

# Church of the Ascension

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**RECONCILIATION:**

After 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday evening: 5:30  
 Sunday morning: 8:30 and 11:00

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Donna Kashuk, 740-967-3388

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740-966-5695

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**COORDINATOR:**

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Saturday, 12/9  
 Sunday, 12/10

Monday  
 Tuesday  
 Wednesday  
 Thursday  
 Friday

Saturday, 12/16  
 Sunday, 12/17

5:30 p.m.  
 8:30  
 11:00

Amy Marie Yeagle by the Ascension Choir  
 Helen Mooney by Regina Pasini  
 Parish Family

10:00 a.m.

No Mass  
 Norma Steely by Jim & Kathy Stafford

10:00

No Mass  
 A Marvin Flegle by the Flegle Family

5:30 p.m.  
 8:30  
 11:00

No Mass  
 Marvin Flegle by the Family  
 Brenda & Chuck Crum by Dave & Sharon Rhodeback  
 Parish Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 10th – Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11th – Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12th – Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13th – Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14th – Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15th – Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16th – Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17th – Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**DECEMBER 10, 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** \*Dawn Bass, Susan Cromwell,  
**NEED VOLUNTEERS**  
**Lectors:** Dave & Jolene Bogner  
**Servers:** Sandro & Eileen Hudson  
**Greeters:** Rick Bass, Margie Easterday  
**Cantors:** Betsy Jesenko

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

\*Bubby & Roberta Eichner,  
 Mark Holland, Crystal Kapavik  
 Daryl Wernette, Donna Kashuk  
 Albert Holland, R. & B. Sheehan  
 Ray & Rocky Hetterscheidt  
 Stephanie Gunter

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

\*Joe & Diane Green,  
 Laura Sammons. **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
 3rd Grade PSR or Mike Dunfee, Alyssa Beverick  
 Cameron & Taylor Beverick, Matthew Cherry  
 3rd Grade PSR, Richard Cherry, Emily Sammons  
 Guitar Group

**DECEMBER 17, 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** \*Chris Smith, Eileen Baesmann,  
**NEED VOLUNTEER**  
**Lectors:** Theresa Shively, Linda Hubbell  
**Servers:** Caleb & Bryce Writesel  
**Greeters:** Merle Smith, Gary Shively  
**Cantors:** Melissa Jungers

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

Terri Shank, Michael Robbins,  
 Lou & Donna Dellapina  
 Adele Robbins, Linda Aitken  
 C. Aitken, C. & O. Shank  
 Rodney & Cindy Tornes  
 Joe Lindsay

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

Mike & Corinna Rush,  
 Janet McKenzie, **NEED VOLUNTEER**  
 Isaac & Isaiah Rush  
 A. Urban, R. & L. Doyle, A. Rush  
 Kathy Stafford, Bryant Turner  
 Jim Stafford

**WELCOME MONSIGNOR JOHN CODY**

Hip, Hip, Hurray! We are pleased to announce that Bishop Campbell has appointed Msgr. John Cody as Parochial Administrator Pro Tem for Church of the Ascension until a new pastor is assigned in July 2018.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 23, 2017 – Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2017**

Mass at **8:30 a.m.**

There will be **NO 11:00 a.m. Mass**

Christmas Carols, Nativity Play and Mass beginning at **4:30 p.m.**

Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.** and Mass at **10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017**

Mass at **10:00 a.m.**

We are in need of volunteers for all **Ministries for the Christmas Season**. Sign-up sheets will be available in the hallway.

The **Worship Committee** could use some adult help with decorating for Christmas Eve, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 24. Many hands make light work!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring **Coats for Kids** for the Johnstown Northridge area. We will be collecting new or used coats for kids of any age. Coats can be dropped off at church in the designated boxes.

**TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** – In the spirit of the season, The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby items for unwed mothers and crisis pregnancy service centers. Thanks for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.

Our parish is sponsoring a **JESSE TREE** in the gathering space. Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens can be put **ON** the tree. Baby items **UNDER** the tree.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS FEELING BETTER AND CAN BE REMOVED FROM THIS LIST,**

please call the parish office at 967-7871 or e-mail Kathy at [ascensionjohnstown@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionjohnstown@gmail.com). Our prayers this week are asked for: Jared Lahmon, Mickey McCormick, Jackson Wainscott, Eugene DeVuno, Jeanne Fieldmerier, Fr. Reichert, Chase Dolbeer, Parks Family, Dick Weber, Laurie Kingery, Edward Bailey, Carol Cope, Beverly Curran, Robert Muench, Fr. Robert Kaylor, Briar Rupe, Carolyn Shore, Derrick Wells, MaryLou Shremshock, Kim Bane, Lucy Walsh, Claude Peterman, Ron Gallo, Reagan Pecz, Jared Writesel, Brionna Furry, Jim Hall, Peggy Hall, Daniel Chapman, Rodger Johnson, Lucy Heller, Christie Weiner, Jacob Lemen, Benjamin Grosik, Nikki Scott, Jordan Arnold, Tom Ashbrook, Mary Jane Thompson, Jean Giannini, Chuck Prestarri, Randy Martin, Bonnie Weiner, A. J. Ross, Betty Disbennett, Nick Gallo, Dolores Hoovler, Frank Fiamingo, Dan Green, Jack Walsh, Jim Wahl, Margie Bemiller, Bob Meholick, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

**REST IN PEACE** – We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Roy Bailey, who passed away on December 1, 2017.

**Nativity Play for the Children's Christmas Eve**

**Mass** Rehearsal Schedule is as follows: First practice – Sunday, December 10, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Second practice – Sunday, December 17, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Dress Rehearsal – Saturday, December 23, 11:00 a.m.

The **WOMEN OF ASCENSION** will have their annual cookie exchange meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**OUR ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** will take place on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.. We have arranged for three priests to hear Confessions in order to keep the wait time shorter.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – We will once again be decorating the altar with poinsettias in celebration of the birth of Christ. Please use the envelope in your packet or one of the Christmas Flower envelopes located on the table in the gathering space. If you would care to have the name of a loved one or a special intention listed in the Christmas bulletin, please indicate it on the envelope. Please include a contribution of \$10.00, and drop your envelope in the collection basket. Deadline for the Christmas bulletin is early, so please get them in by Wednesday, December 13.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD – WEEKLY NEED: \$5,233.00****November 25/26, 2017**

468 Registered Families – Total Offering – \$4,389.29

Offering from 114 Sunday envelopes – \$4,004.75

Loose Cash – \$384.54

Christmas Flowers – \$439.00 CHD – \$10.00

Capital Fund – \$363.00

**December 2/3, 2017**

468 Registered Families – Total Offering – \$7,305.99

Offering from 125 Sunday envelopes – \$6,774.74

Loose Cash – \$531.25

Christmas Flowers – \$330.00 Religious Retirement – \$25.00

Capital Fund – \$70.00

**Many contribute generously.**

**We all need to share the burden of parish support.**

**May God bless your sacrifice for Him!**

Your gift for today's collection for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Our **2018 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** are **now available** for pick-up in the east hallway across from the restrooms. Please note that you may or may not have the same number as last year, so please double check your name before taking them. If there is not a set with your name on them, please see the sheet at the table for instructions.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS** – The next **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will take place here at the church on Monday, December 18, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: ProlifeJohns.