

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

## Summer Mass Schedule

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2016

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

9:30 Jack Wall

11:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 2016

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

8:00 Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

8:00 Members of the Heneghan Family

Thursday, July 7, 2016

8:00 Elnora Gordon (L)

Friday, July 8, 2016

8:00 Helen Greene

Saturday, July 9, 2016

8:30 John Tenney

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

## Summer Mass Schedule

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

9:30 Maria Luisa Gutierrez

11:30 Henry Parow

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

June 28, 2015: \$6,827.50  
June 26, 2016: \$5,268.00

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

### Readings for Sunday, July 10, 2016

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,  
36-37 or Ps 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/  
Lk 10:25-37



Today in the Gospel, Jesus is sending 70 of his followers out on a trip. Lo and behold, they come back bragging about their amazing new powers. ðLord, even the demons are subject to us when we use your name!ö Jesus had to bring this gang back down to earth. ðYou should be rejoicing because your names are written in heaven!ö In other wordsö ðIsn't it enough that you're working for God's kingdom?ö

These are words for us, too. Jesus had already told them to travel very lightly, so they can show their complete dependence on God. Wherever they go, they are to give their gifts of listening, proclaiming, and using their gifts to relieve suffering. And they're not to make a fuss about it, either. Soö as your morning routine unfoldsö trying to help several kids get ready, combing hair, making breakfast, packing lunchesö you probably aren't thinking, ðHey, this is great; I'm building God's kingdom!ö But have you ever felt that sudden moment of deep rightness about being a servant of Godö that you're right where you should be, a part of something very much bigger than yourself?

Be aware of these moments as often as you canö let yourself really soak it in, feel it, and be joyful that this is your life, in God's service. You will have struggles, many of themö getting an education, raising the kids, helping loved ones to die, seeking justice in difficult situations. But the community of faith is yours, too! Regardless of where the call takes you, let yourself feel grateful that God has called you to this moment and this placeö right where you are.

✱ Please join me in welcoming **Fr. Manickam Antonydoss**, a priest coming to us from South India. He will be with us for July and August. We are certainly glad to have him with us. Let us give Fr. Manickam our usual warm welcome to Ascension!

✱ Congratulations to Beverly Dempewolf, Yvonne Payne and Laurencita (Renn) Reyes, our parishioners who graduated last Sunday from the Christian Foundations for Ministry. I am so proud of these Ascension parishioners as they received their certificates and continue their parish ministries with renewed enthusiasm. They show us so well, what Ascension Parish is all about. CFM, Christian Foundations for Ministry, Year I, will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. We will be studying the Old Testament in the Fall sessions. If you are interested, see Fr. David.

✱ This Monday we observe **Independence Day**, our nation's two hundred fortieth birthday. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. Together at the Lord's Table, as we conclude the Fortnight for Freedom, we will give thanks for God's blessings on our nation, especially the freedom of religion that we share as Americans. In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend!

✱ Next weekend, July 9th and 10th, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us asking our help in their ministry. They will be at the doors of the church for your donations.

✱ **Summer is here!!!**

✱ **A thought concerning Summer attire in church:** *öAdore the Lord in holy attireö*

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, önothing is really all that important.ö But that is not true.

Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth. Please, use your good judgment.

✱ **A thought concerning Summer contributions:**

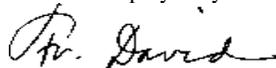
Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, the 4th of July and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them 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. What better time than the summer to consider how **ParishPay** consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year?

Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week?

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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





**TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY**

**Transfiguration Academy News**



**Summer Hours:** Beginning Monday, June 20, the school office will be open Monday ó Friday from 10:00 AM ó 2:00 PM

**Registration is Ongoing:** Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at [transfigurationacademy.org](http://transfigurationacademy.org) and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. **For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

**OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.



**FREE CONCERT**

St. Anthony's Parish (Northvale) is offering its 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Music for a Summer Night." This year's concert, entitled "Songs from the Greatest Generation, WWII," begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Church. Admission is free.



**Registration for 2016-2017:**

Registration forms the 2016-2017 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 office before June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com). 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.

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



**Volunteers Needed:**

- We are in need of Catechists for our 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade program. Our 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades meet on Sunday Mornings anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- 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  
Closed: Thursday & Saturday  
Other times by appointment

**PARISH PICTURES WANTED!!**

Do you have pictures of parish events that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? If yes please transfer them onto a flash-drive and give it to Father David or drop it off at the parish office. We can then show the pictures on the monitor in the vestibule of the church for all to enjoy! Pictures of Special Events, Sacraments, Holy Day and Liturgical Celebrations are welcome. Thank you for sharing your Stewardship of talent with us!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

JULY 3, 2016



## *Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

# *2016 Summer Mass Schedule*

*Sunday, June 26th to Sunday, 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 Dœufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora 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.

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

*"a time to die..."*

Mary Joyce Doyle

*...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  
Donated in loving memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**



**Altar Flowers** for this week  
Donated in loving Memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**



**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

Fortnight for Freedom  
Parish Maintenance & Repairs  
Summer Mass Schedule  
7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am



**Monday, July 4, 2016, Independence Day**

Fortnight for Freedom  
Mass at 8:30am  
Parish Offices Closed

**Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm  
Baptism Prep – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, July 6, 2016**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

**Thursday, July 7, 2016**

No events

**Friday, July 8, 2016**

No events

**Saturday, July 9, 2016**

Confession, 11:00am ó Church  
Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses  
Summer Mass Schedule  
7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am



**DOOR COLLECTION** ó The Little Sisters of Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, **July 9 and 10**. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.



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**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week.** Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

**WE ARE LIVING STONES**

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$592,239.00  
**Number of Pledges to date:** 158  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$280,936.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$61,898.32

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- \*Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- \*Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- \*Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- \*Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.



**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!**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016**

Every year our parish family gathers together for a day of fun, food and friendship. Please consider sharing your time and talent for this special event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
 MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Yes, I would like to help out please contact me:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print & return to parish office. Thank You!)



**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.



**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
 MONDAY, JULY 4TH, 2016  
 HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!**