

Church of the Ascension

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FROM REV. VINCENT BLACK



Alleluia. Christ is risen!

I was at Bellwether Farm last weekend, April 26-28. Bellwether Farm is the new camp and retreat center for the Diocese of Ohio. I was there with young people from across the diocese for the annual Spring Youth Gathering. It is one of several youth retreats offered throughout the year. For the past ten years I have served on Bishop Mark's staff as Canon for Christian Formation. One of my primary responsibilities has been to gather youth

from across the diocese and help them connect to each other and build relationships as well as grow in their faith and life in Christ.

This event was of particular significance because it was the last diocesan youth event I will be responsible for and oversee. After ten years, I will resign from my position on the diocesan staff at the end of May so that I can serve at Church of the Ascension as rector full time. (We will celebrate with Bishop Mark on September 28 at 11 am this new season of our ministry as we begin our seventh year with me as your priest at Ascension.)

Over the course of the weekend we focused on roots and being rooted. We did this in very real and practical ways such as harvesting root vegetables and planting a cutting from the Survivor Tree from the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial which our diocesan youth visited in 2017 while participating in the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). We also reflected on what it means to be rooted, what are the significance of roots, what impact does the soil have on the roots and other such things. Of course, being on a farm we were able to talk about this scientifically and then look at various roots and their soil.

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Father Vincent encourages you to make an appointment with him to discuss anything on your mind or heart.

He is available on most Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

Please email him at revvincentblack@yahoo.com or call the office at 216.521.8727 to set up an appointment.

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Nursery

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

Sunday School

10:30 am

Website: <http://ascension-lakewood.org>



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June 19th

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And being Episcopalians on a farm, we were able to look at what science has to teach us about God, our faith, and our life together since we believe as Episcopalians that we learn about science through creation!

This event was also very significant for this parish because five youth from Ascension participated. And Anna Sutterisch who is being sponsored for ordination by this parish was there on Sunday so we could demonstrate to the youth our ongoing commitment to ministry to and with them. Anna will step into the position to care for diocesan youth beginning in June with summer camp. We all know and love Anna and can be confident that she and the youth will thrive in this new ministry together. Anna will be ordained to the transitional diaconate along with Steve Ashby, also sponsored by this parish, at 10am June first. I hope many of you will join me at the ordination.

Change brings new life and new possibilities. Without change there can be no new life. We celebrate new life and thus we celebrate change!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

REMINDER TO THE PARISH FROM FATHER VINCENT

Vestry meetings are open if you wish to attend.

**Please join us
Thursday, May 16th, from 7-9 pm.
in Ascension Hall**

If you want to speak at the meeting please contact the Senior Warden,
Corky Thacker: 216-371-4693 to be put on the agenda.

WHAT IS EFM?

It is an amazing opportunity for adults to explore their faith through study, prayer, theological reflection, and fellowship. A group of parishioners meets Monday evenings, from 6-9 pm, September to June to discuss and explore the Bible, church history, and many perspectives on how Christians understand God as revealed through Jesus Christ.

PLEASE ASK FATHER VINCENT OR JOHN MOHLAR ABOUT SIGNING UP TO JOIN IN THE FALL.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 8AM AND 10:30AM SUNDAY SERVICES?

Yes, there is. The 8am service is shorter because there is no music and there are less people. The language is older and more poetic with "thee, thou, takest, etc." It is quieter and more intimate. There is a simple hospitality offered afterwards of usually coffee and cookies.

The 10:30 service has music, more pageantry, and is about 15 minutes longer. There is Sunday school for children during the first part of the service from September to the end of June. There is also a nursery available for infants and toddlers for the duration of the service. After the service there is usually a more elaborate hospitality time with a range of foods and refreshments.

Children are welcome at both services.

God loves you. No exceptions.®

FROM CORKY THACKER, SENIOR WARDEN



Senior Warden's Report

May 9th will be the fourth anniversary of Jeff's and my wedding at Ascension. That year, the crabapple and redbud trees on the west side of the church were in full bloom, and we posed for pictures amidst their fragrant flowers as we greeted our family and friends on their way to the reception, which we had catered and served in the undercroft under Roger's watchful eye, with Linda's piano adding to the occasion.

My friendship with Father Vincent and Roger brought us to Ascension when I moved to the West Side to marry Jeff. I can't believe we've only been here for four years; it seems much longer, as this church quickly became the center of our married life. We participate in many activities, through which we've made friends—particularly when we're doing service. This bonds us ever closer to our parish family and to God.

Ascension has many activities to connect us to one another and to our neighbors in the Lakewood community. Several of those will start next month, and I invite you to study the list on the top of page 9 to plan your calendars. There are some updates to our Ascension Market and to Frankfurter Fridays to refresh and strengthen them. Notably, we decided we need commitments for at least 10 tables per date to attract enough browsers and buyers to make the Market viable. We're adding hamburgers and chips to the frankfurters in June, July and August, and expanding the menu further with potluck dishes to make the September meal an end-of-summer picnic celebration. We'll also move our starting times a little later so people can more easily join us after work.

We'll be reaching out through these activities twice each month on our wonderful front lawn, and we'll also take part in Lakewood's Fourth of July parade and its Summer Meltdown—where we'll hand out invitations to members of the wider community to join us on our lawn!

God often works through people, through our connections. According to scripture, when two or more are gathered, God is in our midst. More and more people are gathering together at Church of the Ascension, and we feel God's presence and love through our relationships during worship, Sunday hospitality, and our many varied activities. Join in our gatherings!

Sincerely,
Corky Thacker
Senior Warden

AFTERNOON GUILD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

TIME: 1:00 P.M. SITTING. *THEY HAVE DIFFERENT SEATING'S.
THAT IS WHY OUR RESERVATION IS FOR 1 P.M.*

WHERE: MISS HICKORY'S TEA ROOM

14217 MILL HOLLOW LANE, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO 44136, 440-668-305

TAKE I 71 TO RT. 82 EAST WHICH IS THE SECOND EXIT FOR RT.82. IT IS THE FIRST STREET AFTER SERPENTINE CHEVY ON THE RIGHT. LOOK FOR MILL HOLLOW LANE, FIRST RIGHT TURN.

THIS IS OUR FINAL MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BEGINS AND GOING OUT FOR LUNCH HAS BEEN A TRADITION. MISS HICKORY'S IS LOCATED IN A MID 1800'S FARMHOUSE IN THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC DISTRICT OF STRONGSVILLE. WE ARE WELCOMED BACK TO THE "TURN OF THE CENTURY". HOSTESSES WILL GREET US DRESSED IN EARLY 1900'S ATTIRE. A WIDE SELECTION OF DISHES ALONG WITH A VARIETY OF TEAS AND OTHER BEVERAGES.

ALL THE LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED.

HOPE WE HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT.

REGRETS TO JOYCE KNAPP 216-521-9259



ADULT FORMATION - EXPLORE THE BIBLE

We are going to explore the Bible using *The Path*, a concise, abridged, and narrated version which uses the exact words of the Bible and fills in between those words to cut out the big chunks giving us a book that reads like a story. The whole parish will use this resource, adults and children alike. There is a children and family version which we will use in Sunday School. From these stories we will prepare for our Jesse Tree liturgy in Advent in a more natural and engaging manner.

On Sunday mornings we will read and discuss a chapter a week. In Sunday school they will discuss the same theme and characters and the chapters are numbered the same.

Here is the schedule:

May 19th - Steve Ashby will lead formation from 9:15-10am . He will share some of his journey toward the priesthood and how Ascension played a key role in that journey. He will also share some of his transformative experiences in seminary and in his field placements.

May 26th - Noah Sutterisch will lead formation from 9:15-10am . He will share about his study class in London, England and explore some best practices and models of Church planting, revitalization and growth.

I highly encourage everyone connected to the parish to join in the reading and study. If you are unable to join us at 9:15-10am Sunday mornings please consider buying the book and reading along as we do. The cost of the book is \$20.00. You can get a book in the office. Never let money keep you from joining in! Just let me know you need a book but can't pay for it. If you join us Sunday mornings, we will read it together so there is no preparing for the class. We will have books available for those who join us Sunday morning so you don't need to buy your own. Come when you can!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you willing to assist as the second person for the nursery or Sunday School?

Contact David Campion: dccampion@earthlink.net or 440-668-4905

Click on the link below to access the ascension assistants for worship worksheet

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16XyLBnLM6yb_Ry-S5z1llkuKd2RZLJVoiYFH5Qk-GKM/edit#gid=1498723325

JOIN US IN THE STUDY AND SHARING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE EPISCOPALIAN

May 28th

We will gather at 6:30pm and end at 7:45pm in the Guild Room to read and discuss the living of our faith. We will be using the book, *Walk in Love*. Each week we will read a portion of the book together and then discuss its applications to our lives. All are welcome to participate. Books will be provided for the class. If you would like your own copy or cannot attend the class but would like to read the book it is available in the office for \$20.00. It is both comprehensive and comprehensible and I highly recommend that everyone read and reference this helpful text.

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30 pm - Shawl Ministry (Ascension Hall)	2	3	4 9 am - Yard & Garden Cleanup
5 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service	6	7 5 pm- Trials for Hope Meal	8 1 pm - Afternoon Guild (Miss Hickory's Tea Room Strongsville)	9 5:30 pm - Community Meal	10	11
12 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service	13 6 pm- Dinner Nite Out (The Woods Restaurant Rocky River)	14	15 1:30 pm - Shawl Ministry (Ascension Hall)	16 7 pm- Vestry	17	18
19 8 am- Service 9:15am-10am Adult Formation 10:30 am- Service	20	21 6:10 pm- Ascension Game Night Out: Indians vs Oakland (Progressive Field)	22	23 6:30pm - 8 pm The Youth Group	24	25
26 8 am- Service 9:15am-10am Adult Formation 10:30 am- Service	27 5 pm- Trials for Hope Spaghetti Meal Memorial Day	28 6:30-7:45 pm - "Walk in Love" (Guild Room)	29	30	31	



SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

**We will have a parish wide training on
Sunday, May 19th**

Lunch: Following the 10:30am Service

Training: 12:30pm – 3:00pm

At Church of the Ascension, we value the safety of our children and of those who work with them. As Christians following our baptismal covenant, we are all responsible. We take a proactive stand as a parish to follow best practices concerning this training and certification.

The diocesan standard is that everyone who works with or has access to children be trained, with recertification every three years to remain current. Best practices also include training for members of the vestry and other leaders, and all who have keys to the building.

This is a program designed to protect our children from sexual abuse. It is the responsibility of every member of the church to make sure our parish is a safe and welcoming place for everyone to worship God and grow in our life in Christ. Everyone should consider participating in this training..

All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this training.

- A sign-up sheet is available in the church office.
- An online option is available for recertification. Please contact Father Vincent for the link.
- If you can't attend on May 19th and have not yet been certified, please contact Father Vincent for options revvincentblack@yahoo.com.



Ascension Game Night Out: Indians vs Oakland

May 21 6pm: Good Seats- 20 together: can get more if needed

\$32 per ticket; payable to Rob Theibert. Sign up in office.

COMMUNITY MEAL

THE COMMUNITY MEAL WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

HELPERS FOR THIS MEAL ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

SET UP AT 4 PM ♦ DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM ♦ MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM

We could use
help to, set up, serve,
bake, or clean up!

**THE DESSERT WILL BE:
PUDDING**

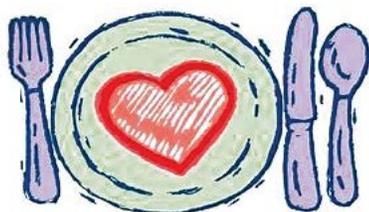


BREADSMITH IS NOW DONATING THEIR DAY OLD BREAD FOR OUR THURSDAY MEAL. THANK YOU BREADSMITH! YOUR BREAD IS AMAZING AND A BLESSING TO OUR CLIENTS.

MARGIE: bach2schol@hotmail.com

THE TRIALS FOR HOPE MEALS

Coordinated by Jonathan Gray



TUESDAY, MAY 7TH & MONDAY, MAY 27TH
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM - MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM

HELPERS FOR THIS MEAL ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

SET UP AT 4 PM ♦ DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM ♦ MEAL SERVED AT 5:30 PM

Let the office know so Jonathan Gray can be notified.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- May 07: Joshua Gillies
- May 10: Ann Beyer
- May 13: Brenda Killey
- May 18: Marilyn Little
- May 18: Jeffrey Welfley
- May 22: Allison Thompson
- May 22: Daniel Vanah
- May 23: Kathleen Jones
- May 24: Joyce Knapp

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 09: Corky Thacker & Jeff Sommer
- May 19: Stephanie & Joshua Gillies
- May 24: Codi & Joe Hildebrandt



ASCENSION NITE OUT

WE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MAY 13TH AT 6 PM

THE WOODS RESTAURANT

21919 CENTER RIDGE ROAD, ROCKY RIVER, 440-333-9663

ITALIAN-AMERICAN FARE FROM PIZZAS TO RIBS IN A WOOD-PANELED SETTING WITH TWO FIREPLACES. NICE ATMOSPHERE AND GOOD SERVICE.

SEE YOU ALL THERE. REGRETS TO JOYCE KNAPP, 216-521-9259



CLOTHING DRIVE



The Choir are collecting clothing for St. Luke's Episcopal Church's clothing drive. This clothing will be made available to the needy free of charge. If you would like to clean out your closet– the "re-choir-ed" clothing box is located just to the right of the office. The choir will be responsible for delivering your donations. Cold weather is here, so think warm clothes too!!!

I was told by a reputable source that hooded sweatshirts are a plus!!!



HOSPITALITY ROSTER

May: Sunday school

June: Finance

EASTER EGG HUNT



Margie, Susan and I want to thank you all for your generosity helping make the Easter Egg hunt a delight for all of our church children. Candy, prizes, time, stuffing eggs, time, sorting eggs, hiding eggs etc.. We are so proud to be part of this blessed community at Church of the Ascension. Thank you, John O'Donnell!

GET READY FOR ASCENSION SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES!

ASCENSION MARKET: First Saturday of July (6th), Aug. (3rd), Sept. (7th). Tables are \$20 per day.

Sign up to reserve your table in the office.

WE MUST HAVE COMMITMENTS FOR 10 TABLES FOR EACH DATE TO HOST THE MARKET! Deadline is June 2.

We also will need people to set up and take down tables. Times to be announced.

FRANKFURTER FRIDAY: Third Friday of June (21st), July (19th), Aug. (16th), Sept. (20th) Mark your calendar to attend and enjoy all-beef hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, lemonade and lawn games with your fellow parishioners and our neighbors. The September date will include pot-luck dishes for an end-of-summer picnic! Help is needed for grilling, serving, set-up and clean-up. Please sign up in the office. Times have changed a bit to make it easier for people to come after work: Set-up: 6 pm, Grilling & serving: 6:30-7:30 pm

LAKWOOD 4TH OF JULY PARADE: We will walk in the parade and hand out invitations to members of the community to attend and/or rent tables at Ascension Market and to join us for Frankfurter Fridays.

Details to come! Please sign up in the office.

LAKWOOD SUMMER MELTDOWN: July 13th, 4-10 pm. We will have an Ascension table under a tent with posters to promote our above events, and will hand out invitations, candy and bottles of water.



GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 4th, at 9am



SAVE THE DATE

God willing and the people consenting Barb Telfer will be ordained a deacon in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church on June 1, 2019 at Trinity Cathedral.

Anna will be ordained to the transitional diaconate along with Steve Ashby, June 1, 2019 at 10 am.

I HOPE MANY OF YOU WILL JOIN ME AT THE ORDINATION.

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You can pick **Church of the Ascension** to donate to on **amazon**smile and amazon will donate a percentage of your total purchase to the church.



Helping to Feed Our Sheep? Please be a Good Shepherd.

It is a great blessing (and a necessity) to have so many volunteers bringing food for our various internal and external ministries and social activities! Thanks to you all, and please keep doing what you've been doing—while keeping a few practical considerations in mind:

- ❖ Bring all required items needed for people to eat your dish, including serving spoons/forks, plates, tableware and napkins (unless someone else on the team is providing them, or you have checked the inventory available for coffee hour). If you forget, please go and find the needed items yourself, rather than asking someone else to get them.
- ❖ Take everything home with you when you leave. Please do not make others responsible for things you brought.
- ❖ Nothing is to be left in the kitchens, refrigerators or freezers in Ascension Hall or Strom Hall unless someone else has expressly said they want to use it for another event in the next week or two. If you store anything, please read and abide by the instructions posted on the refrigerators or in the kitchens regarding labeling, dating and sealing.

Feeding our sheep is a major part of our mission at the Church of the Ascension, and a great part of our joy in being together.

But we don't want to feed mice or culture mold.

Thanks for all of your help!

