

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, August 28, 2016

5:30 Victorino Barot  
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 9:30 Olga & George Arnold  
 11:30 Agustina DeLeon

### Monday, August 29, 2016

8:00 Cathy Trimarchi

### Tuesday, August 30, 2016

8:00 Clemencia Cabacoy

### Wednesday, August 31, 2016

8:00 Josephine Coringrato

### Thursday, September 1, 2016

8:00 Theresa Feigle-Lacey

### Friday, September 2, 2016

8:00 Delfina Duarte

### Saturday, September 3, 2016

#### Memorial Mass

8:30 Manuel Flores  
 Deusdedit C. Encarnacion  
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

### Sunday, September 4, 2016

7:30 Santiago Alburo  
 9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 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.

<b>August 23, 2015:</b>	<b>\$5,753.00</b>
<b>August 21, 2016:</b>	<b>\$6,237.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$ 841.00</b>

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

### Readings for

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

**Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/  
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33**



If humility meant making sure you stayed in the shadows of life, not doing anything worthwhile, avoiding the praise of others, then it would be fairly simple. But humility has nothing to do with any of that. We don't become humble by doing humble things. We become humble by accepting who we are in the sight of God and then living out of that acceptance.

Humility is tricky. You might think you're humble, when all you are is timid and fearful. Now wouldn't that be a shame? You spend your whole life thinking how great it is that you are humble, only to discover when you meet the Lord, that you have just been a fear-filled and lack luster human being. That would be a real kick in the pants, wouldn't it?

All of us are God's children, loved and cared for by God, part of God's universe and God's earth, fellow travelers on a common journey. We all have been given gifts of one sort or the other. Humility is acknowledging those gifts and allowing them to grow and be a source of comfort and strength and love for others. We are also asked to use our gifts to benefit the natural world that needs us in so many ways.

Pride, since it is the flip side of humility, goes against what is the truth of our existence. We are not God. To lord it over any other person or creature does not reflect the truth of our lives. As an old song says, Pride tells us that we are too good for this world, too good for others. It effectively keeps us at arm's length from others. The humble person, on the other hand, draws close to others because he or she knows deeply that we all belong to the same Lord.

✘ Thank you to **ALL** who worked so hard to make our parish's **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the liturgy and fiesta. Thank you, too, to all who participated by your presence. What labors of love by all!

✘ This week we bid farewell to Fr. Antony. Let us thank him for sharing himself with his friendship, reflective homilies and holiness. May God continue to bless Fr. Antony in his ministry.

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Okechukwu Ocho, a priest coming to us from Rome. He will join our pastoral staff for September. Let us give Fr. Okechukwu our usual warm welcome to Ascension! We are certainly glad to have him with us.

✘ This is the last full week of summer vacation. Please take some time to enjoy the remaining days of this special season.

✘ Mark your calendar...our Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm to 6pm. Please plan to join us for a fun time with your family and fellow parishioners. Our Guest of Honor will be Fr. Ernie, who has just celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. If you would like to help on the picnic committee, our last meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. Wristbands for the Parish Picnic 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. If you would like to help on the picnic committee, our last meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.

✘ Some important upcoming parish events:

+ September 11 (Sunday)í Parish celebration of **Catechetical Sunday** at 9am Mass with commissioning of catechists followed by òBack to Schoolö Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-9) at 10:30am in the Fr. Benedict Center.

+ September 18 (Sunday)í Religious Education Program (K-9) classes begin at 10:30am

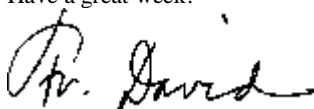
Annual Parish Picnic from 2pm to 6pm. Mega 50/50 Drawing at 6pm.

+ September 28 (Saturday)í Parish celebration of San Lorenzo and San Pedro feastday at 5:30pm Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center.

+ October 1 (Saturday)í Elvis and Friendsí Fr. Benedict Centerí \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at door

+ October 22 (Saturday)í Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC (busí \$25.00 per person)

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





**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](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org)
- Visit our web site: [transfigurationacademy.org](http://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 Nurse Position Available**

Transfiguration Academy - Bergenfield

A September opening for the position of school nurse available and is an ideal part-time job for a parent with school-age children or for an energetic retiree! Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, when school is in session. For salary information and a summary of qualifications, please contact Jim Carlo, School Principal at [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org). A current license is required.

**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.

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

**50/50 RAFFLE**

Don't forget to fill out and submit your 50/50 Raffle tickets before you leave on vacation!



**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](http://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.

**The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 4, 2016 for last minute registration from 10 am til 12 Noon.** All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

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 Pre-K to 6th grade program. Our Pre-K to 6th grade program 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



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**PARISH FESTIVAL 2016**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC**  
**2:00pm to 6:00pm**

*we will remember*  
**Fr. Ernie's 40th Anniversary**

**Kids' Amusements**  
**WATERSLIDE**  
(Bring your bathing suit!)

**NOONWALK**  
**PAINTING**  
**FACE**

**TRAIN RIDE**

**DUNK TANK**

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

**FOOD & BEVERAGES**

**DIJ**  
**MUSIC**  
**DANCING**

**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**

**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



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

Rose Dœufemia, 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, 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..."*

**Ethel Carbonel Rivera**

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

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**Gorgonia Serrano**

**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.

**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 28, 2016**

**Summer Mass Schedule**

**7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am**

**Monday, August 29, 2016**

No events

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

No events

**First Friday, September 2, 2016**

Communion Visits to homebound

**Saturday, September 3, 2016**

Confessions 11:00am - Church

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

**Eastern Europe Collection**

**Regular Mass Schedule Resumes**

**Monday, September 5, 2016**

**Labor Day**

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes ó 7:00 & 8:30am

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

No events

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

No events



**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

The Service Ministry is collecting school supplies for children in need in our community. Please use the box located in the vestibule of church for your drop off of 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!

**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:** 176  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$294,451.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$73,708.86

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 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!

**MEMORIALS**

øTHANK YOUø 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2017 MASS BOOK**

**IN NOW OPEN**

**MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN  
 FROM 2:30-3:30 DAILY IN THE RECTORY OFFICE  
 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MONTH**

- \*Please print clearly using Request Form
- \*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(Maximum 8 Mass Requests)
- \*Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards

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 August 29th.**



**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!)**