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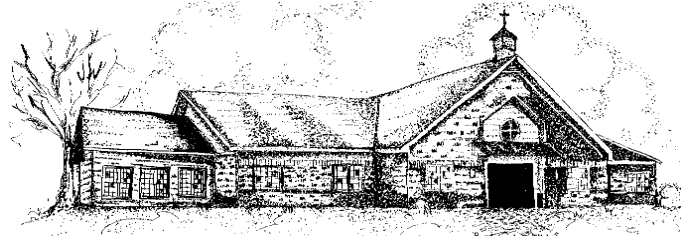


## **Our Parish Mission Statement:**

To welcome all who seek Christ;  
To prepare one another for living the Catholic faith and to share the Eucharist;  
and To go forth justly in service to all of God's people

# Church of the Ascension

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## RECONCILIATION:

Saturday from 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
or by appointment

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday evening: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAYS

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## DAILY MASSES:

Monday at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday at 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

## PARISH COUNCIL:

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**During the next few weeks while we are unable to meet together for Mass,**  
the Mass is televised on **cable** systems throughout the Diocese of Columbus.

For **local** information, check your local TV listings.

The Radio **Mass** is broadcast every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. live from  
St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus on St. Gabriel Radio: AM 820.

Daily TV Mass on YouTube [https://youtube/cH\\_6rY6Be8o](https://youtube/cH_6rY6Be8o)

## Please watch our parish website

[www.johnstownascension.org](http://www.johnstownascension.org),

as well as the diocesan website,

[www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org) for updates

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 22nd – 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 23rd – Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24th – Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25th – Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26th – Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27th – Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28th – Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29th – Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-07, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, effective immediately, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/Liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio **dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.**

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a Holy Day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or live-streamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr  
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Let's be strong in our prayer for one another, especially for the sick, their caregivers, those in the medical professions and those entrusted with the charge of care for public health.

Please reach out to elderly neighbors and friends to make sure they have enough food and other necessities during the next few weeks.

### NEW INTERCOM SYSTEM

We have recently had a new intercom system installed on the far right front door of the church to stay in line with the safety recommendations of the diocese. The front doors will remain locked during the weekdays to insure the safety of our staff. If you need to gain entrance to the church, we ask that you ring the intercom button and allow 30 seconds to 1 minute for it to ring into our phones in order to allow us to open the door for you. It won't matter if we are actually on the premises or not. We will be able to unlock and open the door for you from our phones. Please stand back at least 2 feet, as the door will swing out towards you. The door will also close and lock automatically. Please do not attempt to hold it open or block it in any way. If others will be coming behind you, please enter the building and use the middle doors to allow them access. The doors will of course remain unlocked during Mass times and other church events. The side door code will be changed in the near future and those who need to know the new code will be informed. **Please feel free to use the intercom to gain admittance to the church to pray during these trying times.**

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are asking members of the community to contribute one can of food for each of the days of Lent. Since we are not going to be having Masses, please drop them off at the Johnstown Northridge Food Pantry, located at Johnstown Independent Baptist Church at 7397 Johnstown Alexandria Road NW.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

WEEKLY NEED - \$5,233.00

March 14/15, 2020

389 Registered Families - Total Offering - \$5,317.00

6% Assessment paid to Diocese - \$319.02

Offering from 57 Sunday envelopes - \$5,233.00

Loose Cash - \$84.00 Catholic Times - \$20.00

Black & Indian Missions - \$70.00 Catholic Relief - \$55.00

SOLT - \$25.00 Propagation of the Faith - \$20.00

**Do you return a portion of your time/skills/possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude?**

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Our prayers, this week, are asked for Coronavirus issues, Darrell Mayer, Ella Vint, Marilyn Williams, Pat Swickard, Kris Bowers, Joyce Priest, Debbie Parkey, Betty Weber Redman, Shane Hatten, Ed Bailey, Brynleigh Swendrick, Mark Mann, Dave McCarty, Ron Byerly, Dan Cline, Lena Leo, Dolores Hoovler, Bob Muench, baby William Louis, Hannah Cohagen Lehman, Ron & Ann Mullins, Jerry and Carol Cope, Benjamin Grosik, Bob Meholic, Ron Gallo, Sutton Parish, Helen Tomich, Daniel Chapman, Sylvia Freed, Neva Stover, Jack Walsh and for those who have no one to pray for them.

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