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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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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Mansell  
by Monica Flynn

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

6:30 p.m. Wilbur DePue  
by Rosemary DePue

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00 a.m. Luke Hofer  
by Hofer family

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:00 a.m. Francis Gardner  
by Monica Flynn

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:00 a.m. Shelby Funk  
by Hofer Family

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00 a.m. Lukas H. Kim  
by Kim Family  
4:00 p.m. Denise Paronish  
by Pete & Donna Kashuk

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:30 a.m. Jerre West  
by Ascension Choir  
11:00 a.m. Parish Family

## Shepherd's Column

### *My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

This coming week, we are privileged to celebrate the feast of the Apostle Saint Matthew on Saturday. Celebrations like these remind us of our roots as a Church deeply centered on apostolic foundations. We literally go back to the very beginning, when Christ named the first leaders of the many disciples when He called 12 men to be set apart as those who would lead the entire body. Having this deep connection through both Scripture and history should give us a strong sense of where we had been and where we are going.

Apostolic foundations are vital to the Catholic Church, as they connect the Church's teachings and authority directly to the apostles, especially to St. Peter, whom Catholics believe was appointed by Christ as the first pope. This apostolic succession ensures continuity of faith, doctrine, and sacramental life from the time of Christ to the present. It affirms the Church's authenticity and unity, grounded in the authority passed down through the bishops, seen as the successors of the apostles, safeguarding the Church's mission and fidelity to Christ's teachings.

As we go about our week, let us be thankful that we have such great foundations on which to celebrate our holy Faith!

### *In Christ,*

Fr. PJ Brandimarti

*Parish Administrator*

Church of the Ascension, Johnstown



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](mailto:pjbrandimarti@johnstownascension.org) until new covers are run next weekend. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this weekend are in memory of Harold & Gertrude Hall by Gary & Theresa Shively.

### **RISE**

Any child interested in joining RISE is welcome to join us for rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, SEPTEMBER 14-15, 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>	Shelli Writesel	Luke Orsini	Alex Rush
	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Ben Orsini	C.C. Zirille
		Jackson Wernette	Gabi Cervantes
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b>	Tom Nann – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Mike Rush – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Dave Bogner	Aaron Locker	Diana Lewis
	Barbara Van Hoose – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus
<b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Dennis Murnane	Mark Sheehan	Zirille Family
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	
<b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>			Misiunas Family

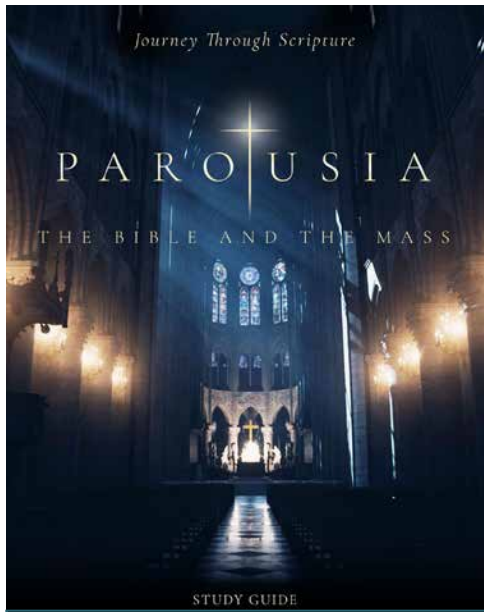
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2024

	<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>	Ethan Wnek	Veronica Botts	Bode Cherry
	Jackson Wernette	Austin Eckstein	Mathew Cherry
	Volunteer Needed	Paul Cuthbert	Cole Fox
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b>	Shelli Writesel – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Mike Fox – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
		Billy Stanearth – Host	
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Peter Luhrman	Nadia Stanearth	Kelly Bernthold
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Ali Stanearth – Angelus	Chuck Bernthold – Angelus
<b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	MaryAnn Shaffer	Tom Stanearth	Lora Dunfee
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<b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>			Jeff Thomas

*Your Prayers are Requested*

Your prayers this week are asked for Michael Seggert, 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.



### “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 20th, 8:45-10:00 a.m. (after daily Mass) or Mondays beginning September 23rd, 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!



### RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING.

Father PJ Brandimarti will be on St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 on Thursday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Father Brandimarti will be playing on a team with two other priests in a live Cornhole tournament to see which priest team will win the gold! When you make a donation of \$100.00 or more, Father Brandimarti will receive additional throws. To make a donation to St. Gabriel Radio, your local Catholic radio station, go to [www.StGabrielRadio.com](http://www.StGabrielRadio.com) or call 614-459-4820.

### OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) meets on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 7 and 8. 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)). Topic for September 18, 2024 is Call to Conversion.

### 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 19th for a day of faith, fellowship and fun. Register at: [www.ccyac.org](http://www.ccyac.org).

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

**SPEAKER: THE MOST REVEREND EARL K. FERNANDES,  
BISHOP OF COLUMBUS.**

Please join us on Friday, October 4 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring the annual address from his Excellency Bishop Fernandes. The October luncheon is sponsored by The Catholic Foundation. More information about The Catholic Foundation is available at <https://catholic-foundation.org/>. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at [foleyp513@gmail.com](mailto:foleyp513@gmail.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Don't miss our next luncheon on Friday, November 1, 2024, featuring Brian Hickey, Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio, who will speak about The Catholic Conference of Ohio. The November luncheon is All Saints Day and Mass will begin at 12:00 p.m. instead of the usual 11:45 a.m. start time. Please mark your calendar to attend.**

### GARDEN OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS AT RESURRECTION CEMETERY

Please join us in supporting the Garden of the Holy Innocents at Resurrection Cemetery, a unique burial section within the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus. This one-of-a-kind space provides families with a peaceful, prayerful place for healing at a time of heartbreaking loss, providing a dignified and sacred resting place for nearly 4,000 infants who were miscarried or full-term infants who were cremated. After years of wind and weather, this sacred area is in need of renovation. Additional funds are needed for adding a new statue depicting “Our Lady with Child,” engraving of memorial bricks, and additional landscaping. You can help a mourning family by donating to the beautification of this peaceful place. To make a one-time or recurring gift, access our online donation form at [catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org/about-us/donations](http://catholiccemeteriesofcolumbus.org/about-us/donations). Click the dropdown to specify that your donation goes to *Garden of the Holy Innocents*.

### OUR CATHOLIC MUSEUM GOLF OUTING

Join the Museum of Catholic Art and History for their first annual golf outing on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Golf Club of Dublin. Tee times will be emailed out a week before the event. Register by sending an email to [info@catholicmuseum.org](mailto:info@catholicmuseum.org) by September 25th. Please pay by check or credit card to the museum, or pay the day of the event. All profits go to support the important mission of *Our Catholic Museum!* Hope to see you at the tee!

## Youth Group News

### 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/10C084BA8A628AAFFC52-47092442-youth>, use the QR code or email Mary to sign up.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER!

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



### EXORCISM AND HEALING IN THE CHURCH

On September 26, 2024, join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes at St. Joseph Cathedral for a discussion on Exorcism and Healing in the Church. The event is from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and is sponsored by The Museum of Catholic Art and History. Please register by emailing [info@catholicmuseum.org](mailto:info@catholicmuseum.org).

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FORM MY CONSCIENCE?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (Gaudium et Spes 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

#### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

1. Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
2. Study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
3. Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
4. Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

1. Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
2. Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.
3. Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.
4. Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice in your life.

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many Church teachings that can help us in this important task. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

*Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777 2USCCB. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17*

Learn more about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

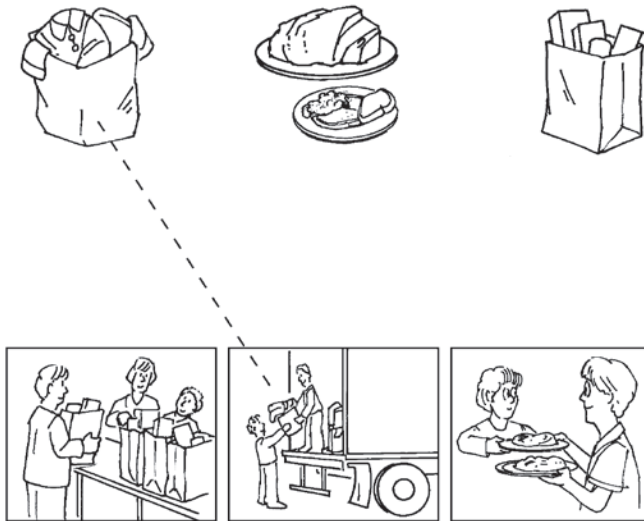


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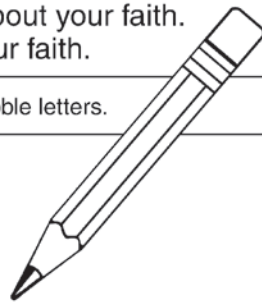
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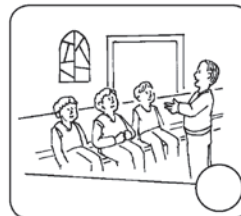
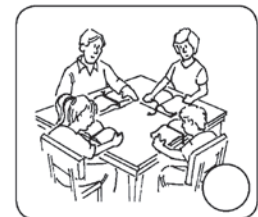


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## THINK AS GOD DOES

Reflection on Mark 8:27-35

At this near half point of Mark's Gospel, we encounter Jesus' first reference to His Passion, in response to Peter's affirmation that He is the Christ. That the Christ must be rejected and suffer, be put to death, and be raised after three days, had to be a hard pill to swallow for His disciples. Apparently, Peter rejected this destiny in his rebuke of Jesus, which seems only natural, for who would want his/her friend and teacher to face all this ugliness and pain. Yet Jesus says that Peter was "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

I also think not as God does but as human beings do whenever I take my faith for granted by treating my religion as a comfort zone and my relationship with God as a private experience, a place where I can retreat to and ignore the world's struggles. Faith, if it is real, leads us into the world's pain and struggle. Faith calls us into this pattern of death and resurrection, of "taking up our cross" and following in the footsteps of Jesus. Living the Gospel life is indeed challenging, but the reward is that God's grace permeates all of it, every moment of suffering and bliss, of pain and renewal, of death and resurrection. God is in all of it. We are saved in the process, the Paschal Mystery; we are not saved from it.

Remember, it was not Daniel's faith that saved him from the jaws of the lion – God did that. It was Daniel's faith that got him into the lion's den to begin with.  
– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a  
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Jas 2:14-18  
Mk 8:27-35

### Monday, September 16, 2024

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Weekday  
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Weekday  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22  
Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday, September 19, 2024

Weekday  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28  
Lk 7:36-50

### Friday, September 20, 2024

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12-20  
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday, September 21, 2024

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5  
Mt 9:9-13

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

## SAINT CORNELIUS

Saint of the Day: September 16

Patron Saint of: Earache Sufferers

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men."

The greatest problem of Cornelius' two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop. In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile.

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up. A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totaled about 50,000. He died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

Men like Cornelius and Cyprian were God's instruments in helping the Church find a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity.

Read the full article: "Saint Cornelius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/) (Accessed September 3, 2024).

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