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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.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Mass Intentions*

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

- 8:00 a.m. Intentions and Needs of  
Beau Bateson  
by the Kim Family
- 8:30 a.m. Confessions Only/  
NO Adoration
- 4:00 p.m. Wally Bange  
by the Stoverock Family

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- 8:30 a.m. Carole Reardon  
by Bubby &  
Robbi Eichner
- 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

- 8:00 a.m. Beryl Walters  
by John Burkart

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mike Houchins  
by Deacon Byron  
& Nancy Phillips

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 8:00 a.m. Joe Weiner by John Burkart

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intention of  
Jim Williams' birthday  
by a friend

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Bob Muench  
by Pete & Donna Kashuk

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 8:00 a.m. For teachers and students  
beginning their  
new school year
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

## *Shepherd's Column*

### *Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

This weekend, we celebrate Labor Day, which is the traditional close to the summer season. For many of us, it will be one last opportunity to gather with friends and family before we get back to school or return to the normal routine of work. And while many will use this holiday to spend with friends and family, I think it is important to reflect the value of work and labor within our Christian life.

The Scriptures are replete with the importance for people to work and find value in their vocations. The Psalms ask the Lord to "give success to the work of our hands." Proverbs tells us to commit our work to the Lord. St. Paul repeatedly exhorts us to work well, and the Lord Jesus Himself was known to be a laborer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reinforces that labor is a positive good, and beneficial for society as a whole as well as the individual. We also see just in the natural usage of our body that in order to maintain ourselves, we must work physically and spiritually so that our muscles don't atrophy and our minds sink into listlessness.

There is a great emphasis on comfort and relaxation in our society, and these things are important in themselves. We are reminded of this by the commandment to take Sunday as a day of rest from servile labor. However, it is important to remember and celebrate the work that we do and to re-dedicate ourselves to doing it well, no matter what our occupation or skills are. Let us take this beautiful weekend to celebrate the work of our hands, and dedicate it to the Lord!

In Christ,

**Fr. PJ Brandimarti**

*Parish Administrator*

### **Please note:**

Fr. Brandimarti's email address on the front cover is incorrect.

Instead, please use [pjbrandimarti@johnstownascension.org](mailto:pjbrandimarti@johnstownascension.org) until new covers are run. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### ***RISE***

Any child interested in joining RISE is welcome to join us for rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons 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.

### ***2024-2025 OCIA INTRODUCTORY MEETING***

**Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will kick off this year on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m., in Rooms 7 and 8, at the church. Light snacks and water will be provided. 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 at 614-323-6715 or [mjk18@att.net](mailto:mjk18@att.net); Maureen at 614-323-7293 or [mkeebaugh@att.net](mailto:mkeebaugh@att.net)).

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	Jolene Bogner	Claire Barb	Gabi Cervantes
	Ethan Wnek	Joey Barb	Ryan Neal
	Jackson Wernette	Veronica Botts	CC Zirille
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b>	Gary Shively – Host	Tom Stanearth – Chalice	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Host
		Billy Stanearth – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Theresa Shively	Aaron Locker	Kelly Bernthold
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus	Chuck Bernthold – Angelus
<b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Shelli Writesel	Robbi Eichner	Lora Dunfee
	Dennis Murnane	Bubby Eichner	Mike Dunfee
<b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>			Misiunas Family

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*, SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	Mike Keebaugh	Luke Orsini	Alex Rush
	Isaac Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Jack Smithhisler
	Christian Dorsten	Paul Cuthbert	Alex Smithhisler
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b>	Mike Haefs – Host	Tom Stanearth – Chalice	Corinna Rush – Host
		Billy Stanearth – Chalice	
		Michael Robbins – Host	
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Barbara Van Hoose	Adele Robbins	Mike Rush
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Peter Luhrman – Angelus	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus
<b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Maureen Keebaugh	Tommy Botts	Olivia Ryan
	Jan Orkis	Andrea Botts	Anna Ryan
			Keith Ryan
<b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>			Smithhisler Family

*Your Prayers are Requested*

Your prayers this week are asked for Danny Oxley, 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

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*AUGUST 24/25, 2024*

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### **"PAROUSIA"**

Why dive deeply into understanding the Mass? It is the summit of God's plan for our salvation. In the latest **Journey Through Scripture** study, get ready to join host Dr. Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. He draws from several of his books, including *The Lamb's Supper* and *The Fourth Cup*, while revealing the biblical roots of the Mass! Coffee and Conversation will start this new 10-week study, "Parousia," on September 20, 8:45-10:00 a.m. (after daily Mass). Anyone wishing to attend, contact Carrie Suess at 302-377-1755 (text is fine). All who want to learn are welcome!

### **2024 COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

Are you between the ages of 19-35? Are you searching for an opportunity to encounter Christ in a transformative way? The Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference is a one-day event, featuring inspiring Catholic speakers and leaders with a closing dinner following Mass. Join us on Saturday, October 19 for a day of faith, fellowship and fun. Register at [www.ccyac.org](http://www.ccyac.org).

### **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to Mary Sheehan and all those who participated in the Social Committee's Yard Sale.

### **THE RISK OF EDUCATION**

The Diocese of Columbus welcomes Christophe Cardinal Pierre for a lively panel discussion on the life and work of Servant of God Msgr. Luigi Giussani on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Charles Preparatory High School's Walter Commons. Parents, teachers, students, priest, sisters, and all people of goodwill are invited to this free event; open to the public. For more information about this event, contact Holly Peterson at [hollypeterson888@gmail.com](mailto:hollypeterson888@gmail.com).

### **ANNUAL BLUE MASS**

St. Timothy Church and St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 14345 will host The Blue Mass on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The Blue Mass is an opportunity to honor and pray for all active, retired and deceased police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. In addition, it is an occasion to remember the 2,973 who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. All active and retired police, fire, and emergency medical services in the greater Columbus area, and their families, are invited. The Celebrant and Homilist for The Blue Mass will be The Reverend Leo L. Connolly, Chaplain, Franklin County Sheriff's Office. **Let us all join together to honor our police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel, to ask for God's blessing, to keep them safe, and to guide them in their duties. Thank you.**

### **PYC**

PYC (Parish Youth Catechesis) starts on Sunday, September 8, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Registration is available for the 2024-2025 PYC year. Please go to the parish website at [johnstownascension.org](http://johnstownascension.org) to register. 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](mailto:kpertee@johnstownascension.org) or [mnelson@johnstownascension.org](mailto:mnelson@johnstownascension.org).

**WOMEN BLESSING WOMEN**

The Women of Ascension are hosting a ladies' tea on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 555 S. Main Street in Johnstown. Darcey McCampbell of Kingdom Pillars Strong Tower (kpstrongtower.org) will share about the local ministry she leads here in Licking County that serves young women of our area who were victims of human trafficking or are at a great risk. The ministry strives to help the women heal and build a better future. Refreshments and tea (and other beverages) will be served as well as time for fellowship. RSVP by Sunday, September 8, 2024 to Adele Robbins at adelerobbins6@gmail.com or 614-406-7023.

**HOLY FAMILY ALUMNI GROUP PLANS FINAL REUNION SEPTEMBER 14**

Sadly, the Holy Family Alumni Association will hold its final All-Alumni Reunion Saturday, September 14, 2024. A 4:00 p.m. Alumni Vigil Mass will be held at Holy Family Church, West Broad at Skidmore in Columbus, followed by refreshments in the church undercroft. The festivities will include a raffle. The church and the undercroft are now accessible by an elevator on the east entrance of the church. For more details, contact Genny (Welker) Temple at vttemple@gmail.com or 614-539-4815.

**CHARITY GOLF OUTING: TRIBUTE TO DCN. MICKEY HAWKINS**

This year's Golf Outing on September 22, 2024, at the Bent Tree Golf Club, is a tribute to Deacon Hawkins' unwavering dedication and service. It serves as an opportunity for us to come together, celebrate his life, and continue his mission of supporting individuals in need of employment opportunities. The event promises to be a day filled with camaraderie, friendly competition, and most importantly, a chance to raise funds that will directly benefit the Stewardship Employment Ministry. Whether you are an avid golfer or simply wish to show your support, your participation is greatly valued and appreciated. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

*Youth Group News*

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP WILL START BACK UP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8!**

This takes place after the 11:00 Mass from 12:00-2:00 p.m., and is open to all those in 8-12 grade. Come socialize, eat lunch and deepen your faith! Questions? Contact Mary at mnelson@johnstownascension.org

**SNACKS NEEDED**

Youth group is in need of snacks and drinks to get us started for the year! Next time you are at the store, please consider picking up something up and donating it! We always go through chips, candy, cookies and drinks quickly! One of our biggest costs to the program is food, so donations are always welcome!

**HELP NEEDED**

Youth group needs people to sign up and provide lunch! Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8A628AAFFC52-47092442-youth>, or email Mary to sign up.



**CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO**

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLITICS IN OHIO**

Have you heard of the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO)? The CCO is the second-oldest state bishops' conference in the United States and serves as the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy and government relations.

As stated in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, "While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates." The CCO is non-partisan and does not endorse any candidates. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, the CCO advocates for laws and legislation in Ohio that align with a Catholic vision of a moral and just society by:

- Collaborating with Catholic dioceses across Ohio to champion Church teachings that advance the common good.
- Forming consciences of Ohio legislators on matters of public policy.
- Testifying in support of or opposition to proposed legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives or Senate committees.
- Equipping Catholics to get involved and support public policies that uphold their beliefs and values through a monthly newsletter, action alerts, and advocacy events.

Sign up for the Catholic Conference of Ohio monthly newsletter to stay informed and get involved as a faithful citizen at [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).



**FRIENDLY REMINDER!**



Register to vote or update your voter information by October 7 at [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov).

Activities for Children

God's Decrees and Laws

Moses told the people about God's laws.

Count and circle how many.

 5 or 6?  3 or 4?



Moses said the people should obey God's laws.

Find these words in the puzzle:  
OBEY GOD'S LAWS

F R O B E Y  
Q G O D S H  
L A W S P K

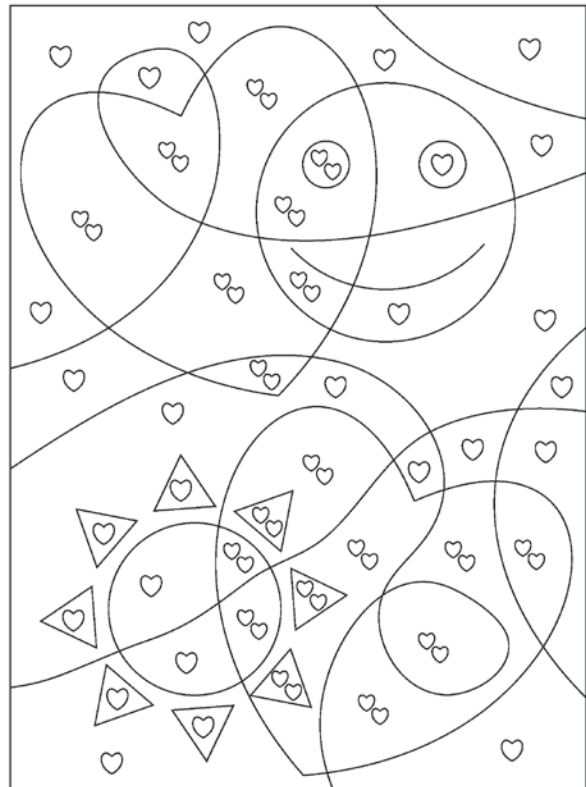
It is good to obey God.

Connect the dots.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12    A B C D E F G H I J K



Moses said to not let the laws slip from their ...

Shade in the shapes that have  .



## COMES FROM WITHIN

*Reflection on Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

If I thought much about it at all when I was a child, I probably would have said that I went to Sunday Mass because that is what we did as Catholics. There wasn't anything unusual about going to Mass as a family.

But here is my confession: In my first semester of college, I think I went to Mass only once. Perhaps that was typical for an 18-year-old on his own for the first time, beyond the reach of house rules. When home for Thanksgiving, however, house rules applied and I attended Mass with my family. I remember vividly realizing that weekend that this grounding, this gift of the Mass, was an experience that I missed terribly. The Mass centered me, and helped me remember who I was and what I was supposed to be about in the world.

We can approach our life of faith as a series of obligations, and keep a close, calculating watch on our actions and those of others, making sure we and they are in conformity with all the laws, customs and traditions of our church. This seems to be what the scribes and Pharisees are about in today's Gospel, as they have a close eye on the actions of Jesus and His disciples.

Jesus is more interested in what comes "from within people, from their hearts." He lists a lot of evils that can come from within, and I suspect we are all too familiar with them. However, there are also many virtues enacted in our lives that also come from within. This is where we are beckoned to go.

– Fr. Jay

*The one who does justice will live in  
the presence of the Lord.*

*Psalms 15:1*



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday, September 2, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 2:1-5

Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102

Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday, September 3, 2024

*Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and  
Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday, September 4, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 3:1-9

Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21

Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday, September 5, 2024

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

1 Cor 3:18-23

Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday, September 6, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 4:1-5

Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40

Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday, September 7, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21

Lk 6:1-5

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## SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

*Saint of the Day: September 5*

*Patron Saint of: World Youth Day and the Missionaries of Charity*

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals – the ordinary dress of an Indian woman – she soon began getting to know her neighbors – especially the poor and sick – and getting to know their needs through visits.

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Read the full article: "Saint Teresa of Calcutta" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
[www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/) (Accessed August 19, 2024).

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