

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Lillian Prson
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Ann Frederikson

Monday, August 4, 2014

8:00 Thanksgiving, Mangosing Family (living)

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

8:00 Hartney Family

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

8:00 LaVonne Seifert

Thursday, August 7, 2014

8:00 Gerard P. Lee

Friday, August 8, 2014

8:00 Mary Lewis

Saturday, August 9, 2014

8:30 Deusdidit C. Encarnacion
5:30 May Stephens

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 10, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Daniel Piro
11:30 Agustina & Macaria Maglaqui

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



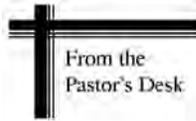
Ascension Parish is supported by people
who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, July 27, 2014: \$6,160.00

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2014

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
 Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt
 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-
 14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-
 19/Mt 17:1-9
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt
 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom
 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Well, it's high season for church festivals and fairs. The rides, the games, the food and those big, fluffy clouds of cotton candy. You put it into your mouth, and GONE! into nothingness leaving only a sugary taste on your tongue.

What if the apostles had handed out big cones of cotton candy to the hungry people following Jesus in the gospel today? After a few bites, they would still be starving and VERY thirsty! The true meaning at the heart of this gospel is that God feeds us with real food for body and soul. There is not a need we can experience that God cannot fill. As Psalm 144 puts it, "You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing."

And yet does it ever seem that God doesn't fulfill our everyday needs all that easily? If God satisfies the desire of every living heart, how come we can still feel so unsatisfied? In the larger context, we see in the compassionate sharing of bread today a deeper Eucharistic meaning. The thousands of people in the story today did not come for the meal. They came to hear the amazing words of liberation from sin, to be healed, taught, and TRULY nourished.

The way Jesus feeds them is not just a flashy miracle; it means that Jesus can provide whatever is needed for our bodies and souls no matter how little we have to build upon. Our thirst is a sign that we are seeking God. Isaiah had a vision of God being holy, just, righteous, and good; so he wrote: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!"

Have you ever let your spiritual thirst move you to take action for peace and justice? If so, give thanks to God. Let's help each other grow up beyond cotton candy, and line up for the water of life!

✠ Community Blood Services will conduct a **BLOOD DRIVE** here at Ascension next **Sunday, August 10th from 8:30am to 12:30pm**. Any parishioners who wish to donate blood are asked to sign-up today in the front vestibule of the church after Mass.

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.

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!

P. 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.

50/50 RAFFLE

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

HELP US IN FEEDING THE HOMELESS!

On August 14th the Service Ministry will once again serve dinner at the homeless shelter in Hackensack. We are in need of bakers to help to see that all who come for dinner receive a delicious dessert. Cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes or brownies are all appreciated. If you can help, please drop off your donations to the Rectory either on Wed, August 13th or before 2pm on August 14th. May God bless you for your help in feeding the poor!

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.



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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

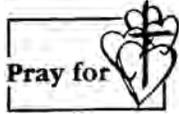
Weekends:

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..."

Jose Ignacio Zuniga, 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.

"a time to die..."

Josephine A. Scazafave

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are
in loving Memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2014

Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am
Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Monday, August 4, 2014

No event

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Mass- 2:30pm
Baptism Prep. ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, August 7, 2014

No event

Friday, August 8, 2014

No event

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Confession ó 11:00am ó Church
Cross Catholic Outreach at all weekend Masses
Fr. John Quinn

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2014

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Blood Drive

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

Monday, August 11, 2014

Filipino Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Woodcrest Center ó Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, August 14, 2014

Hackensack Homeless
Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15, 2014

Masses 7:00am & 8:30am & 7:30pm
Queenship Novena ó 8:30pm

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY

August 10, 2014
8:30am to 12:30pm

Bloodmobile
(in front of the Fr. Benedict Center)

Parishioners who wish to donate blood
are asked to sign-up in the church vestibule

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.

EIGHTEENTH 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: _____

CROSS OUTREACH NEXT WEEK

Father John Quinn will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



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!



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.



2015 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

**MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN
BEGINNING 10:00AM IN THE RECTORY OFFICE**

**Please Use the Intention Form
in this week's bulletin for your requests**

**All Information Must be
PRINTED CLEARLY on the form**

Requests will be assigned on a first come basis.

No Requests

will be taken over the phone, fax or mail/e-mail.

One Form per person.

Please do not bring forms for others.

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and all legal holidays are special masses to be celebrated for the people of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month will be available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

"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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Ascension Service Ministry and the New Milford Women's Club will be collecting School Supplies in the box at the back of the church running through the third week of August. Supplies needed are: pencils, pens, notebooks, composition books, loose leaf paper, crayons, high lighters, washable markers, index cards, glue sticks, folders and backpacks. These supplies will be distributed among the children of Ascension Food Pantry clients, Transfiguration Academy and the two New Milford Elementary Schools. Your support in this effort is appreciated.

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