

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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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 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS




Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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)

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AT
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CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER 2024

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APRIL 28, 2024 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of
Seminarians
by the Knox-Licking
Vocations Club
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. Margaret Cunneen Keefe
by Deacon Joe &
Maureen Meyer

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00 a.m. For Unborn Babies

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. For the Intention of
Jim Anderson
by Jennifer Fortner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 a.m. For those who have
anxiety

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00 a.m. For those struggling
financially

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Mike Suess
by Carrie Suess

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intention of
Jake Arnett
by Friends in Christ
- 4:00 p.m. Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:30 a.m. Gordon Cromwell
by the Cromwell Family
- 11:00 a.m. For those in
war-torn nations



Join us for a farewell!
say good luck and
goodbye to
Fr. Jesse Chick, CFIC
Parish Breakfast
May 12, 2024 - 9:30am

FAREWELL BREAKFAST FOR FR. JESSE CHICK

We will be hosting a parish breakfast and fundraiser for the Social Committee and Scout Troop 25 on May 12 between the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

This will also be a wonderful opportunity to send off our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jesse Chick, as he will be leaving Ascension the following weekend.

Please plan to come out and support the Social Committee and Troop 25, and offer blessings to Fr. Jesse as he begins this new journey in his ministry.

THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

The Appeal is a call to action for our community of faithful. Our parish goal is to raise \$42,436.17. The contributions received will provide significant support for the ministries, services, and people who are making a difference across our Diocese in vocations, evangelization, social concerns, and Catholic schools. You can find more details about the impact and services of these ministries at www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal. Please join us in making a difference through your faith, compassion, and generosity. Thank you for your continued support.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Diaper need in our community continues to grow. The World's Largest Diaper Drive 2024 is during the month of May. The goal for Bottoms Up is to collect 1 million diapers. Donations of any size or brand diaper can be made in the Gathering Space now until May 12, or can be dropped off the morning of Saturday, May 11 at the collection in the church parking lot from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Most needed in 2024 – Sizes 4-6.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, APRIL 27-28, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Isaac Dorsten	Veronica Botts	Bode Cherry
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Mathew Cherry
	Gary Shively	Joey Barb	Gabi Cervantes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Tom Nann – Host	Billy Stanearth – Chalice	Pat Urban – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Tom Nann	Diana Lewis	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Mike Rush – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Tommy Botts	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Andrea Botts	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

Sixth Sunday of Easter, MAY 4-5, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Mike Keebaugh	Luke Orsini	Cole Fox
	Isaac Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Alex Rush
	Christian Dorsten	Billy Stanearth	Volunteer Needed
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Jerri Burgel – Chalice	Danielle Wetzel – Host
		Tom Stanearth – Chalice	
		Mary Sheehan – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Diana Lewis	Chuck Bernthold
	Peter Luhrman – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Kelly Bernthold – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Bubby Eichner	Anna Ryan
	Maureen Keebaugh	Robbi Eichner	Keith Ryan
			Olivia Ryan
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

The **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** this weekend are in celebration of their Anniversary by Mark & Joanne Hawkins.

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Sally Blubaugh, Jerre West, Ernie Burnam, Bob & Sylvia Freed, Rick Potter & Family, Justin King, Virginia Ankrom, 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, Mark & 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, Bob Muench, 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 \$7,115.00
430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

APRIL 20/21, 2024

Total Offering	\$	4,625.00
68 Envelopes	\$	3,543.00
Loose Cash	\$	399.00
Online	\$	683.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	670.15
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	20.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	67.41

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 to open a link to the Church of the Ascension ParishSOFT Giving. Simply hold your phone's camera over the square and touch the link that appears at the top of your camera screen, or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown>.



SOS SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their mission to support our Seminarians. Knights will be collecting donations in the Gathering Space on May 4/5, August 3/4 and November 2/3, 2024. *The money raised supports our seminarians and promotes vocations.*

COME JOIN US FOR VBS 2024: SCUBA!

VBS will take place June 10-14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and is for kids entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. Please sign up by going to www.johnstownascension.org/register. It will be a fun week full of games, music, friendship, and of course awesome Bible stories.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are in 6th Grade to Adult and would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Pertee at kpertee@johnstownascension.org. Anyone 18 and over must have a background check on file with the Diocese and Protecting God's Children.

COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT



INTERESTED IN DOING MISSION WORK?

Are you a senior in high school or college desiring to minister to the youth? This Come and See Weekend is a chance for you to experience the life of a missionary with Hard as Nails! The weekend will include prayer experiences, a taste of the missionary life, interactive talks and games, and more. Register today by scanning the QR code or talk to a missionary to learn more!

TIME:

MAY 10TH-12TH

LOCATION:

SS. PAUL & PETER RETREAT CENTER
2734 SEMINARY RD. SOUTHEAST
HEATH, OH

SIGN UP TODAY!



TORNADO RELIEF

If you were directly affected by the tornado on March 14, we have received some funds to help with repairs. Please let Fr. Smith or Kathy B. know if you need assistance.

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Church of the Ascension, along with others in our community, have joined in assisting with the Medical Loan Closet of Johnstown. The purpose of the Medical Loan Closet is to loan out medical equipment to those in need, such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, hospital beds, toilet risers, and even breast pumps for new moms. The Closet is located at 151 Woodgate Drive, in the rear basement of the doctor's office, which is located behind the BP/Dutchess Station. The Closet is open each Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We also accept donations. You will find us on Facebook as "Medical Loan Closet of Johnstown, Ohio." If you have any questions, please contact us in the church office.



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REST IN PEACE

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Tracy Smith who passed away on April 19, 2024. Family and friends may call from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a service to begin at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Crouse-Kauber-Fraley Funeral Home, 225 N. Main Street, Johnstown, OH 43031. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Knights of Columbus at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate> or to Tunnels to Towers at <https://www.t2t.org>.
May God grant him eternal rest.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions on our calendar. Please contact us in the office at 740-967-7871, office@johnstownascension.org or drop a note in the collection with the intention and your name. The Mass Stipend is \$10.00. We will do our best to accommodate any special date requests.

MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

Please consider giving an hour of your time to be ministers to the Lord at Mass. We are in desperate need for all Mass times, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (5th Grade-Adult) and Greeters. Training provided. Contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstownascension.org.



Knights of Columbus®

Ascension Council 4324, Johnstown, OH

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4324, is holding their Annual Scholarship Essay Contest again this year.

Topic: *How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?*

Who can enter? Any graduating High School Senior who is a member of the Church of the Ascension

What could I win? One winner will be awarded a \$1,000.00 Scholarship, presented upon completion of the first grading period at the college they are attending. Must present grade card with average of C or better.

When is my entry due? All entries must be submitted by **May 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

How do I enter? Entry forms and flyers are in the Gathering Space. Entries may be emailed to: kofc@johnstownascension.org

Subject: K of C Council 4324 Scholarship Contest

Activities for Children

The Vine and the Branches

Jesus tells us something about Himself. What does He say?

Unscramble the letters. Write the words on the correct lines.

Jesus said, "I am the _____
 and My _____ is the _____."

Write the words from the grapes on the lines below.

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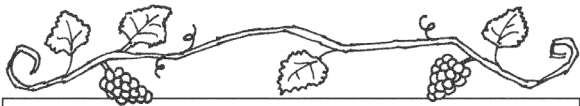
 _____ "

We need to be connected to God!

Use the code to fill in the blanks. Read Jesus' words.

_____ " _____

 _____ "



Follow the arrows through the letters to find Jesus' words.

Jesus said,

" I _____

 _____ "



REMAIN IN*Reflection on John 15:1-8*

Within John the Evangelist's compelling image of the Church as "vine and branches," we hear Jesus say these words to us today: "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Recently, I have begun praying with and reflecting on these simple words many times throughout each day.

What does it mean to "remain in...?" Primarily and foundationally, it means that the Risen One, the Christ, is within each of us at all times, places, situations. This recalls the promise of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 20). This is, in a sense, the second incarnation; the Word taking on flesh in Jesus of Nazareth is the first, and the Christ taking up residence in each one of us the second.

For us to remain in the Christ, there is some pruning that must take place. Gardeners know that plants respond to losing branches by putting more energy forth to regrow. Pruning our lives of the clutter of attachments, possessions, harmful attitudes and behaviors, allows the grace of God to be at work in us so that we can bear beautiful fruit for God and His Kingdom.

~ Fr. Jay

I WILL PRAISE YOU,
LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY
OF YOUR PEOPLE.
PSALM 22:26A

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, April 29, 2024

*Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 2, 2024

*Saint Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*
Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3, 2024

Saints Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5
Jn 15:18-21

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

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER*Saint of the Day: May 1**Patron Saint of: Universal Church*

Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

Read the full article: "Saint Joseph the Worker" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-joseph-the-worker/ (Accessed April 15, 2024).

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