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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.
First Friday
8:30 a.m.-5:00 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 22, 2024 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:00 a.m. † James Ruffing
by April Ruffing

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

6:30 p.m. † Sam Glaviano
by Connie & Allan Magyar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:00 a.m. Grace Hofer by Hofer Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 a.m. † Mavalynn Ruffing
by April Ruffing

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 a.m. † Kendall Bucher
by Benton Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:00 a.m. † Marie Esselstein
by Janet Flood
4:00 p.m. † Frances Kline
by Pete & Donna Kashuk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:30 a.m. † Lillian & Patrick McGee
by Kathy Benton
11:00 a.m. Parish Family

Shepherd's Column

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Second Reading this weekend, we hear the Apostle James speak of the danger of following our passions at the expense of our reason and rational faculties. I think this speaks to a vital importance of how we integrate and respond to our feelings as Christians.

Our feelings, and more broadly our emotions, are a vital part of what makes us human beings. It is important to nurture our feelings and respect others'. Kindness and gentleness are a most important part of how we encounter our fellow man in the world and considering how others feel is important to ensure we are showing others proper respect. We also need to respect our own feelings and respond appropriately to them. Feelings help us experience the beautiful joy of this world!

However, it is always important to remember that feelings are fleeting. Our feelings can, and often do, change on a whim. Chasing down a specific feeling will never fulfill us because we will always lose that feeling eventually. Passions can drive us to make decisions too quickly, and quick decisions often lack the gift of rational reflection. It is always important to remember that God gave us the gift of thinking, as well as feeling, and praying about how to use them both properly can lead us to make better decisions in the moral life and lead ultimately to those better feelings, we so desire. May God bless you!

In Christ,

Fr. PJ Brandimarti

Parish Administrator

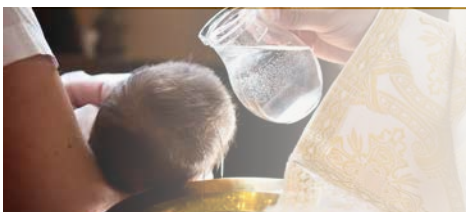
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown



Book an Appointment with Fr. Brandimarti

EMAIL NOTICE

We have had some issues with our email system in the past few weeks. If you emailed us September 13-19 and did not receive a reply, please resend it. The new email addresses are listed on the bulletin cover.



WE WELCOME INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH:

Robert James Moore who was baptized on September 1, 2024.
May God's blessings be upon him and his fine 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>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Veronica Botts	Bode Cherry
	Jackson Wernette	Austin Eckstein	Mathew Cherry
	Volunteer Needed	Paul Cuthbert	Cole Fox
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Shelli Writesel – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Mike Fox – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
		Billy Stanearth – Host	
LECTORS:	Peter Luhrman	Nadia Stanearth	Kelly Bernthold
	Dave Bogner – Angelus	Ali Stanearth – Angelus	Chuck Bernthold – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	MaryAnn Shaffer	Tom Stanearth	Lora Dunfee
	Gary Shively	Ali Stanearth	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Jolene Bogner	Claire Barb	Ryan Neal
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Gabi Cervantes
	Christian Dorsten	Annie Muntz	Cole Fox
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Keebaugh– Host	Michael Robbins – Chalice	Karla Fox Somar – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Diana Lewis	Sally Blubaugh
	Barbara Vanhooose – Angelus	Rodney Tornes-Angelus	Peter Luhrman – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Maureen Keebaugh	Robbi Eichner	Olivia Ryan
	Jan Orkis	Bubby Eichner	Anna Ryan
			Keith Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

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, 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 \$8,250.00

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

AUGUST 31/SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Total Offering	\$	7,229.00
64 Envelopes	\$	3,853.00
Loose Cash	\$	428.00
Online	\$	2,948.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	260.00
SOLT	\$	50.00
Church in Africa	\$	5.00
WOA Dues	\$	91.00

SEPTEMBER 7/8, 2024

Total Offering	\$	5,693.00
70 Envelopes	\$	3,384.00
Loose Cash	\$	441.00
Online	\$	1,868.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	954.00
SOLT	\$	100.00
Yard Sale	\$	2,079.45
WOA Dues	\$	40.00

SEPTEMBER 14/15, 2024

Total Offering	\$	6,393.00
78 Envelopes	\$	4,772.00
Loose Cash	\$	568.00
Online	\$	1,053.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	954.00
SOLT	\$	100.00
Church in Africa	\$	96.00
SOLT	\$	5.00
World Mission	\$	5.00
WOA Dues	\$	15.00

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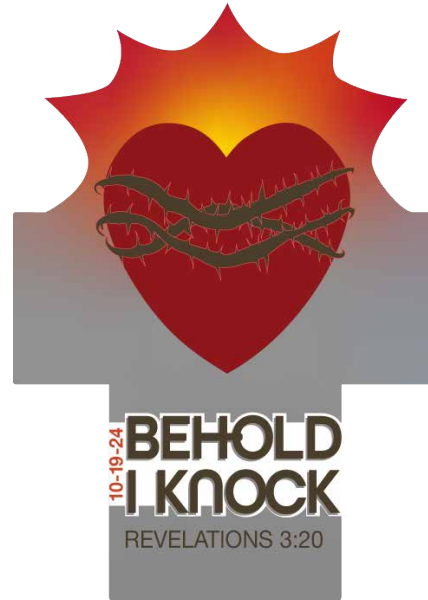
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown>

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, Maureen at 614-323-7293 or mkeebaugh@att.net).

MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

This year's **Mission Appeal** weekend will be on October 5th and 6th and is by the Cardinal Lourdasamy Foundation: To support the request for Catholic Bibles from Sisters of St. Teresa of Calcutta, formally known as Missionaries of Charity, to give to people they serve who do not know Jesus yet. And support for orphanage Nazareth of Mbare (Rwanda, Africa). This was started by Archbishop Salvatore Pennachio who was the Apostolic Nuncio there, at the urging of Pope St. John Paul II after the genocide in Rwanda. **Please make any checks payable to Church of the Ascension.**




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.

Youth Group News

FOOD NEEDED


Youth group needs lunches and snacks/drinks to get us started for the year! Next time you are at the store, please consider picking up something or sign up to provide lunch at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8A628AAFFC52-47092442-youth> or email Mary at mnelson@cotaj.org! We always go through chips, candy, cookies and drinks quickly!



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Our next RED CROSS Blood Drive will take place on **Monday, November 18th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.** Mark your calendar for our future Blood Drive dates: January 20, 2025 and March 24, 2025.

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 foley513@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.**

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP
St. Francis de Sales, Newark, Ohio, will be presenting by DVD a *Grieving with Great Hope* Workshop, Sunday afternoons, October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, whether it was recent, or years ago, is welcome to attend this healing ministry. "Grieving with Great HOPE" offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship with others on a similar journey. This workshop has helped thousands of people mourn their loss and then build their bridge to a new and different life. "I came to this workshop completely lost. I was looking for direction. A path. This workshop really helped me do that." John Raasch. For more information, visit www.goodmourningministry.net, or www.stfrancisparish.net/Register or call Nancy Hoar at 740-973-9791 or Julie McNulty at 740-334-2935.

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



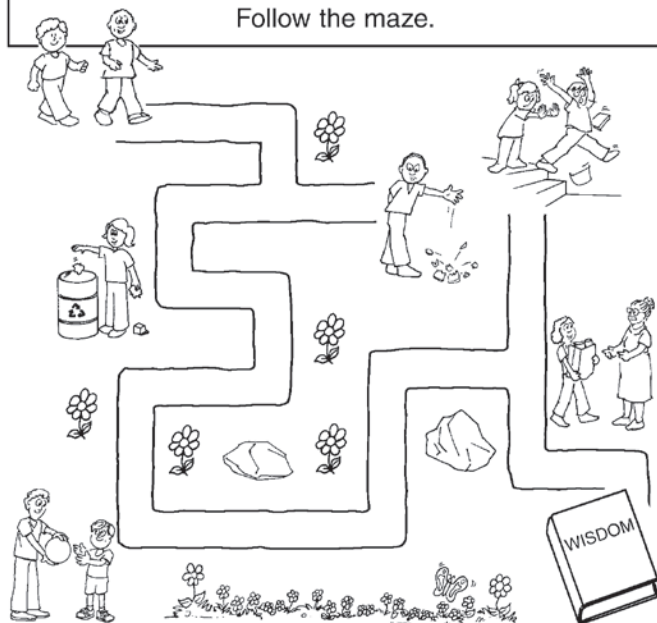
INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?
To all working or interested in prison ministries! There will be an ecumenical event on October 2, 2024, "Working for Justice: Stories of Innocence and New Life." Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Southern Ohio Synod ELCA, and the Diocese of Columbus, it will be held in Curran Place at the University of Dayton from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For more info and to register, visit <https://southernohiosynod.org/working-for-justice-stories-of-innocence-new-life>, or contact Erin Cordle at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org.

Activities for Children

Two Kinds of Wisdom

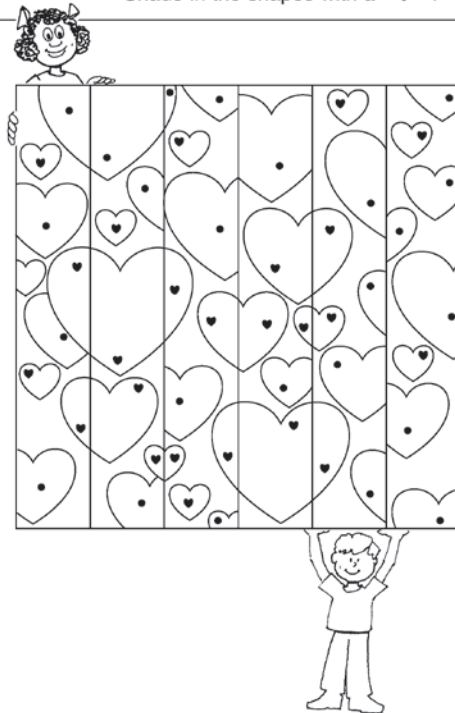
Show your wisdom by doing good deeds.

Follow the maze.



Purify your hearts.

Shade in the shapes with a ♥ .



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Ask God with the right ♥ .

Circle 8 things that are wrong.



Come near to God and . . .



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SERVING OTHERS

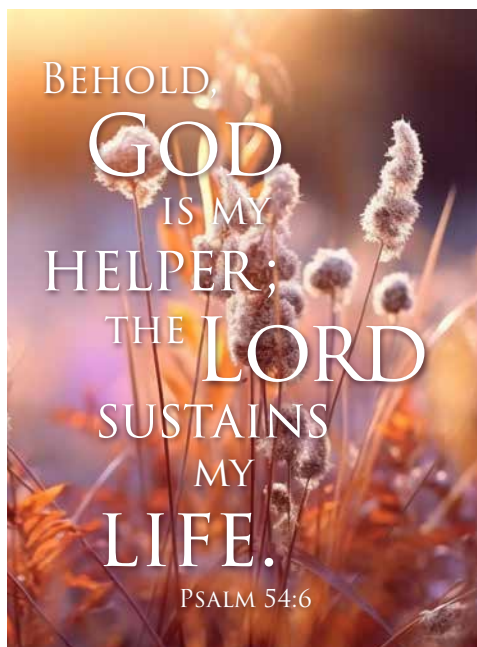
Reflection on Mark 9:30-37

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus give the first prediction of His Passion, and today we hear the second one. Following this, Jesus overhears His disciples arguing about who among them was the greatest. More teaching about discipleship comes from Jesus in response, centering in on the pithy saying: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The Greek word that Mark uses for "servant" is diakonos, which we translate as "deacon" – a word that denotes a specific role and ordained status in the Church today. However, at the time of Jesus, the word referred to the lowest kind of service a slave would perform. If the most sought after status in Jesus' gang is that of servant, or slave, then His group is to be countercultural, for indeed this notion goes counter to any culture.

The mystery of it all is that when we serve in the name of Jesus, we are living out our deepest identity, who we are in relationship with the Father, the One who sent Jesus. In this light, all of our human relationships are seen as essential places to act out the divine/human drama, as Matthew's parable of how it all gets sorted out at the end of time relates: "Whatever you do to the least, you do to me." We can only serve God by serving others.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20
Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 23, 2024

Memorial of Saint Pius of

Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 3:27-34
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Weekday
Prv 30:5-9
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Weekday
Eccl 1:2-11
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc
Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 27, 2024

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Eccl 3:1-11
Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Weekday
Eccl 11:9-12:8
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Lk 9:43b-45

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

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

Saint of the Day: September 23

Patron Saint of: Civil Defense Volunteers, Adolescents, Pietrelcina

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear Confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5:00 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard Confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard Confessions. In time, his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Read the full article: "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina/ (Accessed September 3, 2024).

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