

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Robert F. Sr. & Theresa Feigle-Lacey
 11:30 Theresa Lacey

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2014

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

7:00 Gerard P. Lee
 8:30 Antonio & Lourdes Cruz

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

7:00 Anne, Frank & Matthew Lanza
 8:30 Manuel Flores

Thursday, September 4, 2014

7:00 William Morris
 8:30 Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

Friday, September 5, 2014

7:00 Catalino Banez
 8:30 Santiago Alburo

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Memorial Mass

8:30 Soledad Ceniza
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2014

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:00 Jennifer Rose Montecillo (living)
 10:30 Paul Eberhardt
 12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



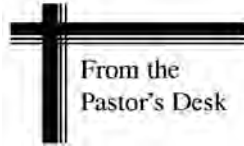
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, August 24, 2014: \$6,355.00

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 31, 2014

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/
 Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/
 Mt 18:15-20



Did you catch Jesus saying something pretty unusual in the gospel today? Jesus actually calls Peter *ōSatanō*. In our house, we weren't allowed to call each other names. If Jesus's mother is anything like mine, she isn't thrilled to have this moment recorded in the family archives!

The word *ōsatanō* is Hebrew for *ōthe adversary,ō* or *ōthe one who obstructs.ō* But how is Peter obstructing Jesus? Jesus just told the apostles that he will soon suffer and die. Isn't Peter just trying to be a sympathetic friend, by saying, *ōNo way! God forbid that happening!!ō*? No, Jesus is trying to gently break it to the apostles that he is not the *ōTerminator-typeō* Savior they were expecting. God's larger plan includes sufferings the Messiah will have to endure.

And here Peter is suggesting, *ōBack offō* don't go with God's plan! Let's think of the times we, too, are tempted to obstruct God's plans for someone we love—our kids, maybe. Sometimes we shield them from the consequences of their bad choices, or make life too easy for them. But Jesus's parenting advice is, *ōWhoever wants to be my follower has to deny themselves, take up your cross, and follow me.ō*

Congratulations to those who are helping their children take up crosses on the high road of strong and loving discipline with their children. It is hard, and others criticize you—but that's the very nature of a cross. Parents have to die to their own comfort, reputation, or to the temptation to be a *ōbest friendō* instead of a parent. It is never easy, but it is the building of God's pathway that you are engaged in. St. Paul helps us take up our crosses: *ōDo not conform yourselves to this age.ō* Let us renew our minds towards true life in Christ.

✠ Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our parish's 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Queenship of Mary such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the liturgy and fiesta. Thank you, too, to all who participated by your presence. What labors of love by all!

✠ With the September 2014 Parish Calendar, we begin again printing the monthly parish calendar in the bulletin. Please keep the calendars handy during the month to remind you of upcoming parish meetings and events.

✠ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:

- + September 6 (Saturday)í Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday.
- +September 7 (Sunday)í Grandparents Dayí Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses.
- + September 14 (Sunday)... Parish Picnic from 2pm to 6pm. Mega 50/50 drawing at 6pm.
- + September 21 (Sunday)í Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9am Mass followed by parent/student meeting at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School.
- + September 27/28 (Sat/Sun)í Parish celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz's feast day at all Masses.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

God Love You!

Fr. David



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

Welcome to the 2014 / 2015 School Year

We welcome all our new families and welcome back our returning families.

The 2013/2014 school year once again saw Transfiguration win its share of awards and scholarships as our students grew in wisdom and grace. We thank you for the trust placed in the Academy and pledge our continued best efforts to fulfill the mission of our school and Church.

With that said, we look forward to the new school year with great hope, anticipation and trust in God.

You should be aware of the following dates for the September opening:

September 2, 2014 School Opens (Grades 1 to 8, inclusive)
Kindergarten Orientation (9 AM Conlon Hall)

September 3, 2014 Kindergarten Begins

September 4, 2014 PK Orientation (9AM- PK Classrooms)

September 8, 2014 PK Begins

Before & After Care Begins

September 11, 2014 Back to School Night (All grade levels PK-8th Grade)

September 18, 2014 8th Grade Parent Meeting (School Library)

September 29, 2014 Student Picture Day

September 30, 2014 H.S.A General Meeting

*Please note that the first week, Sept.2 through Sept. 5, inclusive, students are on a half day schedule, with dismissal at 12 Noon.

Monthly calendars will be sent home during the course of the year and may reflect changes from the yearly calendar, due to unforeseen developments or circumstances beyond our control. We will also use the School Reach notification system to alert you of changes and important information.

For those interested in registering, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, please call us at 201-384-3627 or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield

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Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms 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 9 am to 4 pm

Closed: Thursday & Friday

Protecting God's Children at Ascension

ATTENTION ALL

**Catechists, Rel. Ed. Aides, & Boy Scout Volunteers
this is your last opportunity to attend.**

Training Session


Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30pm - 10:30pm

In the Gathering Room

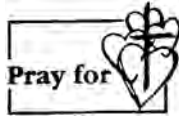
All Must Register on line in advance at Virtusonline.org

Please advise Fr. David or the Rectory Office at

201-836-8961 if you plan to attend as space is limited



*Final Reminder
Last Chance to
Register for the
2014-2015 School year
before classes start
will be on Sunday
September 7, 2014
from 10 am to Noon.
The Religious
Education Office
will be open regular
hours starting this week.
Our phone number is
201-836-3085*



"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, 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..."

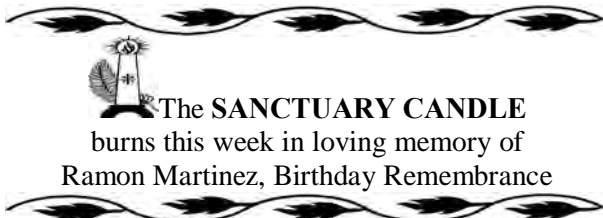
President Barack Obama, our National Leaders and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Mildred Ostroskie

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE

burns this week in loving memory of
Ramon Martinez, Birthday Remembrance

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.



Sunday, August 31, 2014

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

UNBOUND at all Masses, Fr. Thomas Malloy

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2014

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Education Offices

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

Parish Events Meeting ó 7:30pm

In the Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Protecting God's Children Awareness Session

7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, September 4, 2014

No event

First Friday, September 5, 2014

Communion Visits to Homebound

First Saturday, September 6, 2014

Bus departs for Pilgrimage Blue Army Shrine

Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

Sunday, September 7, 2014 * Grandparent's Day

Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 noon

Central & Eastern Europe

Baptism Preparation ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room



**PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL

Thursday, September 18, 2014

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (with \$30. rebate). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked óAtlantic City Trip.ö Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

TWENTY-SECOND 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)

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| 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: _____



On Sunday, September 14th our Parish Picnic will be held at 2:00pm on the church grounds. Many hands are needed to make this day a success. If you would like to help, please fill in the coupon below and drop it off at the rectory. Picnic Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.

Yes I would like to help out at our Parish Picnic.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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



LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM, WILL BE CELEBRATED
RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED

**“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.

50/50 RAFFLE

Don’t forget to fill out and submit
 your “SummerFest 2014 Mega
 50/50” Raffle Tickets!



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.



“Dear Father Milliken,
 On behalf of Bishop WaWa and the poor of the Diocese of Fort-Liberte, I want to thank you for both the kindness and hospitality you extended to our missionary speaker Fr. Steve Toth during his recent appeal at your parish. We appreciate the chance to share news of the Mission Church in Haiti with the good people of Ascension Parish.

Please know that all proceeds from your parish’s response to this mission appeal will directly support the work of the church in the Diocese of Fort-Liberte. These funds will help run the Catholic schools, medical clinics, and desperately poor parishes and chapels that provide so much hope and comfort to the people of Haiti.

Be assured of my continual prayerful gratitude.

Yours in the words of Christ,

Rev. Mark Stelzer STD

U.S. Mission Coordinator