

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, August 9, 2015

5:30 Anne Frederikson
 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish
 11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

Monday, August 10, 2015

8:00 Justiniano Otero

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

8:00 Francis Thomas Hartney

Thursday, August 13, 2015

8:00 Pauline & Roger Figalora

Friday, August 14, 2015

8:00 Dorothy & Thomas Meyr

Saturday, August 15, 2015

8:30 Carl Donato
 5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Sunday, August 16, 2015

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Rose Caruso
 11:30 John Burke, First Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 2, 2015: \$5,257.00
Maintenance & Repairs: \$2,473.00

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 9, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Today's gospel is about Pharisees with fixed opinions. Here are a few fixed opinions that didn't turn out to be very trustworthy:

- 1865:** "Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires." (Boston newspaper)
- 1878:** "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings. (it is) of no value to us." (Western Union)
- 1880:** "The phonograph has no commercial value at all." (Thomas Edison)
- 1916:** " (Movies are) little more than a fad." (Charlie Chaplin)
- 1932:** "There is not the slightest indication that nuclear energy will ever be obtainable." (Albert Einstein)
- 1962:** "Groups are out. Four-piece groups with guitars particularly are finished." (Decca Recording Company, turning down The Beatles)

They sound so sure of themselves—just like the Pharisees. The most intelligent, creative, or holy person among us can let our opinions become hardened. Jesus had to say "Stop it!" to the ones murmuring behind their hands at how outrageous his claims are. "Don't we know him and his parents? How can he say he came from heaven?" Jesus condemns this type of grousing, whining, or complaining in a negative way, because it blocks us from moving forward in life.

Our worldview as Christians must become more wise, compassionate, and understanding—not more negative and gossipy. Our new Eucharistic prayers say, "Open our hearts to the needs of all humanity." "Bring them the good news of salvation" so we can "advance together" to God.

✠ This weekend Fr. Andrew Berinyuy, a member of the Order of Pious Schools / Piarist Fathers, will be at Ascension as a part of our Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation Plan. He will speak at all Masses on behalf of their missionary ministry in Africa. (More details are included within the bulletin.) We will take up a second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us give Fr. Andrew a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

✠ Saturday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day without obligation to attend Mass. We will honor Mary on this special day at Mass at the 8:30am.

✠ We invite all of our young men and women who will be going off to college, to join us next Sunday, August 16th, 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.

✠ Don't forget our parish celebration of the **Queenship of Mary** with Mass on Saturday, August 22nd at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party on our parish grounds. Please, plan to join us.

✠ On Sunday, August 23rd, Community Blood Services will conduct a Blood Drive here at Ascension from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Any parishioners who wish to donate blood are asked to sign-up after Mass today in the church vestibule. There is a great need for blood at this time. Please consider being a blood donor. You can save a life.

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory office for complete information.

✠ Thank you to those parishioners who stay after Mass and tidy the church pews. We ask others to volunteer to stay after Mass and neaten the pews. It takes only about five minutes. Further, please consider those who will be at Mass after you and make sure you replace the hymnals in the racks and clean up after yourselves. Let's keep God's house clean.

✠ On the next Sundays after all Masses, volunteers will be in the front vestibule of the church selling tickets for our 2015 Mega 50/50 Raffle. You may return your sold and unsold books at this time and get more if you need them.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy Registration - 2015/2016

Discover why Transfiguration Academy's diverse student body grows, learns and succeeds.

Call for a tour: 201-384-3627

Visit our web site: transfigurationacademy.org

Like us on Facebook

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades Pre-K 2+ through Grade 8. The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 9:00am to 2:00pm daily.



CAR WASH ó Transfiguration Academy's 8th grade is having a car wash on Saturday, August 22 at St. Mary's Church, 280 Washington Ave. Dumont from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The prices are \$5 per car, \$8 per SUV or truck. All proceeds go towards graduation 2016.

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your óSummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50ö 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



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 201-262-4600
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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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.



****SAVE THE DATE*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH****
PARISH PICNIC * HONORING GRANDPARENT'S
FROM 2:00-6:00PM

AUGUST 9, 2015



*Rev. David Milliken of The Church of The Ascension
presents*

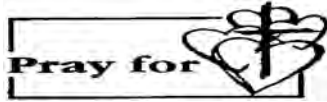
Italian Treasures

Milan-Venice-Padua- Florence - Assisi- Rome

October 4, 2016 - 10 spiritually uplifting- fun filled days

\$2765. per person/dbl.occ - Plus Taxes --- (Airfare & Transfers Included)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DøEufemia, 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, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, 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



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Justiano Otero



Sunday, August 9, 2015

Summer Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
Missionary Appeal at all Masses
50/50 Ticket Sales at all Masses

Monday, August 10, 2015

No events

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Hackensack Homeless
Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, August 14, 2015

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:30am
Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Queenship Novena ó 6:30pm - Church

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Summer Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
Food Pantry Sunday
Blessing of College Students at 11:30 Mass
50/50 Ticket Sales at all Masses
Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church
Queenship Novena ó 6:00pm - Church

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 or call the rectory office to check availability.

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY
Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL
Monday, September 21, 2015

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



**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT 8:30AM**



The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
Toothpaste, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Flavored Rice, Canned Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese.
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Your generosity is appreciated by the many families our pantry assists.

19TH ANNUAL 'LA FESTA ITALIANA'
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN
188 MAC ARTHUR AVE., GARFIELD, NJ
AUGUST 13TH-16TH
CALL 973-772-2295 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 257 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$46,880.50 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



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Ascension Service Ministry with the New Milford Women's Club will be collecting School Supplies in the box at the back of the church until the third week of August 8/23. 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 much appreciated.

THIS WEEKEND MISSION APPEAL

The Order of the Pious Schools was founded in 1617 and is completely dedicated to the education of children and youth especially the poor ones. We carry out our Missionary work in the challenging context of the central African region We believe in the power of Christian education. For the next school year that begins in September, we have two main targets that I will like to share with you and ask for your assistance:

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Many families in Central Africa live in poverty barely surviving on \$1 a day. These families have many other priorities that the education of their children is not often one of them. We would like, through your help, to assist as many children as possible to pay their annual tuition so that they too can have access to quality education.

REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS

Given that many families barely manage to pay the tuition, it is never easy on them to buy the required textbooks. To solve this situation, we want to provide the four required textbooks to the students. We would like to provide for each student four textbooks: Mathematics, Language, Science and Religion. Each textbook costs \$4.43. This is therefore our Missionary experience for which we implore your support. Whatever you may find in your heart to do for these poor children in Central Africa: either buying a textbook or paying tuition, we are very grateful. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you on behalf of these children.

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 required to hold your reservation. 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. 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)

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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: _____

SUMMER Vacation

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.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!