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# Church of the Ascension

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## REV. VINCENT BLACK



Walking Through Holy Week, Embracing Easter Joy, and Celebrating 150 Years of Faith

Beloved People of God,

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude and a deep sense of our shared journey in Christ. Our lives are woven together in a tapestry of faith, hope, and love, nurtured and strengthened through our participation in worship and our ongoing spiritual development. This year, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary, we stand at a unique juncture. We look back with gratitude for the faithful generations who have laid the foundation for our community, for the countless acts of love and service that have shaped our history.

But more importantly, this anniversary is not just a commemoration of the past; it is a springboard into the future, a call to renewed commitment and deeper growth in Christ.

And now, as we prepare to walk through the sacred journey of Holy Week and celebrate the glorious joy of Easter, this call to renewal takes on even greater significance. Our worship, as we gather week by week, is not merely a ritual, but a profound encounter with the living God. It is in the liturgy, the prayers, the hymns, and the Holy Eucharist that we are reminded of God's boundless love and grace. Through participation in the sacraments, we ourselves become "outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace." Each time we partake, we are renewed, strengthened, and sent forth to live as Christ's hands and heart in the world.

The Book of Common Prayer emphasizes the importance of corporate worship, reminding us that we are part of the Body of Christ. When we gather, we lift our voices together, offering our joys and sorrows, our praises and petitions, to the one who hears and answers. This communal act of worship strengthens our bonds with one another and with God, creating a space where we can experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

However, as you well know, our spiritual journey does not end when we leave the church doors. Our Baptismal Covenant calls us to ongoing spiritual development, urging us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, scripture study, and acts of service. This is a lifelong process, a continuous unfolding of our faith.

The Catechism, found within the Prayer Book, provides a foundation for our understanding of God, ourselves, and our calling. It encourages us to ask questions, to seek understanding, and to grow in our knowledge of the Christian faith. Regular engagement with scripture, both individually and in community, allows us to hear God's word anew, to discern God's will for our lives, and to find guidance and comfort in times of need.

Furthermore, the Prayer Book encourages us to engage in acts of service, to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. As we serve those in need, we not only extend God's love to others, but we also deepen our own understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.



**God loves you. No exceptions.®**

This Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to truly experience the depth of Christ's love. Let us walk with him through the triumphs of Palm Sunday, the solemnity of Maundy Thursday, the sorrow of Good Friday, and the expectant silence of Holy Saturday. Let us allow the narrative of Christ's Passion to resonate within us, challenging us to confront our own failings and embrace the transformative power of God's forgiveness and compassion.

And then, let us burst forth with unrestrained joy on Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Let us proclaim the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death, and let us be filled with the hope and promise of eternal life.

In this 150th anniversary year, let us commit to building upon the legacy of faith we have inherited, not just by remembering the past, but by actively shaping the future of our church. Let us use this milestone, and this Holy Week and Easter season, as an opportunity to:

1. Fully Participate in Holy Week Services: Let us immerse ourselves in the liturgies of this sacred time, allowing them to lead us deeper into the mystery of Christ's love.
2. Embrace the Joy of Easter: Let us celebrate the resurrection with exuberance and gratitude, sharing the good news with all we encounter.
3. Renew Our Commitment to Worship: Let us make a conscious effort to participate fully in worship, allowing the liturgy to shape our lives and inspire us to serve.
4. Deepen Our Spiritual Growth: Let us engage in intentional spiritual practices, such as prayer, scripture study, and reflection, to strengthen our relationship with God and equip ourselves for the challenges and opportunities ahead.
5. Embrace Our Call to Service: Let us seek new and innovative ways to serve our community and the world, reflecting the love of Christ in our actions.
6. Look to the Future: Let us prayerfully consider how our church can continue to be a beacon of hope and a source of spiritual nourishment for generations to come.
7. Celebrate our History and build upon it: Let us remember the shoulders we are standing on, and use the lessons of the past to guide us forward.

Therefore, I invite you to continue your faithful participation in worship and to embrace the ongoing journey of spiritual development. Let us commit to:

**Regular Worship:** Attending services, participating in the sacraments, and offering our prayers and praises to God.

**Scripture Study:** Engaging with the Bible, both individually and in group settings, to deepen our understanding of God's word.

**Prayer and Meditation:** Cultivating a personal relationship with God through prayer, meditation, and spiritual reflection.

**Acts of Service:** Extending God's love to others through acts of compassion, justice, and service as well as using our gifts to contribute to the vitality of our common life.

**Continual Learning:** Participating in educational opportunities, such as Bible studies, lectures, and workshops, to deepen our knowledge of the faith.

Our spiritual journey is a shared one. Let us support and encourage one another as we strive to grow in faith, hope, and love. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

## PLEASE BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

### DO NOT PAY FOR CHURCH EVENTS OR SIGN UP FOR THEM VIA EMAIL.

Please be careful and check that all events for 2025 are listed on the save the date bookmarks or on the webpage <http://www.150years.org>

**If you are not sure call Jim in the office 216-521-8727.**



## JOE SGAMBELLONE, SENIOR WARDEN

In March, our year-long celebration continued with the first of our speaker series. Dr. Robert Shimp, the director of the Lakewood Historical Society presented a talk entitled "Church of the Ascension 150: A Rockport Township and Lakewood Retrospective to a crowd of more than 80 people. Rockport, from which Lakewood and surrounding areas were carved, was an area in transition as the city of Cleveland grew and people flocked westward.

The roots of Rockport grew both the city of Lakewood and the Church of the Ascension. The people of Church of the Ascension were instrumental in building Lakewood, the city of Cleveland, and beyond. Our archivist and vestry member Greg Sent followed Dr. Shimp with a presentation of his own. While he definitely didn't dwell on how many Lakewood streets were named after Ascensionites (ahem), he was able to show how these early pioneers brought our church to life and gave definition to Lakewood. The plots of land that once held prominent orchards and gardens gave way to streets and neighborhoods still bearing the names of these early parishioners.

The second speaker, Rev. Dr. Wilbert spoke of "Bishops, Buildings, and the Broad Work of the Church" to a crowd of more than 50 people following the 10:30am service. His talk presented a historical picture of the wider area, the people who were important at the start of the Church of the Ascension, and the work they did outside of our church. In those days, the land was rugged and so were the pioneers who settled it. Rev. Wilbert is an engaging speaker and everyone enjoyed his stories of these pioneers.

If you missed one or both of the presentations, or you want to watch them again, the sessions were recorded and available on our [YouTube page](#).

We had our inaugural Yoga class, which is a meditational class rooted in connecting our bodies with the Holy Spirit. Some people used mats, some used chairs, but all were able to use their bodies to make a deeper connection with the Spirit. This class is open to all and accommodations are made no matter your physical condition. A free-will offering is available.

Just a couple of weeks left for our Lenten Fish Fry (there won't be a fry on Good Friday). It's been years since the church had a fish fry and I'm curious what you think about the reintroduced version. Please stop me and let me know what you think! Your opinion will help shape future events.

This parish continues to be full of surprises. One thing I've observed recently is the remarkable flexibility of our community members. Time and again, I've witnessed this adaptability, especially as we navigate our anniversary year, liturgical seasons, and various recurring events that overlap on the calendar. Our collective and individual capacity to embrace change is truly a blessing. From spur of the moment prayer-leading to changing cleaning schedules based on our growing list of activities, we have a dedicated group who are willing to tackle what needs to be done. With all the events we have lined up this year, there are a lot of chances to help make these events go smoothly. I hope you'll be willing to help, even if it's just for a short time.

## CLARKE MORTENSEN, SEMINARIAN

One of the blessings of attending an ecumenical divinity school is the opportunity to engage with people from all sorts of different traditions. YDS's Pulpit Supply Program lets seminarians preach at churches either whose clergy are absent or who do not have a pastor. The program primarily serves United Church of Christ and American Baptist congregations. I recently preached at a small Baptist church in rural Connecticut, and when I say small, I mean it! Not counting Dani and myself, there were seven people present.

Sometimes, the students are expected to do more than just preach. For this church, I also had to lead certain prayers, including their equivalent of the Prayers of the People. Other than the Lord's Prayer, none of these were predetermined, so I got to write them (except the closing prayer, which I forgot to write, and was therefore an exercise in extemporaneous prayer). I saw this as an opportunity to look at our own resources from the prayer book and decide how to adapt them to fit the context of a tiny Baptist church. For instance, they would be awfully confused if I prayed for "all bishops and other ministers"!

This church also does not follow the lectionary, which meant that for the first time, I got to choose my own readings upon which to build my sermon. This is something that I will virtually never be able to do again once (God willing and the people consenting) I am ordained. So while I deeply appreciate the lectionary and all the gifts it gives us, this is the time to do something different. It's the time to take breaks from the broad/high church Episcopal habits I've developed, dip my toes in someone else's pond, and in doing so, become a more well-rounded minister as well as Christian.





## GREGORY SENT, ARCHIVIST

### Lost homes of Ascension Families - Part Two

#### Hutchinson- "North Anchorage"

Captain Charles Lorenzo Hutchinson and his wife, Jean Creech Smith, lived at 1438 Grace Avenue (originally house number 18 Grace until 1906 when addresses were changed) being just a short walk from Church of the Ascension. Captain Charles L. Hutchinson was senior member of the Hutchinson & Company and president of the Pioneer Steamship Company, which at one time had 38 ships on the Great Lakes. From 1901 until 1904, C.L. Hutchinson is found in our records as a member of the vestry. His wife, Jean, is found in various articles in the society pages of local newspapers as part of the Ladies Guilds at Church of the Ascension.



**Captain Charles  
Lorenzo Hutchinson**

She helped raise money for the church alongside names such as Alice and Grace Nicholson, Maria Hird, Aleksandra Elliott and Ella Weaver. In 1910, the Hutchinson family moved to a magnificent home they called "North Anchorage". The house was on a plot of land that went from Lake Avenue to the lake long before Edgewater cut through the properties. Together Captain C. L. Hutchinson and Jean C. Hutchinson had four children: John Thomas, Charles Lorenzo, William S. and Gene Creech Smith Hutchinson. Their children and many grandchildren had a connection to Ascension.



**North Anchorage Home**

North Anchorage was the site of many fundraisers for the Lakewood Garden Club, the DAR, local hospitals and also Church of the Ascension. In the 1980s, North Anchorage was destroyed to make the land available for a development. Edgewater Lane was created with multiple homes in what was considered new, exclusive, luxury homes.

#### The Wagar House

Jessie Wagar Loveland and her husband, George E. Loveland along with their two daughters: Lura and Gertrude, were found in our parish records as the thirteenth family to join the Ascension community in 1881. Jessie Wagar was from one of the original families of the community. Her grandfather was Mars Wagar, for whom two streets in Lakewood were named. As a child, Jessie remembered seeing Civil War soldiers marching off to serve their country and seeing President Lincoln lay in state at Public Square on its way to burial in Illinois. George E. Loveland was on vestry at Church of the Ascension for many years starting in 1892 and was Senior Warden from 1895 until 1897. Jessie Wagar Loveland is also found in a list of women, who in 1898 helped to raise the money needed to build the first rectory for Church of the Ascension.



**Wagar Loveland Home**

After the turn of the century, Jessie, her husband and children moved to Kansas for many years. After the death of her husband and a daughter, Jessie moved back to Lakewood, where she passed away in the house where she lived as a child on Detroit Avenue on August 30, 1932. Their family home, which was built before the Civil War, stood on Detroit Avenue until 1936 when it was torn down for a local business.

## The Tegardine House

Jacob E. Tegardine was a postmaster, councilman and later mayor of Lakewood. Jacob came as a one year old with his parents to Lakewood from England in 1843. He fought in the Civil War under the command of Col. Rutherford B. Hayes. It was at the intersection of Warren and Detroit that the Tegardine family had their home and a general store. Jacob and Mary Tegardine had five daughters: Mary, Isabelle, Maude, Kate and Frances. Maude was a school teacher, following in the tradition of the Wagar family, which supported education for generations in Lakewood. On February 3, 1904 Maude Tegardine married Harrison Schmidt at the Tegardine home at the southwest corner of Warren and Detroit. The minister at the wedding was Rev. George Frederic Williams, rector of Church of the Ascension. Their home was for many years used as city hall for Lakewood. In 1925, the Detroit-Warren Building at 14805 Detroit Avenue replaced the Tegardine family home.



**Tegardine Home**

## The Stecher Estate



**Stecher Home**

Frederick W. Stecher and his wife Lue Morgan Stecher.... On October 30, 1895 Lue Morgan and Frederick W. Stecher were married in Cleveland, Ohio. Her husband at the time was a drug clerk who had opened a drug store in Cleveland. He later created the "Pompeian Massage Cream", which earned him a fortune. He was known in the world of pharmacists as a hard-working and honest man. Lue and Frederick had three children: Robert, Paul and Edith. As a family, the Stechers were able to enjoy the luxury of trips abroad. In the early part of the 1900s, they purchased a large plot of land and had a grand home on Lake Erie. The yard was known for the structured hedges and lush gardens. Massive trellises were found through the paths going from the house to the cliff over the lake.

Frederick and their eldest son went on an automobile trip to Dartmouth College in 1916. Along the way, Frederick caught a cold from which he passed away on September 27, 1916. To honor her husband, Lue and her son, Dr. Robert Stecher, donated the funds for a new hand-carved, wooden pulpit for Church of the Ascension. Lue remained on Lake Ave. in the Stecher home and enjoyed the vast, beautiful gardens to host a variety of luncheons for the Lakewood League of Women Voters, Lakewood Garden Club, Women's Guild for Church of the Ascension or YWCA. She was known for her generosity to all of these causes and others. Lue was often generous but preferred anonymity for her work and monetary gifts. On August 4, 1940, Lue Morgan Stecher passed away. Her service was held at Church of the Ascension and a doorway was donated by her family to the church in her memory. She was buried with her husband and family in Lake View Cemetery.



**Stecher Gardens**

## SPEAKERS AT ASCENSION

**April 30th, 6pm:** Speaker John Kundtz. Topic "Kundtz family in Lakewood"

**May 25th, 1pm:** Speaker Eva Wischhusen . Topic "Henry Wood Elliott- Lakewoodite and America's first international Conservationist"

**July 25th, 5:30pm:** Speakers Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson- Topic "Rise and Fall", Hutchinson Family of Lakewood and their role in the Great Lakes.

## LENT CALENDAR

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays, April 2nd - April 16, 6pm

**Palm Sunday:** One service April 13th, 10:30am

**Maundy Thursday:** Service April 17th, 7:30pm

**Night Watch:** April 17th, 9:00pm - Midnight

**Good Friday:** April 18th, 7:30pm

**Great Vigil of Easter:** April 19th, 8:00pm Trinity Cathedral

**Easter Sunday:** One service April 20th, 10:30am



## EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter Sunday we will have the children's **Easter egg hunt following the 10:30 am Service.**

We are asking for people to donate their loose change, to fill the eggs (silver coins only please).

A collection box can be found at hospitality after the 10:30am Services.

## KEEP WATCH AND PRAY

We will have a prayer vigil in the Chapel at the Altar of Repose, after the Maundy Thursday service on **April 17th, from 9pm until midnight.**

**If you are able to take part. Please sign up in the office to indicate which time slot you will take.**



## PALM CROSSES

**Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall, on Saturday, April 12th, at 9:30am**

This is an intergenerational event. Bring the family!

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We create a temporary pool of funds from which to buy the plants which adorn the altars and the chancel for Easter Day in memory or in honor of loved ones. Place your contributions in the envelopes provided (checks made out to the church, with "Easter flowers" in the memo line or cash) and list those you want to remember on the form provided next to the box for the contributions. Or send your donation [online](https://www.ascension-lakewood.org) and an email to [secretary@ascension-lakewood.org](mailto:secretary@ascension-lakewood.org). The amount of each gift is determined by the donor.

**The deadline for making gifts to the fund and placing names on the remembrance list is April 13th (Palm Sunday), which allows sufficient time for that list to be compiled for publication with the Easter service bulletins.**

Following the 10:30am service on Easter Day the plants are distributed to parishioners who due to ill health or disability are unable to attend worship.





## VIEWING AND DISCUSSING *THE CHOSEN*, DRAMA SERIES

**Thursdays, 6-8pm April - May**

We will resume viewing and discussing *The Chosen*, the drama series about Jesus and his movement.

**April and May: Chosen Season 4**

April 3rd -	5	April 10th -	6
April 24th -	7	May 1st -	8

## CENTERING PRAYER

We meet every Thursday at noon from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall.  
For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

## MONTHLY PICK-UP YOUTH CHOIR

**The KIDS will sing on Sunday, April 13th**

On the second Sunday of each month, from September through May, all children are welcome to join our monthly pick-up Youth Choir and sing a song for the 10:30 am service offertory.

Margie will prepare the kids during the first part of the service and they will then offer that song as an Offertory Anthem the same day.

Please send me an email at [bach2schol@hotmail.com](mailto:bach2schol@hotmail.com)  
if your child is interested in joining our group! All are welcome!



**THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE!**

## Something Olde



~Choir~

## Something New



## THE AFTERNOON GUILD

**Wednesday, April 9th at 12:30pm**

Afternoon Guild will meet in Ascension Hall. A salad bar will be for lunch. We can have fruit salad, jello salad, pasta salad, green salad, rolls and butter, finishing with a dessert.

**Members can sign up in the office for what they would like to contribute.**

After lunch we will be putting together the Easter Eggs for Easter Sunday. We will accept plastic eggs, silver coins, wrapped small pieces of candy or small toys.

Please help us fill the eggs so the kids are EGGsited to find them.

Let's make the kids Easter extra fun! See you there!

**Please RSVP if you are planning on attending.**

**Email or text Margie at [bach2schol@hotmail.com](mailto:bach2schol@hotmail.com) or 440-476-8450!**

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**Next month, we will hear from Tom Strong  
about medications and their usage.**

## SACRED MOMENTS

### A COLLECTION OF 150 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

In June and July of 2025, Church of the Ascension will have an exhibit of wedding and baptismal gowns on display for our parishioners and the community to enjoy. Do you have a gown you would be willing to have part of the exhibit?

You might be part of Church of the Ascension but you have your mother's or grandmother's gown. Could it also be part of the exhibit? Absolutely! Share your family's history and sacred moments with us.

We are also looking for pictures for a slideshow during the exhibit. Please let us scan your wedding or baptisms for a show that represents 150 years!



Please contact Gregory Sent at  
[deutschmeister@hotmail.com](mailto:deutschmeister@hotmail.com) or 216-570-4424.

Mary Ann Stubbs married John A. Brownrigg at Church of the Ascension on September 3, 1952. Her wedding dress will be part of the exhibit in 2025 during June and July to celebrate Ascension's 150 years!



## SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawl ministry will meet on **Wednesday, April 2nd and 16th** in Ascension Hall from 1 pm - 3 pm. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

**Delivery Help Needed!** People wanted to help deliver shawls. This task is getting to be too much for the ladies – we need some help! Contact Mary Staley at (216) 527-4186

## SUPER BOWL TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

**Sunday, April 6th, 12-12:30 on the sofa side of Ascension Hall.**

Join Ann Pesta as she shares the highlights from her Super Bowl trip with photos, videos, and stories!

## ASCENSION NIGHT OUT

**To maintain the solemnity of Holy Week. Ascension Night Out in April is canceled.**

Be sure to check the May Spires and Service Bulletins for details on our May Ascension Night Out on Wednesday, May 21st.

## BREATHE YOGA MINISTRY RESTORATIVE YOGA WITH MEDITATION

**Sundays, at 12:45pm in Strom Hall**

A serene practice designed to foster connection with your mind, body, and the Holy Spirit. This restorative yoga class gently guides participants through calming postures and meditative moments, allowing for deep relaxation and spiritual renewal. It offers a sacred space to release tension, quiet the mind, and experience the divine presence within. Ideal for those seeking peace, healing, and a deeper spiritual connection.

**There will be no class on Easter Sunday April 20th.**

## ASCENSION YOUNG/SH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

**Meets in Ascension Hall Every First and Third Sunday 5pm-7pm.**

Just like the group name says, this is all about fellowship. Come get together to spend time in community with your fellow parishioners aged 18+. We will play board games, watch movies, engage in conversation, and more as we grow closer together and strengthen our bonds as friends and siblings in Christ.

**We will not meet on Easter Sunday April 20th.**

## ALTAR GUILD

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful arrangements and preparations that make our services so special? Our Altar Guild plays a vital role in creating a sacred space. We're looking for new members! If you'd like to learn more about what we do and how you can join this ministry, please contact Derek Lewallen at 440-821-6266. We need members to help with both 8 am and 10:30 am services.

## HOSPITALITY THANK YOU!

We want to thank all the people that have been providing hospitality after the 10:30 am service. We want to say thank you for all the time and effort it takes to prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. The hospitalities have just been delightful. Thank you to everyone who has shared food with us. With so many new faces participating in hospitality, simple guidelines are published below. Remember we are thankful for any of the food you choose to share with us. Hospitality is a wonderful time to sit with each other and build fellowship over pastry, coffee, and other delicious delights

### Hospitality Guidelines

- 1) Paper goods, garbage supplies, serving dishes are available in the kitchen and narrow cupboard in Ascension Hall
- 2) Clean-up
  - a. Wash dishes and put away.
  - b. Empty coffee pot and rinse out.
  - c. Combine ALL garbage into large can and close- up bag. Take to dumpster or leave in can with trash lid secured.
  - d. Take leftover food home. Try not to leave leftover food. It is often thrown out because no one uses it.
  - e. Wipe off tables.
- 3) The building will be locked by a church member that has a key

**Thank you for supporting hospitality.**

## WE NEED HELP FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of keeping the Church of Ascension alive. Our newest idea for a fundraiser is a bourbon raffle. If you have an interest in assisting with this project please see [Joe Sgambellone](#).

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A change has been made to the date for the Holiday Market.

**Mark November 8, 2025 on your calendars as the new date.**

Any time is the right time to begin a project for the Holiday Market. Each and every one of us has a talent and these talents can be turned into items for sale at the market.

We need as much product as possible so please start your talents today.

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call 5 pm - Trials for Hope Meal <i>April Fools' Day</i>	<b>2</b> 1-3 pm - Shawl Ministry in Ascension Hall 6 pm - Stations of the Cross 6:30-8 pm - <i>Inwardly Digest</i> by Derek Olsen	<b>3</b> 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 6 pm - <i>The Chosen</i> view & discuss 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 am - Service 10:30 am - Service 12-12:30pm - Join Ann Pesta as she shares the highlights from her Super Bowl trip 12:45 pm - Breathe Yoga Ministry 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	<b>9</b> 6 pm - Stations of the Cross 6:30-8 pm - <i>Inwardly Digest</i> by Derek Olsen	<b>10</b> 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 5 pm - Community meal 6 pm - <i>The Chosen</i> view & discuss 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 am - Join us in making palm crosses in Strom Hall
<b>13</b> 10:30 am - Service Children Sing 12:45 pm - Breathe Yoga Ministry <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	<b>16</b> 1-3 pm - Shawl Ministry in Ascension Hall 6 pm - Stations of the Cross 6:30-8 pm - <i>Inwardly Digest</i> by Derek Olsen	<b>17</b> 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 7:30 pm - Service 9 pm - Midnight - Night Watch <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm - Service <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>19</b> 8 pm - Great Vigil of Easter at Trinity Cathedral
<b>20</b> 10:30 am - Service 12 pm - Easter Egg Hunt <i>Easter Sunday</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call 5 pm - Finance Committee 7 pm - Vestry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 6 pm - <i>The Chosen</i> view & discuss 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 am - Service 10:30 am - Service 12:45 pm - Breathe Yoga Ministry	<b>28</b> 5 pm - Trials for Hope Meal	<b>29</b> 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	<b>30</b> 6 pm - Speaker John Kundtz. Topic: Kundtz family in Lakewood			



## SAY GRACE FISH FRY

### ADULT DINNERS:

\$20: Fried Perch: 3 pieces of fish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$20: Fried Catfish: 3 pieces of fish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$20: Baked Fish: Tilapia or Salmon, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

\$15: Mac & Cheese: Pasta dish, bread, two sides, drink & dessert.

### KIDS MEALS:

\$10: Mac & Cheese: Includes bread, drink, brookie & one side.

\$10: Chicken Nuggets: Includes 8 nuggets, drink, brookie & one side.

\$10: Grilled Cheese: Includes drink, brookie & one side.

### SIDE CHOICES:

Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fried Potatoes & Onions,  
or French Fries. (Or, add \$3 for Mac & Cheese!)

BREAD OPTIONS: White Bread, Rolls, Hushpuppies

DRINK OPTIONS: Water, Lemonade, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite

DESSERT OPTIONS: Sliced Pound Cake & Banana Pudding

Thank you for supporting **Say Grace's** Fish Fry Meal Service!  
After you complete this [order form](#), we will email you a payment link via PayPal.



For More information:  
Click this [link](#)  
or scan the QR code.

**Order Deadlines** ~ Wednesday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 9th at noon.

**Pickup Window** ~ Devan will coordinate a pick-up time with you for  
Friday, April 4th and Friday, April 11th at between 5-7pm, from  
Lakewood's Church of the Ascension 13216 Detroit Ave, Lakewood

**Questions?** Email [devan@saygraceservices.com](mailto:devan@saygraceservices.com) or text/call 216.200.6929.



## INFORMATION FOR LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/> and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

### SCAN THE CODE BELOW



Or visit: [ascension-lakewood.org](https://ascension-lakewood.org)

Where you can make a one time donation or set up continuing donations. Please join us in helping to keep The Church of the Ascension strong and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

If you have ever wanted to participate in the Community Meal but can't, we need help providing TP for the clients each month. Rather than bringing in TP, we decided it would be easier to ask for a monetary donation to purchase the needed TP. Your donation can be put in an envelope and taken to the office.

**Thank you in advance if you can participate.**

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS



### ANNIVERSARY

**04/16** Dolly & John Doyle

### BIRTHDAYS

<b>04/01</b>	John Carlson	<b>04/11</b>	Jerry Knapp
<b>04/01</b>	Ramzi Gazala	<b>04/13</b>	Julia Masola
<b>04/01</b>	Mary Staley	<b>04/14</b>	Michael Crowdes
<b>04/04</b>	Claudia Esposito	<b>04/19</b>	George Staley
<b>04/05</b>	Maizie Gillies	<b>04/21</b>	Elle Heller
<b>04/08</b>	Nick Ciarniello	<b>04/28</b>	Charlotte K. Partlow
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