



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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DECREE NOTABLY ALTERING the PARISH BOUNDARIES of Church of the Ascension Parish Johnstown

WHEREAS, a parish is defined as “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted in a particular church, whose pastoral care is entrusted to a pastor as its proper pastor under the authority of the diocesan bishop” (Canon 515 §1);

WHEREAS, “as a general rule, a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the faithful of a certain territory” (Canon 518);

WHEREAS, the parish boundaries of Church of the Ascension are as yet undefined;

WHEREAS, having duly consulted with the pastor of Church of the Ascension whose parish is affected (Canon 50); having heard the Presbyteral Council which was provided with the necessary information, lawfully convoked according to Canons 127 and 166 on January 8, 2025, and offered genuine consultation according to Canon 515 §2 in the form of unanimous agreement with the proposed definition of the boundaries of the parish;

WHEREAS, having determined that the good of souls will suffer no harm and will benefit from a more certain definition of the parish boundaries in question;

THEREFORE, having considered the law and the facts, I, Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus, decree the following:

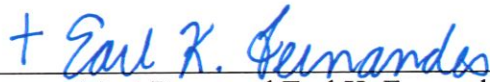
- 1) That the boundaries of Church of the Ascension Parish, the parish church of which is located at 555 S. Main St., Johnstown, OH 43031-1231 are the following:

The coordinates of the parish’s boundaries are defined by the following latitudinal/longitudinal coordinates and geographic landmarks. Northern boundary: The northern boundary of the parish is the northern boundary of Licking County from 40.27700, -82.75074 on the west to 40.26470, -82.47611 on the east (the point where the county line turns south). Eastern boundary: Starting at 40.26470, -82.47611 (the point where the county line turns south), south on the Licking County boundary to 40.24581, -82.47727; west on an air-line to Justin Road at 40.24581, -82.48069; south on the center of Justin Road to Homer Road NE; northwest on the center of Homer Road NE to Smoketown Road; south on the center of Smoketown Road to Centennial Road NE; south on the center of Centennial Road NE to Reynolds Road NE; south on the center of Reynolds Road NE to Marion Road NE; south on the center of Marion Road NE to the intersection of Marion Rd. NE and Dutch Lane NE; an air-line south to the intersection of Sunnyside and Chestnut Hills roads; west on the center of Chestnut Hills Road to North Street Road in Fredonia, where the road name changes to Sportsman Club Road NW; west on the center of Sportsman Club Road NW to Loudon Street; south on the center of Loudon Street to Corner Road; west on the

center of Corner Road to Hardscrabble Road; south on the center of Hardscrabble Road to Battee Road; south on the center of Battee Road to Lobdell Road; west on the center of Lobdell Road to North Liberty Street-Mounts Road NW; south on North Liberty Street-Mounts Road NW to State Route 37 in Alexandria; south on the center of State Route 37 to State Route 161; from the intersection of State Route 37 and State Route 161, south on the center of York Road SW to Morse Road. Southern: The southern boundary of the parish is the center of Morse Road from the intersection of Morse Road and York Road SW on the east and the intersection of Morse Road and Mink Street SW on the east. Western: Starting at the intersection of Mink Street SW and Morse Road, north on the center of Mink Street SW-Mink Street to Jug Street; west on the center of Jug Street to Beech Road NW; north on the center of Beech Road NW to U.S. Route 62; southwest on the center of U.S. Route 62 to; north on the center of Tippet Road-South County Line Road (which is also the county boundary line) to State Route 37, whereupon the road name changes to North County Line Road; north on North County Line Road to 40.27700, - 82.75074.

- 2) That this alteration shall take effect upon the promulgation of this decree.
- 3) That this decree shall be promulgated by publication on the Diocese of Columbus website and in *The Catholic Times* diocesan newspaper.

Given at the Chancery Office, 198 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio this 10th day of January 2025.



Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
Bishop of Columbus


Deacon Thomas Berg, Jr.
Chancellor