

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Lillian Person, 10th Anniversary

11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, August 15, 2016

7:00 Ascension Parish Family

8:30 Living & Deceased

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

8:00 Dorothy & Thomas Meyer

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

8:00 Elizabeth Connolly, (L) Get Well

Thursday, August 18, 2016

8:00 Michael Tafankaji

Friday, August 19, 2016

8:00 Patricia Bendal

Saturday, August 20, 2016

8:30 Josephine Coringrato

5:30 Zaida Abanilla

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Timothy Cronin

11:30 Lou Thompson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 9, 2015:	\$5,543.50
August 7, 2016:	\$5,021.00
Repairs & Maintenance:	\$2,522.00

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

Readings for Sunday, August 21, 2016

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



All people struggle to know the truth in life, and it is sad when angry or suffering people feel they must trash their Catholic tradition and replace it with a new style of certainty. But this is happening with many of our friends and family. And we ourselves, if we're thoughtful, intelligent people, have plenty of questions about our hopes and beliefs. So we want to believe, and we want to help others to believe.

How to handle this challenge? Well, an educated person is not someone who knows it all, but who knows how to learn. And the first place for Catholics to seek learning is from their own local bishops. Recently, the Vatican issued a call to all Catholics to use the media more. Yes, you heard right! The Pope has a Twitter account, and has 2.5 million followers.

It's usually family and friends who raise challenging issues related to moral and social questions about abortion, euthanasia, sex, marriage. You cannot converse intelligently on these issues if you have no idea what your own church really says about it. And if you haven't read the bishop's letters or the Catechism, then you really don't know.

Go to the source - search on "What are Catholic social teachings?" You will find a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. (USCCB) Does it seem you live in a culture in which nothing is sacred? Then, be a local superhero: get informed; assert just as blatantly that God is in our world, and that everything is sacred!

✠ This weekend we welcome Father Ricky Bermas of the Diocese of Legazpi in the Philippines who will speak to us about the mission needs of his diocese. We will take up a second collection.

Legazpi has a population of one million people who are served by 90 active priests and 140 religious. It serves the people through schools and special apostolates/ministries such as among street children and the mentally challenged, as well as programs to help families, youth and the poorest of the poor.

The Diocese of Legazpi has developed a five year plan to build the Christian community and serve the needs of the people. They need our financial help. Your donations will help form the clergy, religious, and lay leaders; support scholarships for poor but deserving seminarians; serve the poor and marginalized through social outreach programs; fortify ministries on evangelization, education, and the renewal of society through the promotion of justice, and peace, and the integrity of creation. Your prayers and financial support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. May the Good Lord reward you a hundredfold.

✠ Monday, August 15th, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This year, because it falls on a Monday, it is a **holy day** without obligation to attend Mass. We will honor Mary on this special day at Masses at 7am and 8:30am.

✠ Don't forget our 34th parish celebration of the **Queenship of Mary** with Mass next Saturday, August 20th, at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party on our parish grounds. Please, plan to join us.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

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

Transfiguration Academy Registration for the 2016/2017 school year:

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: 201-384-3627
- Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit our web site: transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit us on Facebook to see how engaged our students and families are

The new school year begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 for students in grades 1-8.

Kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 7, and PreK classes begin on Thursday, September 8.

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

Summer hours:

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily.



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 for 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:

- 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.
- 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 & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Other times by appointment

Closed; Thursday & Saturday

**"LA FESTA ITALIANA"
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN
AUGUST 18-21**

OLMV in Garfield. Fun for the whole family.

Italian & other ethnic foods, games, rides, raffles, live bands and DJ music. Italian Café with homemade cakes and cannoli.

For more information or directions, please contact OLMV rectory office at 973-772-2295.

50/50 RAFFLE

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



PARISH FESTIVAL 2016

Sunday, September 18th
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC
2:00pm to 6:00pm

we will remember
Fr. Ernie's 40th Anniversary

MEGA 50/50
Tickets for Sale
Drawings at 6:00pm

WRISTBANDS
Wristband...\$6/\$8 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
 - Chicken & 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
WATERSLIDE
(Bring your bathing suit)

NOONWALK
PAINTING FACE

TRAIN RIDE

DUNK TANK

FOOD & BEVERAGES

DJ
DANCING MUSIC



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose D'Eufermia, 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, Thomas Gonzalas, Chris Boes, Peggy Lacey, 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.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
Daniel Piro

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!



Sunday, August 14, 2016

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Missionary Appeal at all weekend Masses

Queenship Novena ó 6:00pm - Church

Monday, August 15, 2016

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Holy Day without Obligation

Masses at 7:00 & 8:30am

Food Pantry distribution

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, August 19, 2016

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, August 20, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 5:30pm, Reception follows

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church



**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT 7:00 & 8:30AM**

2017 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN ON

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Please complete form in this weeks bulletin

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.

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: 173
Our Pledges to date: \$288,726.43
Amount received to date: \$70,254.03

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.

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 or give copies to Father David or drop them 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!

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!)



OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
 IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

Our stock of many most needed items has been depleted. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners to keep us up and operating, serving those in need in our community. The following is a list of items that we desperately need to stock our shelves. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

- CRANBERRY JUICE *CANNED MUSHROOMS*APPLE*TEA SAUCE*RAISINS*OATMEAL
- INSTANT OATMEAL*MAYONAISE
- CANNED WHOLE TOMATOES*BROWNIE MIX*CAKE MIX*
- PEANUT BUTTER*PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP*CRACKERS

Would you like to be involved in this ministry to the poor? The Service Ministry is always looking for people who share our concern for those in need. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, and possibly joining our small but dedicated group, speak to Father Ernie and he will introduce you to our team.



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