



Spires November 2025

Church of the Ascension

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REV. VINCENT BLACK



Beloved people of God.

For more than twelve years I have submitted a monthly message to you in the Spires as your priest.

From my first Spires piece, September 2013,

I am very excited to join the people of the Church of the Ascension in their ministries and witness to the gospel. It is an exciting time to be at Ascension, and I already feel the power of the Holy Spirit working and anticipate that we will be led to places that we cannot even imagine.

And from my second, October 2013,

Beginning in October I am inviting the congregation to join with me in saying the following prayer every day:

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of the Ascension be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I wrote the prayer wanting it to include the following three points:

1. For all in the neighborhood that don't know the love of God.
2. That Ascension may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people.
3. That the community of Ascension may grow in knowledge and love of God as followers and imitators of Jesus.

I am convinced that in order to be ever more aware of what God is calling us to be; we must make an intentional effort to ask for God's guidance and help. We Episcopalians deeply value Common Prayer, it is our hallmark. Let us embrace anew this commitment to Common Prayer and listen with anticipation for God's response. Only God knows the interesting people and exciting opportunities that await us!

This whole anniversary year has been about looking back, about celebrating our history, about honoring the saints on whose shoulders we stand, and claiming the importance of our ministry in this location over the past 150 years! But the primary purpose of looking back is to empower us to look forward with faith, clarity, and determination.



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And so too we look back on my beginnings at Church of the Ascension. I continue to feel the power of the Holy Spirit working here, most profoundly, through each of you. And we have indeed been led to places that we could not have even imagined twelve years ago!

I am more convinced now than ever, that we must be intentional and faithful in asking God for help and guidance, praying for the awareness of what God is calling us to be and to become. And so beloved people of God, I urge you to continue to pray the prayer for the Church of the Ascension as you search for your new priest. Ask God what it means for you now and what it may be preparing you for next.

And pray with trust that God is with you and will continue to be with you. Remember that you are about God's work and be good to yourselves and to each other. When you feel confused or at odds, remember to stop and ask God for direction. I have every confidence that God will lead you into new and exciting times because God's work is always new and exciting. It will also be challenging and difficult. The ministry of Jesus Christ has always been so, and that is the ministry to which you are called, each and every one of you.

I end with a word of deep gratitude for allowing me to be your priest. Thank you for loving me, and for loving Roger and Jordan. Thank you for helping me to grow in my faith, to grow first and foremost as a follower of Jesus Christ and secondly as a priest in the Church. Although I always dreamed of being a priest, it was only here at Ascension, and walking with you in faith from birth to death and everything in-between, that I have experienced the fullness of that dream by serving as your priest, pastor, and rector. Thank you from the depths of my heart. And know that it is only because of you that God is now calling me to minister with others.

We, you, are the Church, the body, and Jesus Christ is the head. And because of that, in the words of Gil Newlands, who was senior warden in my first years at Ascension, "God is not through with us yet!"

EXPLORE SOME CHRISTIAN HISTORY IN EPHESUS AND ISTANBUL

Wednesday, November 5th, 6-7pm.

Explore some Christian history in Ephesus and Istanbul with Father Vincent through photos and stories.

CENTERING PRAYER

We will meet on Thursdays at Noon in Ascension Hall.

For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

EVENING PRAYER IN CHURCH

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

EUCCHARISTIC VISIT

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email our Church Secretary 216-521-8727 Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org

JOE SGAMBELLONE, SENIOR WARDEN



The Masquerade Party was an absolute joy. It was a great chance to let your hair down, or put it up, or maybe it wasn't your hair at all but a wig. Regardless, the benefit was a standout event, and the perfect capstone for our 150th Anniversary Year. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making it a success, especially Greg Sent and Margie Hildebrandt, who were instrumental in bringing it to life.

There are a couple of notable events in November, including our Holiday Market. This event, once a staple at Ascension, picked up right where it left off and was a great success. The market is a great chance to do some early Christmas shopping or sell what you have made. The market is also looking for volunteers to bake and help with making the event run smoothly. No matter your talents, Honey Partlow will make use of them. See you on November 8 from 9-5 for this wonderful event (pro tip: get there early, it's a popular event and not everything is guaranteed to last. Also in November is our Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist service (10:30am) and Thanksgiving Day Dinner (12pm-2pm). Please contact Margie if you want to help. We'll have a sign-up for volunteers and those who just want to join in the dinner.

The 150th Anniversary Bourbon Raffle will close with the drawing on November 22nd. Please continue to ask friends and neighbors to support the raffle. We're short our goal, and with fewer tickets sold it's easier to win one of these exclusive bottles. Spread the word!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/church-of-the-ascensions-bourbon-raffle-celebrating-150-years>

As of this writing, the supply Priest schedule is nearly complete through January and published further down in this Spires. Our traditional holiday events - Thanksgiving service and meal, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Day - are scheduled along with the normal Sunday schedule. Canon Jessie, who is Diocesan representative helping us choose a new rector, will be preaching on November 30th. Notice I said "help us", and not "tell us". She (and her office, and the diocese) are very involved in setting us up for success in our search. They will provide the framework or structure for the search, and it is up to the Vestry to come up with the details of the plan. Vestry will meet with Canon Jessie in November/December to begin the process in a more formal and structured way. Over the next couple of months, while Vestry puts the plan together, it's important to focus on what's in front of us: the Advent/Christmas season.

Since this is the last time I'll share this space with my friend and our soon-to-be-former Rector Vincent Black, I wanted to say publicly "thank you". One thing you've helped me understand, something you've said time and time again to this church body, is to trust in God. Maybe it seems obvious, but it hasn't (and isn't) always easy for me to do this seemingly simple thing. I won't weigh in on whether there is a "plan" laid out in stone for us, but I do know that a trust in God is now a much stronger part of my spirituality, and the peace that comes with that is more prevalent in my life. I thank you for uncovering and helping that peace grow within me.

After Fr. Vincent's final service with us on November 16, we will have a pot luck lunch afterward. There will be no 8:30am service. Bring a main, side, or dessert (or just come, break bread with us, and say goodbye). We'll have a sign-up sheet just to have a general understanding of what everyone is bringing. I'm planning to bring the recipe found in our cookbook.

Looking back at the Fundraiser, the DJ said something at the end of the evening that stuck with me. She said we should applaud ourselves for making such a great party. And she was right. We made the party. As lovely as these other things were - the building, the decorations, the food, the DJ - it was the people who made that night special. In a lot of ways, that's exactly what our church is. A group of people coming together, mixing ourselves together with God's word, and becoming more than our individual selves. I'm thankful that you are part of my church "party".

GREGORY SENT, ARCHIVIST

Mary Holland Gordon (1850-1926) Rev. Wallace May Gordon (1878- 1955)

Wallace May Gordon born November 24, 1878 in Montreal, Canada to John Walker Gordon and Mary Holland Gordon. Wallace was baptized on February 8, 1879 in the Anglican Saint James the Apostle Church in Montreal. The Gordon family later moved to South Orange, New Jersey. He was the eldest of six children. His father was a stock broker and was able to provide a nice home with the luxury of a butler and cook. Wallace Gordon studied at the General Theology Seminary in New York, New York. On May 23, 1904, Wallace M. Gordon was ordained a deacon at the Church of the Holy Communion in South Orange, New Jersey. One year later he was ordained priest in the same church. At the time he was in charge of St. Agnes Chapel in East Orange, New Jersey. In 1907, he left New Jersey and went to Grace Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. From there he became curate at Trinity Church in Buffalo, New York.

In 1914, after the sudden death of Rev. William Ashton Thompson, a new rector was needed. A committee of men on vestry was created with the purpose of finding a new rector. This committee of Church of the Ascension traveled as a group to Buffalo, New York to hear the sermons of Rev. Gordon. After their visit, Rev. Wallace M. Gordon was offered the position of rector for Church of the Ascension with an offer of \$2,000 per year as salary and the use of the rectory, which was still the original wooden, Victorian, house built in 1898. This offer came with the understanding that as a single man, his widowed mother would come to Lakewood and assist with the work for which previous wives to ministers were responsible. Mary Holland Gordon came to Lakewood and immediately was well received. She was a hard worker, who was well-liked and respected. Rev. Gordon was known for his pastoral care. He visited every parishioner at least once every year.

Rev. Gordon's early years were devoted to the planning of the new church building. The cornerstone for the new church building was laid on October 29, 1916. Rev. Gordon was part of many decisions for the new church's design and items found throughout the new facility. The new church was completed and dedicated in September of 1918. Mrs. Gordon donated the marble flooring in the nave, in memory of her late husband. She also donated a processional cross in memory of Agnes Holland May, her dear sister. In memory and in honor of the young men who fought in WWI the altar, credence table and banner in the chapel of the church were also given by Mary Gordon.

During his time at Ascension, it was understood that Rev. Gordon would travel for several months each year. Records show that he had traveled to Hawaii, Asia, Europe and Africa several times during his time in Lakewood. In 1925, it was decided that a new, brick rectory would be built. The designs called for a bedroom and upstairs sitting room with a fireplace specifically for Mary Gordon. Unfortunately, Mary never was able to enjoy this new house. Mrs. Mary Holland Gordon passed away on February 6, 1926. Her passing was mourned in South Orange, NJ and in Lakewood, Ohio. In memory of Mary Holland Gordon, her children donated the sedilia found at Ascension today. In her memory, women at Church of the Ascension also created the Mary Gordon Circle (a Guild). Two large brass candle holders found on the high altar and a silver bread box were donated by the woman of the church in her memory.

During his fifteen years at Ascension, a new church and rectory were built. Only three years later, Rev. Gordon resigned from Ascension for a new position at St. Hubert's in Kirtland Hills. He left Church of the Ascension only months before the beginning of the Great Depression. He was a personal friend to Mr. and Mrs. S. Livingston Mather, who were parishioners at St. Hubert's and major benefactors to the parish. He said, "the new position gives me an opportunity I've been looking for all my life. . . Kirtland is a summer colony, so after the people go back to the city I can travel" (Plain Dealer, 2/28/1929) He would spend four months of the year working and the rest of the year traveling in this country and Europe. Later in life, Wallace Gordon lived within walking distance of Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Blvd. Rev. Wallace May Gordon died November 27, 1955 in Los Angeles. His remains were sent to Rosedale Cemetery in Montclair, New Jersey where he was buried with his parents.



Rev. Wallace May Gordon
(1878- 1955)



Mary Holland Gordon
(1850-1926)

GREGORY SENT, ARCHIVIST

William Guion Studwell (1885-1940) Dorothea Frances Bliss Studwell (1893-1994)

William Guion Studwell was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 17, 1885 to Augustus and Ester Hatfield Studwell. His early years were spent studying on the East Coast, where he had training on commercial activities, which would be useful in New York City. He then received theological training in Seabrook Divinity School in Faribault, Minnesota, where he graduated in 1911. He was ordained in 1912. He was described as “a young man of brilliant attainments in the pulpit and as a student. He is unmarried and a lover of all forms of athletics.” (The Inter Ocean, June 9, 1913, p. 10)

He first served as an assistant rector in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Then he was rector starting in 1913 for four years in the historic St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Chicago. Rev. Studwell was then rector for three years at St. Thomas in Menasha-Neenah, Wisconsin.

Rev. Studwell then went to St. Thomas Church in Battle Creek Michigan and began his work there as rector on March 12, 1920. It was in Battle Creek, Michigan that he met Miss Dorothea Frances Bliss, who was not just a parishioner at St. Thomas but had many roles of leadership. She was the instructor of the Women's Bible class at her parish and the secretary of the Women's Auxillary of the Episcopal Church in Michigan.

Rev. Studwell and Dorothea Bliss married on December 27, 1923 at St. Thomas Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. The wedding was officiated by Bishop McCormick of Grand Rapids. It was described as the first ritualistic wedding that took place in the church. Ushers for the wedding included Episcopal ministers from around the country. The large and impressive choir from the parish sang the wedding march from Wagner's Lohengrin as the bride was escorted down the aisle.

The Studwells remained in Battle Creek until in 1929, Rev. Studwell answered a call from Church of the Ascension in Lakewood. He began his work at Church of the Ascension on October 15, 1929. As a minister many at Ascension found Rev. Studwell to be more “high church” than they had previously seen. Although he and his wife never had children of their own, the Studwells were known to invite families with children to their summer home on Nantucket Island where the Studwells would summer each year. There they enjoyed swimming, boating and fishing. Mrs. Studwell was an accomplished pianist and would often fill in at services if needed. She donated one of her pianos to the church.

The Great Depression hovered over the time the Studwells were in Lakewood. The church was for many families their place of worship but also a place for entertainment, socializing and support. Older parishioners still talk about the potluck dinners and talent shows done during the Depression. Many boys who sang in the famous boys' choir at Ascension had extra motivation in the form of monetary payment. In fact, during the Depression, many choir boys came from families without connections to the church.

Rev. William Guion Studwell passed away suddenly on March 15, 1940 in the rectory.

After a wake at Saxton Funeral Home, a funeral mass was at Church of the Ascension on March 18, 1940. The service was monumental with Bishop Beverley Tucker presiding. It was Rev. Studwell, who in 1938 announced plans for stained-glass windows in the clerestory of the church. In 1940, the window Resurrection was donated in his memory.

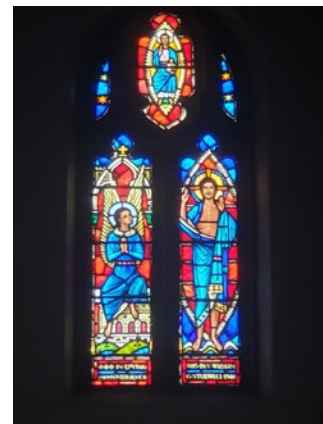
After his death, Dorothea lived for many years with relatives in Florida, where she passed away at the age of 100 on May 24, 1994. When her remains were brought to Ohio to be buried with her husband, Church of the Ascension had a funeral service. Rev. and Mrs. Studwell are buried at Lakewood Park Cemetery.



**William Guion Studwell
(1885-1940)**



**Dorothea Frances Bliss Studwell
(1893-1994)**



Window in memory of studwell

CLARKE MORTENSEN, SEMINARIAN

I'm very pleased to report to the parish that I have been approved for candidacy for holy orders! This is the next step of the discernment process, and it really just means that I'm still moving along the track that's expected. If everything continues to go smoothly, I'll be ordained (God willing and the people consenting) as a deacon in December of 2026, and as a priest in the summer of 2027.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, as I will be in town for diocesan convention and will visit Ascension the Sunday following convention.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULE THROUGH JANUARY

November

23rd: Fr. Peter Faass

27th (Thanksgiving):
Fr. Keith Owens

30th: Canon Jessie

December

7th: Fr. Peter Faass

14th: Fr. John Keller

21st: Fr. Keith Owens

25th (Christmas): Fr. Keith Owens

28st: Fr. Keith Owens

January

4th: Fr. Keith Owens

11th: Fr. Peter Faass

18th: Fr. John Keller

25th: Fr. Peter Faass

HOLIDAY MARKET WE NEED HELP

The Holiday Market is this Saturday, November 8th. We NEED baked goods and vintage items. Old Christmas ornaments you no longer want or other holiday items. Set up starts this Friday, November 7th, at 10:00am. Baked goods can be brought in Friday or Saturday morning. Thank you for all of your help.

WE NEED HELP SERVING LUNCH

Serving

1. Veggie wrap with vegan dill dressing
2. Turkey sandwich on wheat with lettuce and tomato and pickle on the side. Condiments available.
3. Ina Garten's minestrone soup or Alison's butternut squash soup
4. Chicken soup
5. Chips and coffee, water and soda.

Dessert cookies will be available for purchase from other cooks.

I need volunteers to work one hour shifts at the counter with the cash box. I can then assemble sandwiches and serve soup. Please let me know if you can help.

Susan: sjodonnell3651@sbcglobal.net

A Legacy of Faith and Future: Celebrating 150 Years

Beloved People of God,

For 150 years Church of the Ascension has stood as a beacon of faith and community in Lakewood, Ohio, holding the distinct honor of being the oldest church of any denomination in our vibrant city. As we celebrate this remarkable sesquicentennial, we are launching a special **Legacy Campaign** to honor our past and secure our future.

Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to support vital projects that will enhance our worship, strengthen our ministries, and preserve our cherished campus for generations to come. A significant portion of these funds, **\$90,000**, is dedicated to a project close to the heart of many: the **completion of our magnificent pipe organ**.

Many of you know that when our organ underwent its extensive refurbishment in the early 2000s, funds ran short, leaving one crucial element unaddressed: the **16' pedal Violone**, which requires 73 new pipes. Our devoted organist, **Jon Peterson**, who has graced our services with his talent for more than a third of the church's existence, dreams of seeing the organ fully completed in his lifetime. Imagine the profound richness and depth this addition will bring to our hymns, anthems, and special musical offerings!

The Legacy Campaign funds will also be used to address other pressing needs. We will **replace the roof on Strom Hall kitchen**, estimated to be **\$30,000**, ensuring the continued functionality and protection of this important space used to prepare community meals. Additionally, **we will add to our endowment for Facility Upkeep**, providing long-term financial stability for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of our historic buildings.

To acknowledge your generous support for this project, those who contribute a minimum of **\$1,500 to the 150th Legacy Campaign** will have their names inscribed on a **plaque of honor** within the church.

Your contribution of any amount to the Legacy Campaign is an investment in the enduring legacy of Church of the Ascension. It's a chance to honor the countless individuals who have built and sustained this parish for 150 years, and to ensure that our church continues to be a spiritual home, a vibrant community hub, and a cornerstone of Lakewood for the next 150 years and beyond.

I prayerfully ask for your generous support as we embark on this exciting chapter. Please consider how you can help us surpass our goal and leave your own mark on the rich history of Church of the Ascension.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Sat,	November 8th	Christmas Market	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thurs,	November 27th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
Thurs,	November 27th	Thanksgiving Dinner	Noon – 2:00pm
Sat,	December 13th	Cookie Walk	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun	December 14th	Carols and Cocoa	5:00pm
Sun,	December 21st	Lessons and Carols	4:00 pm
Sun,	December 21st	Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm
Thurs,	December 25th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am

Something Olde



~Wedding Gowns~

Something New



THE AFTERNOON GUILD

Wednesday, November 12th at 12:30pm

We will give thanks with our annual Thanksgiving potluck. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the sanctuary where you can choose something to bring if you'd like to.

It will be \$5 for lunch if you can't bring something

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Margie at bach2schol@hotmail.com or 440-476-8450!

MONTHLY PICK-UP YOUTH CHOIR

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 a note

bach2schol@hotmail.com if your child is interested in joining our group! All are welcome!

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.

Introducing a new way to get your Contribution Statement and view the Church Directory via the IconCMO Member Portal

What is IconCMO and How Does It Help Our Church?

IconCMO is a database that keeps financial records and member information for our Church. It facilitates the use of this database by Ascension's administrative staff to communicate with parishioners and maintain its financial records using a fund accounting methodology.

As a Church member, you can:

- review and edit your own information in the database,
- view and communicate with other church members — an online church directory,
- view or print out your donation statement at any time,
- and see what groups you are in.

Our church staff can:

- edit or view any record based on their security level,
- add donations, pledges, members, groups, and attendance,
- review church accounting books or payroll,
- communicate via mass email or text messaging to the entire church or certain groups,
- and more...

What Do I Need To Get Started?

Please request 'Member Access Credentials' (MAC) from the Church Administrator Jim Weiss Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org, the Treasurer Rincy Isaacs risaacs@ascension-lakewood.net, or Aaron Beatty aaron@ascension-lakewood.net. This is a required first step.

You will receive an email from the Church Administrator with a [clickable link](#), and your username and temporary password. Please click on the link to login and change your password. You may be required to enter the Church's phone number; if so, type 216-521-8727. You may also change your username to one that you prefer instead of the assigned random number. Save these credentials for future use.

How Do I Access Icon With A Web Browser?

Go to [Icon CMO](#) on your browser. You will need to enter the Church's phone number (216-521-8727) and your saved credentials.

Can I Use My Mobile Device?

Yes! Our church members can have access to the church directory at their fingertips. Check out the church software app in the iOS App Store or Google's Play Store below or look up 'iconcmo' in the app store for your device.



Please download the app to your device

After you have received the MAC, open the IconCMO app and log in through the church software app using your credentials

Can I See My Own Donations or Print Them?

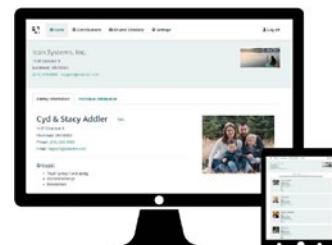
Yes! No more waiting for donation statements to arrive via pony express mail for tax time. Our church members can print their statements right from the member portal. Our church members can verify that all their donations are recorded by the church instead of waiting until the end of the year. *Please note that the donations via Vanco (Credit Card or Debit Card) are updated usually by the 7th of every month for the previous month.*

What Else Can I Do?

The Member Portal helps church members in many ways to connect to the church and its members. Members are also able to update their own information (except for their picture). This leads to greater reliability of information as congregational members monitor their own profiles. Check out what is available below!

Key church member features

- See and edit/update your personal information.
- Review what groups each individual belongs to.
- Review your contributions history and print a statement.
- Save the church time and money from mailing statements.
- Browse the online church directory.



Sample Screen

OFFICE HOURS

9 am – 1:30 pm, Tuesday – Thursday

SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawl ministry will meet on **Wednesday, November 5th and 19th** in Ascension Hall from 1 pm - 3 pm. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

ASCENSION NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, November 19th at 6pm

How about we kick off the holiday season a week early and have an evening of delicious food, great company, and lots of fun at Kitchen Social in Westlake? It's going to be the final Ascension Night Out for 2025. Kitchen Social is at 2207 Crocker Road, which is across the street from Crocker Park, and they have their own parking lot. You can check out their menu at <https://ourkitchensocial.com/locations/westlake/>

Please RSVP to Jim no later than Sunday, November 16th by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing him at Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org

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.



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Come One! Come All!**

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival

Prayerfully consider participating or attending this beautiful and touching way to end your celebration of Christ's Birth. This Elizabethan Festival features a large cast along with live sheep, goats, donkey and a camel!!

Several of our choir members represent Church of the Ascension each year and will do so again this season. Three of our parishioners were part of the pageant last year and Owen Jones will be one of the Kings again this year!

This should be on your "must do" Christmas list this year.

Boar's Head Rehearsal at Trinity Cathedral: Saturday, December 27th at 5:00 pm Performances at Trinity Cathedral: Sunday, December 28th at 2:00 & 4:30

**Joyfully,
Jon and Margie**

150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE!

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension!

Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK AVAILABLE!

150th Anniversary Cookbooks: A Slice of History with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years!

Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

SESQUICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office.

Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

**ALL PURCHASES AND DONATIONS CAN BE
MADE VIA THE FOLLOWING QR CODE:**



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.

150th Anniversary Bourbon Raffle Benefitting Church of the Ascension Lakewood, OH

Drawing Saturday, November 22nd at noon

Livestream on our website and Youtube channel.

Winner need not be present and will be notified by phone or email.

50 Bottles / 50 Winners

One ticket = one chance to win.

Each ticket is eligible for one bottle only. Must be 21 years old

\$25 each or 5 for \$100



Ticket Sales



Website

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am -12 pm- Yard Clean Up
2 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	3	4 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call <i>Election Day</i>	5 1-3 pm - Shawl Ministry in Ascension Hall 6-7 pm - Explore some Christian history in Ephesus and Istanbul 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	6 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9am - 5 pm - Holiday Market
9 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service Kids Sing	10	11 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 12:30 pm - Afternoon Guild in Ascension Hall 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	13 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 5 pm - Community Meal 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 10:30 am- Father Vincent's last Service Followed by a pot luck lunch 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	17	18 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	19 1-3 pm - Shawl Ministry in Ascension Hall 6 pm - Ascension Night Out Kitchen Social in Westlake 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	20 12 - 12:45 pm - Centering Prayer 5 pm - Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm - Vestry Meeting 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service	24 5 pm - Trials for Hope Meal	25 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	26 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	27 10:30 am- Holy Eucharist Service Noon - 2 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28	29
30 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service						

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

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.

ASCENSION YOUNG/SH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

November 1st Katy Marcy
November 3rd: Henry Hildebrandt
November 6th: Arthur Sent
November 8th: Parker Edman
November 9th: Kristen Alley

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November 9th: Geoffrey Killey
November 10th: Roselle Sgambellone
November 17th: Emily Junkans
November 21st: Addison Beatty
November 25th: Nick Gazala