

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, September 6, 2015

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Durate
 10:30 People of Ascension Parish
 12:00 Alloro & Bitetti Families

Labor Day*Monday, September 7, 2015

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

7:00 Thanksgiving ó Dona Viduya
 8:30 Mary & Michael Rowland

Thursday, September 10, 2015

7:00 Joseph Cronin
 8:30 Catherine Hartney

Friday, September 11, 2015

7:00 Joan B. Barry
 8:30 Bob Balella

Saturday, September 12, 2015

8:30 Ramon DelRosario
 5:30 Roy Temena

Sunday, September 13, 2015

7:30 James Ochs
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 Lillian Person
 12:00 Maria Totengo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, August 30, 2015: \$6,705.00
ParishPay for July 2015: \$3,469.40

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
 September 6, 2015**

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Recently there was a touching video on YouTube. Jonathan, a little baby boy who was born deaf, had just had a surgical implant to restore his hearing. The very moment Jonathan heard his mother's voice for the first time was amazing! His pacifier fell out of his mouth and a big smile crept over his face. He gazed up into his mother's eyes, wiggling in excitement, making happy little cries. For the first time, he was hearing a world outside himself!

People commented that it was a miracle to watch, and that it brought them to tears. It was such a personal and sacred moment, to see little Jonathan receive the gift of hearing. The people who witnessed Jesus healing the deaf man must have felt much the same. In that culture, to be deaf would have isolated that man terribly. With no job training or assistance, how could he support a family? Disability was considered God's punishment, so he would be shunned and not permitted to attend synagogue.

Jesus sees the man's whole terrible situation in a flash. He understands the whole, real person, his pain, his exclusion from the community. It's not just a quickie healing! Jesus enters deeply and personally into the man's life story to restore him. And this is the deeper meaning of the miracle: Jesus is already starting his mission to restore the whole creation to its original state of blessings and beauty as God created it, before evil entered the creation.

Evil is having its day now; but for God, these tragedies are not the end. **"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, ... he comes to save you!"**

- ✠ Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers Lectors, I will be working on the ministry schedule for October through Advent. If you have dates you will not be available for ministry, please submit them to me ASAP.
- ✠ Wristbands for next weekend's Parish Picnic honoring Grandparents are available after all Masses in the front vestibule of the church. **Pre-Picnic price...just \$6.00 for Adults and Children.** At the Picnic the price will be \$8.00. Purchase early and save.
- ✠ Next Sunday is **Grandparents Day**. At all weekend Masses we will ask God's blessing on all grandparents through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. May God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.
- ✠ Don't forget...September 20 (Sunday) is our Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9am Mass followed by Back to School Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K through 9th Grade Confirmation Program) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ✠ Remember, September 27 (Sunday) is our Parish celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center.
- ✠ **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.

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



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Transfiguration Academy = The Formula for Success

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- É Middle States accredited, grades Pre K2+ thru 8
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- É Sports and extracurricular program including basketball, tennis, dance, cheerleading, Model United Nations Club,
- ó Future Cityö engineering program, drama club
- É Before and after school care

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

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

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

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



Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms 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 office ASAP. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2015. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office located in the Rectory 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

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 13, 2015 for last minute registration from 10 am til 12 Noon. All registered families will get their letter the week of September 13th.

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.

Office Hours:

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

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your ó SummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50ö Raffle Tickets. Drawing will take place at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13!

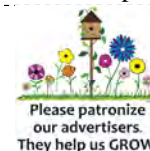
DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension is looking for new choir members. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our three choirs: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, or Children's Choir. No audition required. To sign up or receive further information, please contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or call or text him at (917)-414-2697.

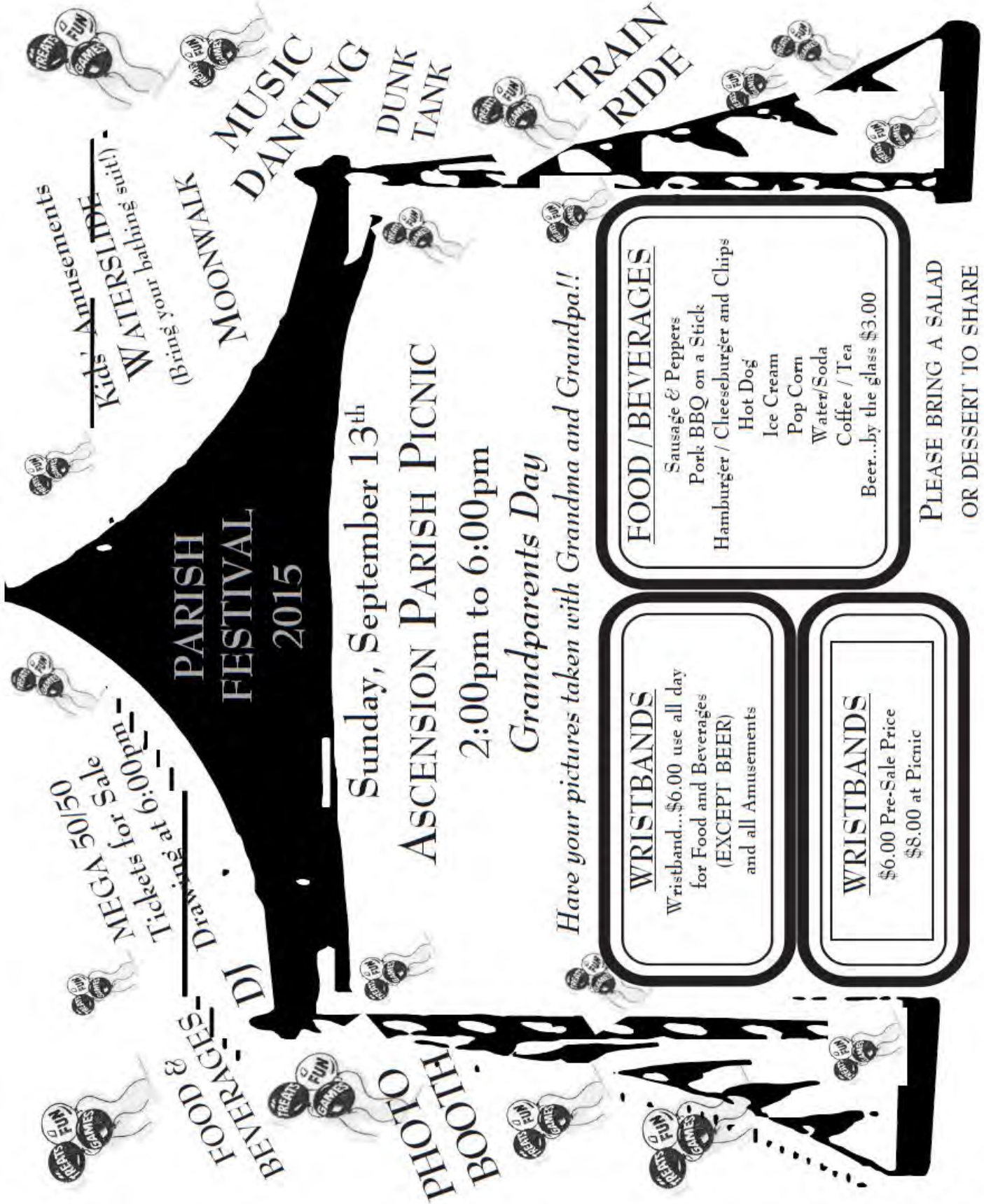
Sacred Heart Church in Haworth CARNIVAL
September 10-13
Games, rides and food.
Fun for all ages. All are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org (search ó Church in Central and Eastern Europeö) to learn more.



Please remember to patronize,
HOLY APOSTLES
ONLINE CAMPUS
866-470-6733
who help make this bulletin possible



**PARISH
FESTIVAL
2015**

Sunday, September 13th
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC
2:00pm to 6:00pm
Grandparents Day

Have your pictures taken with Grandma and Grandpa!!

WRISTBANDS

Wristband...\$6.00 use all day
for Food and Beverages
(EXCEPT BEER)
and all Amusements

WRISTBANDS

\$6.00 Pre-Sale Price
\$8.00 at Picnic

FOOD / BEVERAGES

- Sausage & Peppers
- Pork BBQ on a Stick
- Hamburger / Cheeseburger and Chips
- Hot Dog
- Ice Cream
- Pop Corn
- Water/Soda
- Coffee / Tea
- Beer...by the glass \$3.00

**PLEASE BRING A SALAD
OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

KIDS' AMUSEMENTS
MATERNITY
 (Bring your bathing suit!)

MOONWALK

**MUSIC
DANCING**

**DUNK
TANK**

**TRAIN
RIDE**

**FOOD &
BEVERAGES**

**PHOTO
BOOTH**

**TREATS
FUN
GAMES**

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Døufemia, 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.

"a time to die..."

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...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



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.



Sunday, September 6, 2015

Eastern Europe Collection

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule Resumes

7:30*9:00*10:30*12:00

Labor Day * Monday, September 7, 2015

Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Regular Weekday Mass Resumes 7:00&8:30am

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Parish Events Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Patriot Day * Friday, September 11, 2015

Remembrance for families of September 11, 2001

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Set-up for Parish Picnic ó 10:00am ó Parish Grounds

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Pet Supplies Collection for Animal Shelter

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Grandparent's Day, Blessing of Grandparent's at
all Masses

Pet Supplies Collection for Animal Shelter

Baptism Prep ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Parish Picnic ó 2:00pm-6:00pm ó Parish Grounds

Mega 50/50 Drawing ó 6:00pm at Parish Picnic



**PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 258 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,040.50 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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

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.



**LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM, WILL BE CELEBRATED
RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED**

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 Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office)
- *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.

ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals in early October, we will be collecting items for local animal shelters during the month of September. There will be a box in the vestibule for you to place items which will be distributed to animals that are waiting to find their homes. Please help us, in the spirit of St. Francis, to help make life a bit more pleasant for these animals.

We also ask that you spread the word for anyone coming to the Blessing of the Animals to please bring and item or two for these animals.

Items that are in need include:

- Dog and Puppy food, Cat and Kitten Food, Kitty Litter, Litter Pans, Dog and Cat Toys, Gently used towels & Blankets, Dog and Cat Treats, Pet Beds, Paper Towels, Cleaning Products, Disposable Gloves, Training pads.

If you would like to give monetary donation, it can be dropped off at the rectory office in an envelope marked "Animal Shelter Collection". Thank you for your continued support.

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.