

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Saturday, August 22, 2015

5:30 Antolin & Cruz Families

Sunday, August 23, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Timothy Cronin

11:30 Olga & George Arnold

Monday, August 24, 2015

8:00 Archimedes Antolin

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

8:00 Luisa Garcia

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Thursday, August 27, 2015

8:00 Francisco Vidal

Friday, August 28, 2015

8:00 Agustina DeLeon

Saturday, August 29, 2015

8:30 Sally Cox

5:30 Graciela Garcia

Sunday, August 30, 2015

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Cathy Trimarchi

11:30 Theresa Feigle-Lacey

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 16, 2015: \$6,718.00
Food Pantry: \$ 973.00
Assumption: \$ 816.00

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 23, 2015

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
 Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Sharon is a very committed, prayerful Catholic. For 20 years, she prayed with priests and others in a charismatic healing ministry for sick people.

Then, Sharon herself suddenly fell critically ill. After two surgeries and months of hospital admissions, she is still fighting severe infections. All this led her to a recent panic attack, which she just could not handle. A priest friend asked her, "Sharon, you have so much faith; you've prayed over so many people. When you felt panic, were you comforted by knowing God is here with you?" Sharon replied, "No. I was too overwhelmed to think of God."

Have you ever felt this way? Today, we see how overwhelmed Jesus' apostles also were when Jesus revealed more of himself and his mission. It must have been a bombshell to hear, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." This was too outrageous, too shocking, or just too confusing. So some "turned back" to their old lives, and no longer followed Jesus. When something happens that destroys our way of understanding life—where do we go? A loss, an illness, or a betrayal from one we love deeply—when the carpet gets pulled out from under us, nothing makes sense.

That is when we have to do what St. Peter did. He didn't understand it rationally—but he went with his guts, his deep intuition. "Where else are we going to go? We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the holy One of God."

We have all "come to believe" through parents, the church, our life experience, that Jesus is the only One we can rely on. Let that conviction come from your heart—and from the very depths of your being.

✠ Next weekend Fr. Tom Bouterie, from Food for the Poor, will be at Ascension and speak at all Masses on behalf of their missionary ministry. (More details are included within the bulletin.) We will take up a second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us give Fr. Tom a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

✠ *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.

✠ 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.

✠ Some important upcoming parish events:

- + September 8 (Saturday)í Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday.
- +September 13 (Sunday)í Grandparents Dayí Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses
- + September 13 (Sunday)í Parish Picnic honoring Grandparents from 2pm to 6pm.
- + September 20 (Sunday)í Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9am Mass followed by classes at 10:15am.
- + September 20 (Sunday)... "Back to School" Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-9) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- + September 26 (Saturday)í Parish celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday at 5:30pm Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center.

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



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Our diverse student body's achievements and success are exemplified by:

- Acceptance at top Catholic High Schools, Bergen County Academies, Bergen County Technical High School, Englewood Academies and prestigious private schools
- Participation and awards in numerous academic competitions including:
 - John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth
 - National Young Leadership Conference
 - NJ "Future City" engineering competition
 - Bergen Science Challenge

Registration is taking place for all grades. For more information or to arrange a tour of the school:

- call 201-384-3627
- visit our website: www.transfigurationacademy.org
- follow us on Facebook



Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms for the 2015-2016 School year were distributed to all students, 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 downloaded 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 & 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 & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm & in the Rectory
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your "SummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50" Raffle Tickets before you leave on vacation!

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please join us next weekend to hear Rev. Thomas R. Bouterie speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Bouterie will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr Bouterie was ordained in 1980. Please join in welcoming Father Bouterie.



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. **Thank you to all who gave so generously to last week's collection. Your kindness is appreciated by the many families our pantry assists.**

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.

AUGUST 23, 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)



"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, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, 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



Sunday, August 23, 2015

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

Monday, August 24, 2015

No events

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Woodcrest Center Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

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

Thursday, August 27, 2015

No Events

Friday, August 28, 2015

No Events

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Food For The Poor Appeal at all weekend Masses

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Food For The Poor Appeal at all weekend Masses
Summer Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
50/50 Ticket Sales at all Masses

Monday, August 31, 2015

No events

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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 (rebate of \$30.00). 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.



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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.**

**PART-TIME POSITION
YOUTH MINISTER**

Saint Joseph Parish in Oradell/New Milford is looking for a qualified individual to serve as a part-time Youth Minister in our high school youth ministry. A candidate must be a practicing Catholic, over 21 years of age, a college graduate, and have experience working with young people from 13-18 years of age. Good organizational skills and a passion to involve young people in sharing their unique gifts with the larger community are essential.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to **Fr. Andrew Park**, Saint Joseph Church, 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646.



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



On Sunday, September 13th our Parish Picnic * Honoring Grandparent's will be held from at 2:00-6:00pm on the church grounds. Many hands are needed to make this day a success. If you would like to help, please come to a meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.**

Stewardship, what a wonderful way to share of your time and talents in support of your parish.



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 **Drive Ends this Weekend.** Supplies needed are: pencils, pens, notebooks, composition books, loose leaf paper, crayons, highlighters, 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.



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!

2016 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM 9:00AM-12 NOON IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

*Request are to be printed clearly using the Form in Bulletin

*Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis

*No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail

*One Form per person

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 always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. These requests will be processed starting September 21st.

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.

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