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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. 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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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased

Members of the Davolio
Family by Stan &
Elizabeth Hawbaker
8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:00 p.m. Jack & Lucy Walsh by Stephen &

Kathryn Eyerman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 a.m. Parish Family 11:00 a.m. Bob Meholick by the Cromwell Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased Members of the Dean Family by Stan & Elizabeth Hawbaker

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. For the Intention of Dana Pfeifer by Mike & Bernadette Fox

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased Members of the Dowdell Family by Stan & Elizabeth Hawbaker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased Members of the Frey Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Hanson by Jeanne Falter 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 a.m. Nancy Linnabary by a Friend 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 a.m. Parish Family 11:00 a.m. Richard Scott by Janet Johnson

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. Just a reminder during this season, that we have two opportunities for growth in faith through a Scripture Study focusing on the Life and Ministry of St. Peter that meets following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday mornings. The other opportunity is on Monday evenings, at 7:00 p.m. This study is called "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk though of Christ's Passion."

These opportunities can be a great way to deepen your faith throughout this penitential season and I encourage you to check them out!

In the Gospel this Sunday, we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ.

Before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with His disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed on the mountain, His appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from Him and from His clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared. The presence of Moses and Elijah shows how Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. In the Old Testament, the Levitical law was given to God's people as a temporary administration, demonstrating their need for a Savior.

Later, the prophets told of a coming Messiah, who would mend the rift between God and man that had been caused by sin. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that, as Jesus stood Transfigured, the voice of God was heard telling the disciples that Jesus is His "beloved Son."

On August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the Transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light." Light which shines forth from Christ both at the Transfiguration and after His Resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil." Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!" Jesus was the only man able to satisfy the Law; the perfect, sinless sacrifice.

Perhaps during this Lenten Season, we can consider how God is calling each of us to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light.

God bless,

Fr. Smith



NEW! ONLINE BOOKING

Fr. Smith is using a new, easier online booking system to meet with parishioners. If you'd like to schedule a meeting with Fr. Smith, please scan the QR code or visit his calendar at https://calendly.com/frstephensmith.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Second Sund	day of Lent february 24-25, 2024
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	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.		
	Ethan Wnek	Veronica Botts	Bode Cherry		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Christian Dorsten	Clair Barb	Mathew Cherry		
	Mike Keebaugh	Joey Barb	Cole Fox		
	Shelli Writesel – Host	Michael Robbins – Chalice	Volunteer Needed – Host		
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:		Karla Fox Somar – Chalice			
		Mary Sheehan – Host			
LECTORS:	Volunteer Needed	Adele Robbins	Mike Dunfee		
LECTORS:	Aaron Locker – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus		
GREETERS/USHERS:	Mary Ann Shaffer	Bubby Eichner	Lora Dunfee		
GREETERS/USTIERS:	Jan Orkis	Robbi Eichner	Mike Dunfee		
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jim Stafford		

Third Sunday of Lent MARCH 3-4, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.		
	Shelli Writesel	Billy Staneart	C.C. Zirille		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Mike Keebaugh	Annie Muntz	Jack Smithhisler		
	Christian Dorsten	Veronica Botts	Alex Smithhisler		
	Linda Droege – Host	Jerri Burgel – Chalice	Joanne Hawkins – Host		
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:		Karla Fox Somar– Chalice			
		Tom Staneart – Host			
LECTORS:	Tom Nann	Diana Lewis	Dave Bogner		
LECTORS:	Aaron Locker – Angelus	Adele Robbins – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus		
GREETERS/USHERS:	Maureen Keebaugh	Ali Staneart	Zirille Family		
GREETERS/USPIERS:	Dennis Murnane	Tom Staneart	Mary Ann Shaffer		
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family		

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Virginia Ankrom, Maxine Nann, Letha Patton, John Yeagle, the Keasey Family, Wesley Potts, Susan Welch, Joyce Curran, Gabrielle & Shawn, Dana Caswell, Suzanne Kubin, Sharon Freitag, Di Habash, Gordon Cromwell, Joe Lindsay, Ivan Booth, Donna Dellapina, Mark & Cathy Mann, Peggy Hall, Terry Baesmann, John 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, Helen Tomich, 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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If you would like a **STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023**, please email the church office at office@johnstownascension.org, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the Parish Office at 740-967-7871. Please let us know if you would like to receive it via email or snail mail.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commemorate Jesus' Passion and death on the Cross Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m. after the Fish Fry.

40 CANS FOR LENT

Donate a can for every day of Lent to benefit the Johnstown-Northridge Food Pantry. Just bring your cans to the Church. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Our *ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY* will take place every Friday in Lent, running through March 22 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinners include fish, baked potatoes or fries, coleslaw, bun, dessert and drink.

Cost: Adults, \$12.00; Children 6-12 and Senior Citizens, \$8.00; Children 5 and under eat free! Carry-out is available! If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop it off on Thursday or Friday. Any questions, call Bill Paider at 614-348-4216.

RCIA

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Moral Life of the Christian/Social Justice/Gift of Life

"Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

- St. Francis of Assisi

The Diocese of Columbus has *A GOOD AND GROWING NEED* by virtue of 16 ADDITIONAL young men interested in the priesthood.

In this Lenten season, consider giving to our Seminary support fund second collection this weekend, February 24 and 25, or donate now at https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/seminarian-support-fund.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Altar Server training for new and seasoned Altar Servers will be held during PYC on Sunday, March 3 at 9:45 a.m. in the church. Anyone who has received (or will be receiving this year) the Sacrament of First Communion is eligible to be trained as an Altar Server. For more information, please contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstownascension.org.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL HOUSE HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Church of the Ascension is hosting a Catholic School House Homeschool Co-op that focuses on Pre-K through 3rd grade students. Along with the CSH curriculum, the group focuses on Catholic liturgical living. We are currently on a break but will be meeting on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with the opportunity to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to join us or would like more details, please contact Jessica Santareilli at 614-330-2903 or Erin Young at 614-329-3107.

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.

IOB OPPORTUNITY

Jones-Schlater Flooring located in Reynoldsburg is looking to hire an Office/Project Administrator. Join a great team! Grab a flyer off the bulletin board in the hallway for further information.

BECOME A SERRAN!

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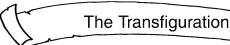
HOMESCHOOL GATHERING

The homeschooling families of the Church of the Ascension will be gathering on Tuesday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. We will meet in the large classrooms to socialize. If you are currently homeschooling or are considering it, please join us! We will be discussing various topics including homeschooling special needs/IEP children and liturgical living. This would be a great time to meet other families and ask questions! Contact Christie Thomas at christie311@proton. me with any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to all those who gave the gift of life last week. The Red Cross is experiencing an *EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE* as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Blood products are currently going to hospitals faster than blood donations are coming in, and in recent weeks, the Red Cross has had to limit distributions of type O blood products – among the most transfused blood types – to hospitals. Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, March 18, for 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.

Activities for Children



Jesus took some of the disciples on a special trip. What happened?

Figure out the answer to each problem. Find the words below that fit some of the answers. Write those words in the boxes. Read from bottom to top.

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4 = high

12 = mountain 6 = Jesus

5 = alone

13 = James

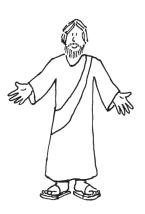
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> 2 persons appeared before them. They talked with Jesus.

Make their names appear below. Color the boxes that have a • .

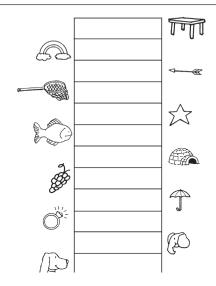
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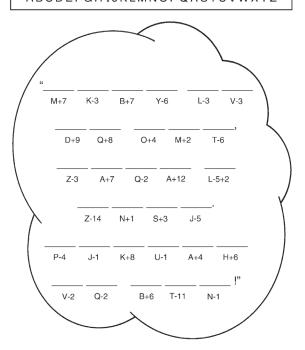
Write the 1st letter of each picture to find out the missing word.





Then a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. What did it say?

Add and subtract letters to find out. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

BELOVED

Reflection on Mark 9:2-10

The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel is closely linked to His Baptism by John in the Jordan. On both occasions the sky speaks those words of generative love: "This is my beloved Son..."

At Jesus' Baptism, Mark reports that the proclamation, "This is my beloved Son," is followed by "with you I am well pleased." Each of us hear those same words spoken to us personally at Baptism, when we begin our lifelong journey of faith. At every stage of that journey, in every moment, we are embraced as daughters and sons who are beloved by God, and with whom God is pleased. This reality, this status of belonging in a royal, holy household, is not earned, but pure gift. God delights in you, His son, His daughter.

Whenever I hear this transfiguration story, where God follows those words of generative love with the command, "Listen to him," I am reminded of the last recorded words of Mary, the beloved Mother of Jesus, in the Gospel: "Do whatever he tells you." (from the wedding feast at Cana)

Listen to Him, and Do whatever He tells you. This journey of faith is a story that is the Word of God told throughout human history. It is told in the lives of our ancestors, and written by God with our lives as well. Listening to His Word, and doing what He instructs us to do, involves a daily and sometimes hourly choice to act in this world as if it were true that God is love, despite any evidence to the contrary.

"9 will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."
PSALM 116:9

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26, 2024

Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Lenten Weekday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28 Thursday, February 29, 2024

Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1, 2024

Lenten Weekday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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God of Love,

Through this Lenten
journey, purify my desires
to serve You.

Free me from any
temptations to judge others,
to place myself above others.

Please let me surrender
even my impatience with
others, that with Your love
and Your grace, I might
be less and less absorbed
with myself, and more
and more full of the desire
to follow You, in laying
down my life according to

Your example.



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