

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, July 5, 2015

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Thomas Conti
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, July 6, 2015

8:00 Robert S. Hall

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

8:00 John Fourman

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

8:00 Virginia Ayson

Thursday, July 9, 2015

8:00 Noah Ballescero

Friday, July 10, 2015

8:00 Bryan Lizalda

Saturday, July 11, 2015

8:30 Ana Cecilia Tumang

5:30 Virginia Burdie

Sunday, July 12, 2015

7:30 William Nagle

9:30 Tomas & Bonifacia Asuncion

11:30 Beatriz Joven Santos

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, June 28, 2015: \$6,827.50

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 July 5, 2015

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



There is not one of us who has not feared being negatively judged by our peers. Destructive, rigid judgments begin when we start to compare one person to another. People with mental and physical disabilities are among those who have suffered the effects of this discrimination, which led one mental health researcher to conclude, "All human comparison is diabolical." (W. Wolfensberger)

Even Jesus was a victim of negative judgment, when he returned to his own hometown. You might expect old family friends to welcome him. But when they heard Jesus preach in his home synagogue, jealousy caused them to take offense: "Where did he get all this--wisdom and mighty deeds? Isn't this Mary's little Jesus? He's getting above himself!" They allowed their familiarity with Jesus to become contempt.

We know that Jesus felt the pain of rejection, because he said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own kin and in his own house." But Jesus did not let this turn him from his vocation as a prophet. God's prophets are not fortune-tellers. They tell us how God is in relationship to us and they also tell us not to fear judgments based on appearances, because God sees and judges only the heart.

Do we recognize *our* vocation as prophets? At baptism, we were each called to be prophet, priest, and king to the world including bringing God's messages to our own kind and in our very own house. It is not easy to walk the delicate line between unjust judgments and good prophetic judgment. Let's pray for a spirit not to take offense at others but to see only their beauty and to be able to rejoice at seeing God in all of it!

✠ Throughout this weekend we celebrate the 239th birthday of the United States of America. We pray that all peoples of our nation may remember and live the principles of equality and justice for all upon which we were founded. May God bless our freedoms and help us to live them responsibly. May God bless the members of our Armed Forces home and abroad and keep them safe in harm's way. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4th weekend! May God bless America!

✠ Last Friday evening, the St. Joseph/Ascension Knights of Columbus honored our parishioner, Greg Cucco, for his dedication and outstanding work as Director of our parish Food Pantry. On behalf of all Ascension parishioners I congratulate Greg and thank him for the time and efforts he gives to our food pantry clients. This ministry has become a hallmark of Ascension. Thank you to all who are part of this beautiful ministry of service in Jesus' name.

✠ Mega 50/50 Tickets have been sent to our parishioners. Please return all sold and unsold books as soon as possible. The drawing will take place at our parish picnic on Sunday, September 13th. On behalf of our Parish Events Committee I invite you to participate in our raffle. With your support of our raffle, what a great prize will be won and what a great profit gained for Ascension Parish!

✠ Please remember we have changed our Mass times for the summer months of July and August:

Summer Mass Schedule Monday, June 29th to Friday, September 4th

Weekends:

Saturday 8:30am, 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday: 8am
Holy Days: 7:00am, 8:30am, 7:30pm
Civil Holidays: 8:30am

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Farewell

Transfiguration has become a place in which a diverse student population thrives in a setting of academic excellence, but also in an environment of cultural diversity upon which students and faculty build on the values that bind us together while respecting the diversity and richness of various cultures.

It has been my honor and privilege to have served as a Catholic School principal in the Archdiocese of Newark, for the past 11 years. During that time, Transfiguration Academy has gone from merely a concept to one of the finest schools in the Archdiocese.

The time has now come to have my successor take Transfiguration Academy to the next level and beyond.

There are many people who through their support are responsible for the Academy's successes to date, none of whom are more responsible than YOU, our parishioners. It is through your support that we are able to provide the finest Catholic School education in the Archdiocese.

I ask your continued support for Transfiguration and its new principal, Mr. James Carlo.

With your support and God's continued grace, Transfiguration will continue to remain an exemplary Catholic elementary school, well into the future.

Sincerely,
Sal Tralongo
Founding Principal



PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms the 2015-2016 School year will be distributed to all students today please look for them in your child's backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education. 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. For returning students Registration forms can be down loaded from the parish website-

www.churchoftheascension.com.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2015 ó 2016 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.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm ó in the Rectory
Closed: Thursday & Saturday
Other times by appointment

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Joseph School in Oradell has a September opening for the position of school After Care Supervisor. Hours are from 2:30-6PM daily, Monday through Friday, when school is in session. For salary information and a summary of qualifications, please contact Mrs. Vail, school principal, via e-mail at vailc@sjsusa.org. Ideal part-time job for second career individual or energetic retiree!



Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a **charitable gift annuity**, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at lynchthe@rcan.org.

JULY 5, 2015



Church of the Ascension
New Milford, New Jersey
2015 Summer
Mass Schedule

Monday, June 29th to Friday, September 4th

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

Weekends:

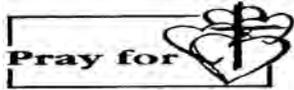
Saturday...5:30pm

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

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

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, Robert Barratt, 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..."

Romona Brex

...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



Sunday, July 5, 2015

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Sunday Summer Mass Schedule Begins

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

Monday, July 6, 2015

Independence Day Observance

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Mass 6 2:30pm

Baptism Prep. 6 7:30pm 6 Gathering Room

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Novena 6 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 9, 2015

No events

Friday, July 10, 2015

No events

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Confession 6 11:00am- Church

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Summer Mass Schedule :7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

Monday, July 13, 2015

No events

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary 6 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Novena 6 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 16, 2015

No events

Friday, July 17, 2015

No events

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Confession 6 11:00am- Church

Catholic Cross Outreach Appeal

Sunday, July 19, 2015

Summer Mass Schedule :7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

Catholic Cross Outreach Appeal at all Masses

Food Pantry Sunday

Baptism 6 1:30pm - Church

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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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 Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check date availability.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the **243** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$45,325.50** pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing, like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese



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!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY
 Saturday, July 25, 2015**



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:45am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817

SUMMER VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

We are looking for motivated individuals, especially students looking for service hours, 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 if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. ascension@optonline.net. Thank you.

SPECTACULAR FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3 day trip to the Adirondacks from September 30th to October 2, 2015. The price of the trip is \$459 per person double occ./\$598 single. And includes 2 nights lodging at the Turning Stone Casino Resort, 2 breakfasts, 2- \$15 meal Coupons for dinner, Adirondack Scenic Railroad Ride into the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. After lunch on your own board the Old Forge Boat for a Cruise on the Fulton Chain of Lakes, wine tasting at Villa Verona Vineyard, National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, 2-\$40 Casino Free Play vouchers, bus transportation, luggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities. \$100 per person deposit is due by July 15th. For info. And reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church, mail to 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646 or drop off at rectory mailbox.
PLEASE MARK FALL TRIP ON ENVELOPE
 Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

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: _____



**New Milford High School
 Class of 1975 40th Reunion**

October 10, 2015

7-11PM * Biagio's

299 Paramus Rd., Paramus

\$87 per person

For information Call Phyllis Piro Adams (201) 446-0318