak of God, a more feminine image of God is presented in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Here, God is "Wisdom," who "has built her house" and "has spread her table." She invites all to "come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!"

In this image we hear overtones of the Eucharistic Meal, and recall that "Wisdom of God" is one of the Church's ancient titles for Jesus. The nourishment food brings to us is not optional; we need food and drink to survive physically. So it is also in the spiritual realm; we are in absolute need of Jesus – His real presence – in the Eucharist in order to have eternal life. Fr. Jay

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:5



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58

Monday, August 19, 2024 Weekday Ez 24:15-23 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16

SAINT PIUS X, POPE

Saint of the Day: August 21 Patron Saint of: First Communicants and pilgrims

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Read the full article: "St. Pius X" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-x/ (Accessed July 29, 2024).

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 23, 2024

Weekday Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24, 2024

St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

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

