

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2014

5:30 Antonino Speciale
7:30 Dorothy Hartney
9:30 Lilia Blanco
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, July 21, 2014

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

8:00 Richard Sbratta

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

8:00 Paul F. Figalora-Sixth Anniversary

Thursday, July 24, 2014

8:00 Kenneth W. Brunck

Friday, July 25, 2014

8:00 Garcia-Munoz Family

Saturday, July 26, 2014

8:30 John M. Chaffiotte
5:30 Brian & Regina McCann

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2014

7:30 Eleanor Sedlak
9:30 Edith Hartney
11:30 Rose & Nicholas Lanza

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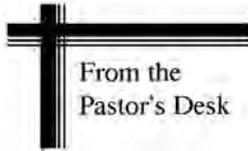
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Readings for the Week of July 20, 2014

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Brad was a teenage boy who was different. The principal was always calling him in for fighting or some problem. Brad's parents helped him get through this rough time because he was a generous boy with a good heart. One day, the principal angrily called Brad's dad into the office. "Brad's a troublemaker he's just bad for the whole class." Then he dropped his bomb: "We just don't want a boy like yours at our school."

Mr. Connor stood up to leave and locked eyes with the principal. "All right. But if this school were on fire, Brad is the one boy you could count on to run back into a burning building and save *you*."

Mr. Connor knew his son's hidden value, but the principal was young and a bit bossy with no creativity, love, or time to waste on a troublemaker when love and patient endurance was all that Brad really needed.

Patient forbearance on the journey is exactly what Jesus describes about God in the gospel today. God is not like an angry principal. God is more like Mr. Connor willing to allow as much time as it takes for us to grow up spiritually patient while we go through phases of immaturity and confusion.

God constantly steers us to the best choices, but if we don't listen, we end up sowing weeds, planting evil along with good in our lives. We must resist judging others, too, because we simply do not know what is wheat, and what is weed. "All human comparison is diabolical."

What about Jesus' sobering words on eternal damnation? Our future will be the outgrowth of our present desire to know and do God's will. If we give only charity and peace to others, we need never fear the principal's office!

✠ Thank you to Fr. Steve Toft for sharing last weekend about the needs of his diocese in Haiti. Also, thank you to all who so generously responded to his request for financial assistance for the needs of Fort Liberte.

✠ Just a reminder... Community Blood Services will conduct a **BLOOD DRIVE** here at Ascension on **Sunday, August 10th from 8:30am to 12:30pm.**

I am told that this year more than 4 million people in the United States would die without life-saving blood transfusions. One out of every three people will need blood. Our participation in this Blood Drive will help to save lives in the community.

In the coming weeks, parishioners who wish to donate blood will be asked to sign-up in the front vestibule of the church after Mass.

May we look to Jesus, who gave us His blood that we might live, and consider being a blood donor. It's about LIFE!

✠ We invite all of our young men and women who will be going off to college, to join us on Sunday, August 17th, at the 11:30am Mass, when we will give you a special blessing for God's guidance and protection, especially during this coming school year. Please join us.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.
God Love You!

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

SUMMER HOURS

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 9AM to 2PM, daily. Maintenance activities are in full swing as we prepare for our opening in September. We look forward to an exciting, challenging and rewarding year.

NEW FOR NEXT YEAR

We are currently negotiating for two new and exciting programs for next year. If all works out, Transfiguration will be the ONLY Catholic elementary school to offer a Fencing Club and a Model United Nations. Stay tuned for more information.

REGISTRATION – 2013/2014

To arrange tours of our campuses and see the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence, or to register a student, please call the following: Please call 201-384-3627.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY-THIS WEEKEND

The Ascension Food Pantry needs the following items:
Razors, Paper towels, Parmesan Cheese, Cookies, Crackers, Fruit Juices, Asparagus, Raisins, Pineapple, Rice Krispies, Oatmeal, Frosted Flakes, Egg noodles, Corned Beef Hash, Beef Stew.

Please NO outdated items!



If you had your portrait taken please stop by the rectory office during business hours and pick up your copy of our Parish Church Directory. Thank you!



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Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 School year were distributed to all students. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office. Please note there will be a \$10 late fee after June 30, 2014. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

Please note that the Religious Education Office will be closed the week of August 4-9. If you need a Registration form you may pick one up in the Rectory during regular business hours.



All First Communion Parents

You may pick up your child's banner in the Religious Education Office. Please call to be sure someone is in the Religious Education office before you come.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2014 & 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Closed: Thursday & Saturday

A thought concerning Summer contributions: Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten. Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. Your good stewardship is so essential to our parish and is so very much appreciated.



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

*2014 Summer
Mass Schedule*

Monday, June 30th to Sunday, August 31st

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

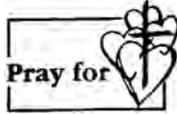
Weekends:

Saturday...5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm

Civil Holidays: 8:30am



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, Helen Chaffiotte, Jerry Sullivan, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, John Burke, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns
this week in loving memory of
The Thomas Family



SUMMER DRESS FOR MASS



As summer continues, we would like to remind you of the proper dress for Sunday Mass. What may be appropriate for the beach or outdoor activities is not necessarily appropriate at Mass. It used to be that Christians wore their "SUNDAY BEST" when they came to church. Today, in our more casual society while we may not dress formally for Mass, we should dress properly out of respect for God and the sensitivities of others attending Mass as well.

Please remember, as always at Mass, the priest is the last to enter and the first to leave. Also, please remember to turn your cell phones OFF!



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2014

Food Pantry Sunday

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Monday, July 21, 2014

No event

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Harrison House

Novena - 7:30pm ó Church

Thursday, July 24, 2014

No event

Friday, July 25, 2014

No event

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Bergen County Filipino Apostolate

San Lorenzo Novena ó 6:30pm

Confessions - 11:00am ó Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27, 2014

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

Monday, July 28, 2014

No event

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 31, 2014

No event

SAN LORENZO RUIZ NOVENA

Ascension parish will host the FIRST DAY novena in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz on July 26 (Saturday) after the 5:30pm mass. This is in connection with the Archdiocesan celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz feast day mass on September 28 at three in the afternoon in the Cathedral Basilica of Newark.



2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014

"When I called, you answered"

Thank you to the 285 parishioners who have made pledges amounting to \$49,885.00 to the 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. With your help, we can reach and hopefully surpass our goal of \$53,400.00.

If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your support.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MEMORIALS

“THANK YOU” to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961. Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 Date Requested: _____

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your
 "SummerFest 2014 Mega 50/50" Raffle
 Tickets before you leave on vacation!



BEGINNING: MONDAY JUNE 30TH
ENDING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
SATURDAY: 8:30AM
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM
SUNDAY: 7:30AM-9:30AM-11:30AM
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 8:00AM
HOLY DAYS: 7:00AM-8:30AM-7:30PM
CIVIL HOLIDAYS: 8:30AM

AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.

**“The Home of the Free
 Because of the Brave”**

This year's Parish Picnic on September 14 will have a very special theme. This year we would like to Salute the Armed Forces-those special men and women who volunteer to go into harm's way around the world to protect our freedoms and way of life.

All of us have family and friends who are in or were in the services. We would like you to help us say "Thank You" to those brave men and women by volunteering to help, or with any ideas or suggestions. Please call Marguerite Morris at 201-385-0159.



The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



SUMMER

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

Altar Servers

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



PAINTERS NEEDED



We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.