

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2016

5:30 David Jenkins
7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 Ruth Payne
11:30 Anne Frederikson

Monday, July 25, 2016

8:00 Garcia Munoz Family

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

8:00 John M. Chaffiotte

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

8:00 Brian & Regina McCann

Thursday, July 28, 2016

8:00 Paul F. Figalora

Friday, July 29, 2016

8:00 Tara, Joey, Ronnie, Marti (L)

Saturday, July 30, 2016

8:30 Lisa Saracino
5:30 Charles & Margaret Alloro

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

7:30 Lavonne Seifert
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Florencia Dolotina

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 19, 2015:	\$5,461.00
July 17, 2016:	\$5,220.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 907.00

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 31, 2016

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,
17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



“No prayer, no faith, no love, no devotion, no service.” So Mother Teresa has written. Prayer is intimately connected to faith, faith to love, love to devotion and devotion to service. Today we have St. Luke’s version of the greatest of all prayers, the Lord’s Prayer or the Our Father, as most of us call it.

When we pray this prayer we are surrendering to God, trusting God with our daily lives, asking forgiveness from God and giving this forgiveness to others. This prayer is not primarily one of asking God for favors for ourselves or for others, even though Jesus follows it with a story which seems to be all about asking. God doesn’t need us to act like beggars on the street, but rather as children of a loving Father. In fact, the Father will give us much more than we ask. We will be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we can begin to live our lives with the Spirit of Love living within us.

Sister Joan Chittister reminds us that, “Christians do not pray in order to coax satisfaction out of the universe. God is life, not a vending machine full of trifles to fit the whims of the human race. God is the end of life, the fulfillment of life, the essence of life, the coming of life. Christians pray in order to be open to what is, rather than to reshape the world to their own lesser designs.”

That’s a wonderful little phrase: **God is life, not a vending machine.** When we pray, we are putting ourselves consciously in the presence of Life Itself, of Love Itself. Because our life can be so scattered, confused, hurried and harried, we need to pray often. We need to be in the presence of Love, of Life, of the One who cares for us beyond our wildest imaginings. Praying the Lord’s Prayer with reverence, thoughtfulness and feeling can help us on our life’s journey.

St. Paul today says that even when we were dead in our sins, Jesus nailed all of our debts and failings to the cross. So, listen when Jesus says, “Whoever you are, not only is it OK to pray, I’m telling you, will you listen to me?” Knock, and the door will be opened. Seek, and you will find. Ask, and you will receive. ☩

Persistence is the key. If it is a real love relationship, then it’s going to be a process. It will have its hot-and-cold spots, but God is in it with us, and we are both in it for the long haul. The great joy of prayer is that we never have to be afraid to ask, seek, doubt, or try. Even when we don’t feel anything happening, genuine prayer can rise up from the painful and dark places in our lives. This is the very time we should be coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist when we feel like we’re not passing the course on love because that is when we need the prayer of others around us most. We need to believe that our community will “supply faith” and strength, when our voice alone is too weak to cry out for bread at midnight.

✠ We all can appreciate giving of our time and sharing our faith. I ask for your assistance in becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** or **Lector** at Mass or volunteering your time every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 to **lead the rosary** with the residents of Woodcrest Center in New Milford. If you would be interested in one of these ministries, please see me or contact the rectory office.

✠ I know it’s early, but I hope all of **our young men and women who will be going off to college**, and their families will put this on their calendar. We invite you to join us on Sunday, August 14th, 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.

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 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 or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

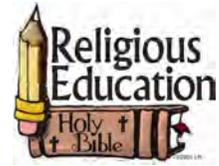
Starting at the end of July, the Service Ministry will be collecting school supplies for children in need in our community. A box will be placed in the vestibule for you to drop off your donations. Your continued support to our ministry to those in need is greatly appreciated.

Items Needed:

Composition Books*Spiral Notebooks*Loose-Leaf Paper
Pencils*Pens*Crayons*Rulers*Protractors*Pencil Cases
Markers*Highlighters*Erasers*Colored Pencils
Children's Scissors*3 Ring Binders*Math Compass
Backpacks*School Glue
Once again, thank you for your support! God Bless!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Registration for 2016-2017:

Registration forms the 2016-2017 School year are due. 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, 2016. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office in the Rectory 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:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 1st & 3rd Grade program. Our 1st & 3rd grades meet on Sunday Mornings anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- Ä 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

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.

Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646

Office of the Pastor

Summer, 2016

Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Over 60 years of Faith and Service!

Christian Foundations for Ministry (CFM) program, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, is a three year course of studies which meets eight weeks in the Fall, Winter and Spring:

Year I: Fall... Old Testament	Winter... New Testament	Spring... Sacraments
Year II: Fall... Church/Discipleship	Winter... Liturgical Year	Spring: Morality
Year III: Fall: Church History	Winter... Evangelization	Spring: Collaborative Ministry

CFM helps Catholic adults recognize their Baptismal call to exercise their stewardship of time and talent in service to Christ's Church and to the world. It is designed for catechists, liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, music ministers), social concerns ministers, parish committee members, new parishioners, the newly-initiated who have completed the RCIA process, and any parishioner searching for a role in parish ministry.

There is a \$50.00 fee per course.

Won't you seriously consider becoming a part of the Christian Foundations for Ministry Program? Starting on September 12, YEAR I of CFM will be offered on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 PM in our Parish.

To register or for further information, please contact Father David at 201-836-8961 or complete the form below and return it to Father David.

Sincerely,

Fr. David

Rev. David W. Milliken



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (CFM)



Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

_____ I would like to register for Year I of CFM. _____ I would like further information about CFM.

Rectory: 256 Azalea Drive Telephone: (201) 836-8961 FAX: (201) 836-5896



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Chloe-Belle & Vanellope-Kate Barredo

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Døufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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..."

Patricia Burke

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

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!



Sunday, July 24, 2016

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Monday, July 25, 2016

No events

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Harrison House

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, July 28, 2016

No events

Friday, July 29, 2016

No events

Saturday, July 30, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Bergen County Filipino Apostolate

San Lorenzo Novena ó 6:30pm

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

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!

ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 50 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, August 11th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

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: 167
Our Pledges to date: \$284,876.43
Amount received to date: \$64,031.99

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.



MEMORIALS

øTHANK YOUö 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: _____



**Please remember to patronize,
 ARMBRUSTER LANDSCAPING
 201-967-1489
 who help make this bulletin possible**



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!)



øDear Fr. Milliken,
 On behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents here at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your generous donation in the amount of \$3,334.00, in response to our Door Collection at the Church of the Ascension.
 We are truly thankful to you and your parish community for your support of our Home and the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor. It is through the prayers and generosity of our Friends and Benefactors that we are able to provide a loving Home for all of our Residents.
 You and your parish family will be included in our daily prayers. Monthly Masses are also offered in all of our Homes throughout the world for the intentions of our Friends and Benefactors.
 Gratefully yours,
 Sister Lorraine, I.s.p.ö



50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your øA Fist Full of Dollarsö 2016 50/50 Raffle Tickets before you leave on vacation!