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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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#### OCTOBER 6, 2024 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

8:00 a.m. † Brenda Isabel by Ana Mercedes and Sue Scherer 4:00 p.m. Parish Family

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:30 a.m. † Virginia Freet by Benton Family 11:00 a.m. † Gordon Cromwell by Cromwell Family

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

8:00 a.m. † Norris "Ed" Shannon by Carrie Suess

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Carter by Carter Family

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 a.m. † Karen Berk by Sherry Gardiner

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 a.m. † Fr. James Brooks by Anne Marie Geiger

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

8:00 a.m. † Lukas H. Kim by Kim Family 4:00 p.m. † Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

8:30 a.m. † Amy Marie Yeagle by John & Susan Yeagle 11:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### The **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

this weekend are in memory of Nick & Sean Giannini by The Giannini Family.

## Shepherd's Column

### My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Celebrated annually on October 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary holds immense significance as a title for the Virgin Mary, emphasizing her role as a guiding and interceding figure for the faithful through the practice of the Rosary. This devotion has its origins in the 13th century, when St. Dominic received the Rosary as a profound tool for prayer and evangelization.

The practice of praying the Rosary holds immense power in fostering contemplative and meditative prayer. One of its most profound aspects lies in its meditative quality. Each decade of the Rosary invites us to contemplate a specific mystery – joyful, sorrowful, glorious, or luminous – of Christ's life. These mysteries facilitate a deeper comprehension of Christ's teachings and personal reflection, enabling us to establish a profound connection with our own life experiences. As one meditates on these events, the Rosary transforms into a transformative journey of faith, inviting us on Earth to draw closer to Heaven.

In an era often characterized by chaos and uncertainty, the Rosary offers a sanctuary of peace. The rhythmic nature of praying the Rosary exerts a calming effect, assisting individuals in centering their thoughts and emotions. We should find solace in reciting the Rosary during moments of distress, drawing strength and comfort from its profound teachings. It serves as a reminder that we are not alone, reinforcing the reality of God's omnipresence and love.

Integrating the Rosary into daily life cultivates a broader commitment to prayer. It serves as a gentle reminder to pause, reflect, and engage in communion with the Sacred Mysteries. Praying a regular Rosary can lead to a more robust spiritual life, inspiring us to explore alternative forms of prayer and deepen our understanding of faith.

I encourage you to dedicate some time this week to contemplate the life of the Lord through the eyes of His cherished mother. By joining in her prayers through the profound practice of the Rosary, you may experience a profound connection with the divine. May God bless you on your spiritual journey.

In Christ,
Fr. PJ Brandimarti
Parish Administrator
Church of the Ascension, Johnstown



#### BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FR. BRANDIMARTI

Use this QR code to book an in-person or virtual appointment time. Simply choose an available time slot and provide your name, phone number and email address.

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5-6, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.	
	Gary Shively	Luke Orsini	Alex Smithhisler	
ALTAR SERVERS:	Jackson Wernette	Ben Orsini	Jack Smithhisler	
	Ethan Wnek	Billy Staneart	CC Zirille	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Theresa Shively – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Linda Droege – Host	
		Tom Staneart – Chalice		
WITH VIOLENCE.		Jerri Burgel – Host		
LECTORS.	Theresa Shively (1)	Nadia Staneart (1)	Kelly Bernthold (1)	
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane (2)	Ali Staneart (2)	Chuck Bernthold (2)	
GREETERS/USHERS:	MaryAnn Shaffer	Tommy Botts	Anna Ryan	
	Shelli Writesel	Andrea Botts	Keith Ryan	
			Olivia Ryan	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family	

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12-13, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
	Mike Keebaugh	Paul Cuthbert	Bode Cherry
ALTAR SERVERS:	Jackson Wernette	Luke Orsini	Mathew Cherry
	Ethan Wnek	Ben Orsini	Alex Rush
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Dennis Murnane – Host	Tom Staneart – Chalice	Corinna Rush – Host
		Billy Staneart – Chalice	
		Michael Robbins – Host	
LECTORS:	Tom Nann (1)	Adele Robbins (1)	Mike Rush (1)
	Dave Bogner (2)	Aaron Locker (2) (sub req.)	Peter Luhrman (2)
	Jan Orkis	Mark Sheehan	Anna Ryan
GREETERS/USHERS:	MaryAnn Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	Keith Ryan
			Olivia 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, 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

#### **WEEKLY NEED \$8,250.00**

**430 REGISTERED FAMILIES** 

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Total Offering	\$ 5,968.05
59 Envelopes	\$ 2,937.00
Loose Cash	\$ 683.05
Online	\$ 2,348.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 179.00
WOA Dues	\$ 10.00
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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.



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MISSION APPEAL is this weekend and is by the Cardinal Lourdusamy 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.

#### REST IN PEACE

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of JoAnn Louisa Wright, a lifelong member of Church of the Ascension who passed away on September 29, 2024. May God grant her eternal rest.

#### JOIN US FOR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

**First Friday Adoration** will begin following the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass and conclude at 5:00 p.m. with Benediction. Confessions will also be heard from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. You can sign up for a committed hour using the sign-up or by scanning the QR code. Of course, you can always come by to

pray in the presence of the Blessed Scarament in the Tabernacle. Visit http://tinyurl.com/CotAAdoration.

#### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

While Mary Nelson is on maternity leave, please note Youth Group will meet on the following days only: October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17 and December 8! Youth group will pick up weekly again starting January 5!

We need help providing lunch to the youth and the amazing volunteers who are helping to keep Youth Group running. Please sign up by visiting https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8A628AAFFC52-47092442-youth.

Please note that *THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)* now meets on Tuesdays, 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). Topic for this week is: *Bible Basics*.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be holding their ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE at the Johnstown and Northridge schools October 7-11. Students are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to drop off in their classroom box. The Knights will provide a Pizza Party to the classroom that collects the most food at each school. This is always a fun and worthwhile competition between the schools.



#### 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.

#### CANCER PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

#### IT'S EUCHRE TIME AGAIN:

Please join us on the first, third and fifth Sunday evenings of each month from October through April. We meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. here at the church. We welcome all level of players and hope to see you there. First get-together is this weekend – Sunday, October 6th!



#### FRIENDLY REMINDER!

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

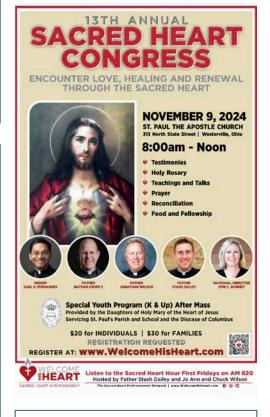


### GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP

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, 1:00-3:00 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.





#### 26TH ANNUAL HOLLYDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

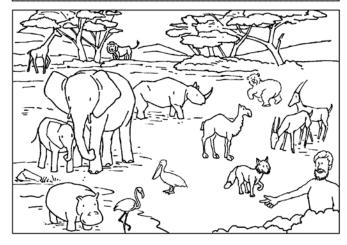
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from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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## Activities for Children

# God Creates the First Woman

God brought all the animals and birds to the man to see what he would name them. And whatever Adam called each creature, that was its name.

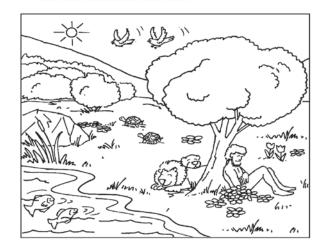
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So the man gave names to all the animals and birds. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. What did God say about this?

Find the correct words below to fill in the blanks. There will be no letter I, Y, W, U or B in the correct words.					
lions	helper	alone	man	very	
house	not	bad	outside	good	

The Lord God said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
for the \_\_\_\_\_\_
to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a suitable for him."

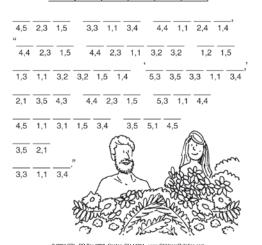




The man loved the helper that God had created for him. What did he call her?

Use the code box to fill in the missing letters.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	Α	В	С	D	Е
2	F	G	Н	I	J
3	K	L	М	N	0
4	Р	Q	R	S	Т
5	U	٧	W	Х	Υ



So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, God took 1 of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. What did God do next?



#### **RELATIONSHIPS**

Reflection on Mark 10:2-12

If we focus only on the question of divorce in these readings, we will miss the expansive truth and beauty they would unfold for us. The Genesis story places man and woman in a world of wonder, vulnerability, respect, and intimacy – both human and divine. Jesus draws His disciples back to this truth of God's intended creation, where God Himself has entered into the cherished marriage partnership of man and woman, where the "three" become one!

Relationships in general, and the marriage relationship in particular, are too complex and rich and difficult and life-giving and holy to attempt to use this Gospel passage alone to portray the faithfulness to which God calls each of us. We are created to be in relationship. Whether we are single or married, divorced or remarried, all of us must live and grow through intimate and nourishing relationships to be fully human.

This is our blessedness, and just as Jesus welcomed the little children in His embrace, so He gathers each of us, whatever our past, into His presence and into relationships with others, to strengthen us.

– Fr. Jay

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

### Sunday, October 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

#### Monday, October 7, 2024

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c Lk 10:25-37

#### Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Weekday
Gal 1:13-24
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Weekday Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

#### Thursday, October 10, 2024

Weekday Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11:5-13

#### Friday, October 11, 2024

Saint John XXIII Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26

#### Saturday, October 12, 2024

Weekday Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:27-28

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

### **SAINT JOHN XXIII**

Saint of the Day: October 11

Patron Saint of: Papal Delegates and the Second Vatican Council

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, with the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin."

On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the Gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead."

"Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Read the full article: "Saint John XXIII" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-xxiii/ (Accessed September 23, 2024).





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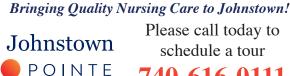
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