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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. TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 740-967-7871.





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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Luke Hamrock by Monica Flynn

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. Charlotte Davy by Fr. Brandimarti

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 a.m. Larry & Barb Blanchard by Anita Cochran

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of Beth & Paul Sapp by Fr. Brandimarti

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 a.m. Camillo J. Lee
by the Kim Family
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
4:00 p.m. Kay Bramer by
Mark & Karen Brown

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

Shepherd's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We have made it through our first month together! I am continually edified by the wonderful things that I have experienced, and how strong the faith is in this mighty and growing parish. I have met many of you and look forward to meeting so many more of you, and getting to know you as your spiritual father, your brother in Christ, and your devoted servant in the life of Holy Mother Church!

I have received many replies in response to the interest survey in expanding opportunities for Adoration in our parish, and I am deeply edified by the devotion to this beautiful type of prayer. I am happy to share that there is sufficient interest to expand our Adoration to a full day on each First Friday, beginning in October. Adoration will begin following the 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass and conclude at 5 p.m. with Benediction. Confessions will also be heard from 4-5 p.m. You can sign up for a committed hour using the sign up link or by scanning the QR code below. We will continually reevaluate interest, and explore adding more hours to this day or to other times. Of course, you can always come by to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle!

Thank you again for such a warm welcome and by your obvious commitment to growing in faith and community. I look forward to praying with you!

https://tinyurl.com/CotAAdoration



Your servant in Christ, Fr. PJ Brandimarti, KHS Parochial Administrator Church of the Ascension

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FR. BRANDIMARTI

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 for any inconvenience.

RISE

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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7-8, 2024

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 14-15, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Shelli Writesel	Luke Orsini	Alex Rush
	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Ben Orsini	C.C. Zirille
		Jackson Wernette	Gabi Cervantes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Tom Nann – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Mike Rush – Host
		Tom Staneart – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Aaron Locker	Diana Lewis
	Barbara Van Hoose – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Dennis Murnane	Mark Sheehan	Zirille Family
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Michael Saggert, brother of Lynn Caterina, 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.

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Your Gifts to God

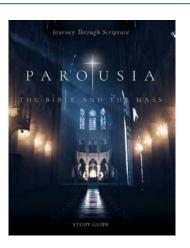
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Please see next week's bulletin.

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 personnel 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.

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 at 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.



"PAROUSIA"

Don't understand the Mass? Want to be able to explain its beauty and scriptural basis to others? Christ, Coffee, and Conversation will start a new 10-week video study, "Parousia," by Scott Hahn, on Fridays, beginning September 20, 8:45-10:00 a.m. (after daily Mass) or Mondays, beginning September 23, 7:30-8:45 p.m. He pulls from his books, *The Lamb's Supper, The Fourth Cup*, and others, while walking through the biblical roots of the Mass. Anyone wishing to attend, contact Carrie Suess at 302-377-1755 (text is fine). All who want to learn are welcome!

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) meets on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 7 and 8. 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, Maureen at 614-323-7293 or mkeebaugh@att.net).

PYC

PYC (Parish Youth Catechesis) starts this Sunday, September 8, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Registration is available for the 2024-2025 PYC year. Please go to the parish website, 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 or mnelson@johnstownascension.org.

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. Parents, teachers, students, priest, sisters, and all people of goodwill are invited to this free event, open to the public, Wednesday, September 11, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Charles Preparatory High School's Walter Commons. For more information about this event, contact Holly Peterson at hollypeterson888@gmail.com.

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.

Youth Group News

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

This takes place after the 11:00 a.m. 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 needs 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/10C084BA8A628AAFFC52-47092442youth, use the QR code or email Mary to sign up.

41st Annual Holiday Bazaar Calling all Craft Vendors!

Join us for our 41st Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! For information on craft vendors and to reserve your table, please visit our parish website. Simply visit the website or scan the QR code below to access the details.

We look forward to seeing you there! Call/text Carma at 740-524-1702 or email SJNHolidayBazaar@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the vendor mailing/email list.







FRIENDLY REMINDER!

Register to vote or update your voter information by October 7 at voteohio.gov.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLITICS IN OHIO

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. But increasingly, elections bring anxiety and spiritual trials. To counteract the increasing anger, fear, and heated arguments found in political rhetoric, the U.S. Catholic Bishops propose the moral framework of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship to help heal these bitter divisions. This document reflects on precisely how we, as disciples of the Lord, can promote good and oppose evil through our participation in political life by:

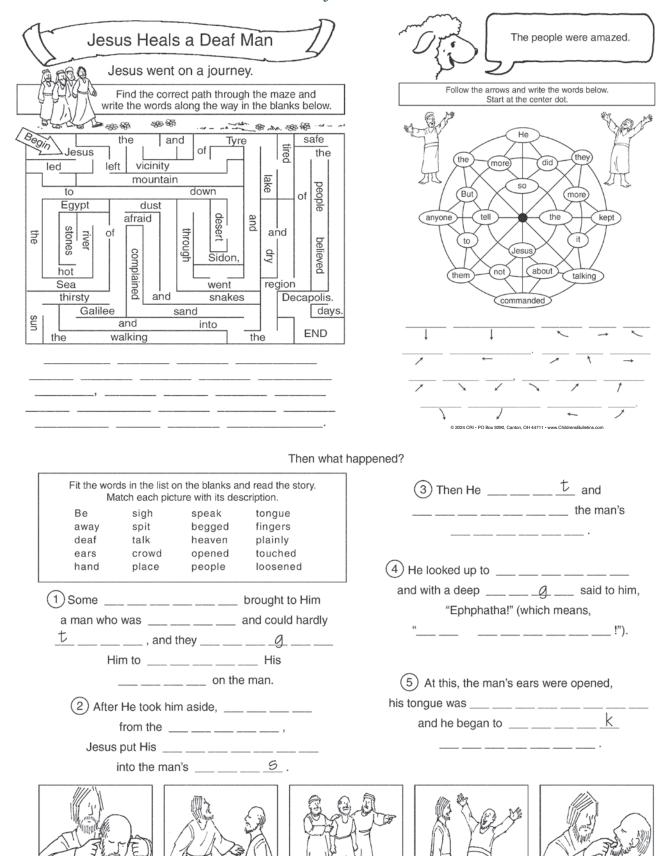
- · Forming our consciences to learn and proclaim the principles of human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity.
- Responding to Pope Francis' call to "genuine dialogue and openness with others" by which we may "be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together" (Fratelli Tutti, no.
- Putting on "the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16) through Holy Scripture, prayer, and service to the needy, allowing faith to inform our political participation.
- Making informed decisions with prudence, based on Church teaching and tradition, about candidates and government actions.

The Catholic Church offers a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and forgiveness, so that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good. Learn more about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship at www.

faithfulcitizenship.org.



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BE OPENED

Reflection on Mark 7:31-37

One of my favorite prayers in our tradition is used in our baptismal ritual and comes from this Gospel story of the healing of the deaf man who also has a speech impediment. It is called the prayer of Ephphatha. Making the sign of the cross over an infant's ears, the priest or deacon says, "May God soon touch your ears to hear His Word," and then making the sign of the cross on the mouth, he continues, "And your mouth to proclaim it, to the Glory of God." Ephphatha means, as the Gospel says, "Be opened!"

This prayer for ears open to hear, and mouths open to proclaim, is echoed in the church's Liturgy of the Hours, as morning prayer begins with a passage from Psalm 95: "O, that today you would hear his voice," and with a verse from Psalm 51: "O, Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise."

The call to listen to God's voice and the call to proclaim God's praise is a good starting point for every prayer. I have noticed in my own prayer, however, that while the call to speak, to give praise and thanksgiving and intercession draws ready and easy response, most days the summons to listen requires more attention and care. I wonder if I dare, if we dare, open our lips to speak in God's name if we have not first heard His voice, first been formed and informed by listening for God's voice.

Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 8, 2024 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Monday, September 9, 2024

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1-8

Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11

Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31

Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 13, 2024

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27

Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

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

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saint of the Day: September 13

Patron Saint of: Orators, Preachers and Speakers

The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means "golden-mouthed") from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople and took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting Gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

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





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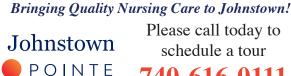
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