

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/16
 Sunday, 12/17

Monday
 Tuesday

Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Saturday, 12/23
 CHRISTMAS EVE, 12/24

CHRISTMAS DAY, 12/25

5:30 p.m. Marvin Flegle by the Family
 8:30 Brenda & Chuck Crum by Dave & Sharon Rhodeback
 11:00 Parish Family
 No Mass
 10:00 a.m. Gloria Cesar by Bill & Karen Hottinger
 7:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE
 No Mass
 10:00 a.m. Karen Lane by Karen Butt
 No Mass
 5:30 p.m. Parish Family
 8:30 Iona & O.D. Townsend by Karen Townsend Grashel
 4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Reichert Family by the Pieramico Family
 10:00 p.m. Bob Davis by the Davis Family
 10:00 a.m. Mary Jane Downey by her daughter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 18th – Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19th – Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25A/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20th – Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21st – Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22nd – I Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23rd – Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24th – 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

DECEMBER 17, 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

*Chris Smith, Eileen Baesmann,
NEED VOLUNTEER

Theresa Shively, Linda Hubbell

Caleb & Bryce Writesel

Merle Smith, Gary Shively

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

Stephanie Gunter

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

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – CHRISTMAS EVE – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS.

**Eucharistic
 Ministers:**

Lectors:

Servers:

Greeters:

Cantors:

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.**

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, sponsor code: ProlifeJohns.

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 email Kathy at 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, 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 Meholic, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - WEEKLY NEED \$5,233.00

December 9/10, 2017

468 Registered Families - Total Offering - \$4,876.07

Offering from 112 Sunday envelopes - \$4,501.00

Loose Cash - \$375.07

Christmas Flowers - \$130.00 Religious Retirement - \$413.00

Kroger Rewards - \$1,127.59

Many contribute generously.

We all need to share the burden of parish support.

May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

Thank you for your generosity to the
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.

Many thanks for your generous donations of \$1,638.85 to the **St. Vincent de Paul Collection** this past weekend! Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

Many thanks to all who made donations for to the Knights of Columbus **COAT DRIVE** and the baby items for the **TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** and to those who helped to decorate the tree with all the hats, gloves and scarves to help the needy! Thanks for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.

From the Desk of Msgr. John Cody

Dear Parishioners,

I'm Msgr. John Cody, and I've been appointed by the Bishop to be your parish administrator until a new pastor is appointed and takes over on July 10, 2018. During this time, it will be my responsibility to provide Mass and the Sacraments, and to oversee and assist the various ministries already in place. Because of the temporary nature of this appointment, there will be no major changes or projects begun. Whatever is underway will continue.

Until the first of the year 2018, daily Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Regular weekend Masses will continue without change. So far, I've been impressed with the activity of the various organizations and ministries in this very active parish!

Your Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Reichert, is a dear friend of mine. We were classmates in the seminary, as well as brother priests in the Diocese of Columbus. I'll be in close contact with him, and will welcome him to be as involved in the life of this parish, which he loves, as much as he is able.

Deacon Bill Andrews is also a friend. I was privileged to be one of his instructors in the Deacon School prior to his ordination. He was one of the best students in his class! I always felt that whatever parish he serves will be grateful and happy he's there. I'm looking forward to working with Deacon Bob Killoren and getting to know him, as well.

I'm a retired priest. My last parish was St. Christopher in Grandview Heights, Columbus. I'm still involved in the Tribunal of the Diocese as a judge, and still work there two afternoons a week. I've been helping out at Watterson High School on Fridays doing some teaching, being available for Confessions and being a priestly presence. I used to be full-time there in the 70's, and thoroughly enjoy working with teenagers! Some of you may also know me as chaplain of several Irish organizations.

I want you to know how happy I am to be here, however temporary, at the Church of the Ascension! Together, we'll keep things going and prepare for the new pastor in July of 2018. God bless always,

Msgr. John Cody, Parish Administrator

PLEASE NOTE: Each weekend, Msgr. Cody will be hearing **CONFESSIONS** before the Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m., as well as after Mass. He will also be hearing Confessions at 10:30 a.m., before the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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

Nativity Play for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass: First practice went great! Second practice - Sunday, December 17, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Dress Rehearsal - Saturday, December 23, 11:00 a.m.

OUR ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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!