

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2014**

5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evnas
7:30 Jenny Licitra
9:30 Members of the Antolin Family
11:30 Lauro R. Pacia Sr.

Monday, August 18, 2014

8:00 Margaret Bitetti

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

8:00 Margaret Bitetti

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

8:00 Antonio Cordon

Thursday, August 21, 2014

8:00 Margaret Bitetti

Friday, August 22, 2014

8:00 Margaret Costello

Saturday, August 23, 2014

8:30 Loreto & Alberto Sr. Sucero
5:30 The Genuino Family (living)

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2014**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Timothy Cronin
11:30 Olga & George Arnold

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**



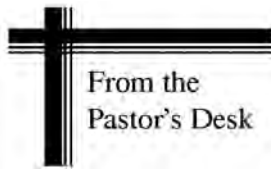
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, August 10, 2014: \$6,333.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,177.00

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 17, 2014**

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Remember that touching scene in “**Oliver Twist**,” where Oliver has been toiling in the workhouse, desperately hungry. Oliver approaches the cook with his empty bowl in his hands: “Please, sir, I want some more.” A great uproar ensues: the well-fed gentlemen who run the workhouse are outraged at Oliver’s ingratitude.

Today, a Canaanite woman, despised by Jews, actually comes to Jesus hungry for more she wants healing for her tormented daughter. The apostles just want her gone. They miss Jesus’ core message: it is the God-given right of every starving, emotionally needy, or ill person to ask for more! But when a poor person asks us for money, don’t we usually ask “Why doesn’t he have a job? Is he lazy? Will he just spend it on drink?”

Even more, we feel that the asker is crossing some boundary that they have no right to cross, as if we’re the have’s, and they are a have-not asking for more than they are entitled to.

What were the apostles trying to protect Jesus from by saying “Send her away?” Maybe Jesus was using this as a teachable moment to show us that God’s universal love and healing ARE the original plan. Food, shelter, warmth and care are the right expectation of every person. WE set up false boundaries of have’s and have not’s, out of fear and self-protection.

Distinctions between people arrived once evil entered the world. But for God, there are still no have’s or have not’s. We deny God’s reality when we do not cry out for the Oneness God wants for all of us. Let us wail and cry, and beg for MORE for all members of our Oneness who desperately need it!

✠ Thank you to Community Blood Services and to all who donated blood last Sunday. There is a great need for blood at this time and your donation of blood shared the very gift of life.

✠ This Sunday, August 17th, at the 12:00 Noon Mass, we will gather with our young men and women who will be going off to college, and we will give them a special blessing for God’s guidance and protection, especially during this coming school year. Please join us.

✠ Don’t forget our **30th Anniversary Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** with Mass next Saturday, August 23rd at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party on our parish grounds. Please plan to join us.

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



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!



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

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.



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

Invites You to Share with us in the
30th Annual Celebration
of the
Queenship of Mary



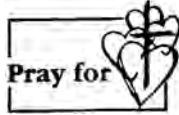
Schedule of Novena

- August 14 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 15 (Friday).....8:30 pm (after the 7:30pm Mass)*
- August 16 (Saturday).....6:30 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)*
- August 17 (Sunday)..... 6:00 pm*
- August 18 (Monday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 19 (Tuesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 20 (Wednesday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 21 (Thursday)..... 7:30 pm*
- August 22 (Friday)..... 7:30 pm*

Main Celebration

August 23 (Saturday)

Mass: 5:30 pm Procession to follow after the Mass
Program & Reception at the school grounds



"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..."

James Platt

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Ioan Barsan



BREAD and WINE this week
are donated in loving memory of
Edward Zampino



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2014

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

Food Pantry

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Queenship Novena ó 6:30pm - Church

Monday, August 18, 2014

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Filipino Choir ó 8:00pm - Church

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service - 2:30pm

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Harrison House

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Friday, August 22, 2014

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Confession ó 11:00am ó Church

Queenship 30th Anniversary Celebration ó 5:30 Mass

With reception to follow

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2014

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

Monday, August 25, 2014

No event

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, August 28, 2014

No event

Friday, August 29, 2014

No event

Saturday, August 30, 2014

Confession ó 11:00am ó Church

UNBOUND (Society for Children and Aging) at all
weekend Masses, Fr. Mark Lane

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2014

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

UNBOUND at all Masses, Fr. Mark Lane

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.

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.

TWENTIETH 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: _____



The Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following:

Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Grape Jelly, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Instant Coffee, Macaroni and Cheese, Paper Towels.

Thank you for your continued support.

**“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.



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!

2015 MASS BOOK

Please Use the Intention Form
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.



Dear Rev. Milliken,

On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Residents of St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the generous donations amounting to \$2,139.00 received at our recent Door Collection at the Church of the Ascension. May God bless you and your parish community for the charity and the commitment to our mission of serving the elderly in our care. We truly appreciate the outpouring of support.

Please be assured of the continued prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered monthly in all of our Homes throughout the world for the intentions of our Friends and Benefactors.

Gratefully yours,
Sister Grace, I.S.P.



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.

Bergen County Annual Senior Citizens Picnic
Tuesday, September 16th from 10am-3pm
Van Saun County Park, Paramus
60+ years old
Lunch*music & entertainment*craft fair