

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, September 4, 2016

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
7:30 Santiago Alburo  
9:30 People of Ascension Parish  
11:30 Theresa Feigle-Lacey

### Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2016

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Tuesday, September 6, 2016

7:00 William Morris  
8:30 Gertrude Walker

### Wednesday, September 7, 2016

7:00 Maureen O'Brien  
8:30 Luigi Mintrone

### Thursday, September 8, 2016

7:00 Dona Viduya (L) Thanksgiving  
8:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

### Friday, September 9, 2016

7:00 Peter Amicucci  
8:30 Anne Doland

### Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:30 John Coringrato  
5:30 Maureen O'Brien

### Sunday, September 11, 2016

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
9:00 People of Ascension Parish  
10:30 Richard Cudina  
12:00 Ciro, Arminia Marra & Family

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**August 30, 2015: \$6,705.00**  
**August 28, 2016: \$5,467.00**

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

### Readings for Sunday, September 11, 2016

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,  
19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching us a lesson about what true love means. Have you ever nursed a sick family member or a beloved animal through difficult days and nights? Had to administer medications, hold them, wash them, be with them right through their last breath? Are you raising a child with special needs? Or caring for a spouse with dementia? Then you have a better idea of what Jesus really means here. True love strips it all away. We find ourselves doing things we never imagined we could. Everything else that we used to think important just falls away, doesn't it? We finally experience detachment from all unnecessary things.

This living for the essentials is the kind of detachment Jesus was calling for in this gospel: not that we become cold and distant, but that we love with such purity and total giving, that none of the non-essentials will hold us back. He calls us to focus on the essential purpose of life, and to detach from everything which prevents us from doing that. We all cling to certain relationships and things. Instead of love, we just have addictions to certain people and possessions.

Try entering into a conversation in a totally open way without clinging to your opinions. That means you have to detach yourself from group think. Suddenly, you have to really listen to the ideas of the person opposite you. This is the stripping away of self that real love demands.

✠ This 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.

✠ Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, is **Labor Day**. Please join us at the 8:30am Mass to ask God's blessing on our labors.

✠ On Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we return to our regular daily Mass schedule: 7am and 8:30am, Weekend Masses: Saturday at 8:30am and 5:30pm; Sunday at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and 12 Noon.

✠ Next weekend we celebrate **Grandparents Day**. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, we will offer a special blessing to all grandparents as we ask God to bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.

✠ 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.

✠ CFM, Christian Foundations for Ministry, an Adult Education opportunity) Year I, begins on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. We will be studying the Old Testament in the Fall sessions. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. Contact Fr. David.

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.



**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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**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.

**50/50 RAFFLE**

Don't forget to fill out and submit your 50/50 Raffle!

DRAWING ON SEPT. 18TH

*Our prayerful thanks to the following who generously  
supported 2016 Queenship of Mary Celebration!*

*Anonymous*

*Abalos, Onofre & Remedios*

*Abanilla, Getulio*

*Ackerman, Maria*

*Aglipay, Renato & Cirila*

*Amar, Rogelio & Mary Joe*

*Andal, Randy*

*Atencio, Carolina*

*Balingit, Mike & Araceli*

*Barredo, Angelito & Nilda*

*Bollozos, Rex & Ofelia*

*Cabrera, Leonora*

*Cabrera, Mark*

*Calderon, Herminio & Belinda*

*Canlas, Emiliano & Margarita*

*Caringal, Fernandito & Velma*

*Casal, Perlita*

*Catral, Jay & Ligaya*

*Coronel, Pol & Angie*

*Cruz, Conrad & Praxy*

*Dayday, Josefina*

*De Jesus, Vic & Grace*

*Dela Fuente, Danilo & Alice*

*Dela Rosa, Teresa*

*Dela Victoria, Dulce*

*Delgado, Ron & Beth*

*Desamparado, Cecillio & Lella*

*Develleres, Maria Elena*

*Dimacali, Luz*

*Dolores, Rhodora*

*Ermita, Anne Rose*

*Esquioja, Gerardo & Rebecca*

*Fabila, Luzminda*

*Fineza, Maria L.*

*Flores, Eduardo & Sofonia*

*Flores, Julius & Marissa*

*Fuentes, Francois & Edna*

*Genuino, Ed & Leticia*

*Habana, Percy & Erlinda*

*Hilario, Alfredo*

*Planillo, Jose & Cornelia*

*Kasilag, Ramon & Teresita*

*Lazaro, Frank & Hedy*

*Libanan, Daniel & Lilimay*

*Lipata Family*

*Lozada, Reynaldo & Cleotilde*

*Magbiro, Emelita*

*Martin, Ben & Nitz*

*Medina, Jimmy & Lucy*

*Mintz, Amelia*

*Mon, Charles & Gracia*

*Narvaez, Mary Laureen*

*Ngojo, Gallardo & Catherine*

*Ocampo, Juanito & Encarnita*

*Opena, Janice*

*Panganiban, Antero & Marissa*

*Perez, Vic & Purita*

*Petrizzi, Mario*

*Ramilo, Visitacion*

*Reyes, Rosa*

*Roxas, Senen & Abigail*

*Ruiz, Cely*

*Sado, Rey & Alma-Cruz*

*Sta. Maria, Manuel & Salvacion*

*Salazar, Jonathan & Paulette*

*Santiago, Benny & Sally*

*Sebastian, Redentor & Rowena*

*Sorio, Camilo & Elvie*

*Suarez, Richard & Grace*

*Tababan, Lydia & Becky*

*Tagle, Ephraim*

*Te, Arnanda*

*Toledo, Xerxes & Marissa*

*Toriano, Felipe & Ines*

*Tuason, Manny & Materessa*

*Tuazon, Marlon & Maria Gina*

*Tumang, Ana*

*Tumang, Lourdes & Monica*

*Urgelles, Pedro & Rosana*

*Uriarte, Romy & Grace*

*Vidal, Esther*



*"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.

*...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**



**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.

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

**September**

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

Eastern Europe Collection  
Summer Mass Schedule, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am



**Monday, September 5, 2016**

One Mass at 8:30am  
Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

**Regular Mass Schedule Resumes – 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

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

Parish Pilgrimage to Blue Army Shrine,  
Bus leaves Ascension at 9:00am  
Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church  
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**Parish Maintenance and Repairs**  
**Regular Mass Schedule Resumes**  
**7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12 noon**  
Grandparent's Day Blessing at all Masses  
Commissioning of Catechists at 9:00am Mass  
Religious Education, Pre-K-9 ó 10:30am  
Mandatory Parent Meeting ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.  
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/DANCE**

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will have a Columbus Day Dinner/Dance/Karaoke Night on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at the KofC Hall 199 River Road New Milford. Advanced ticket sales only \$35. Per person. For additional information call Grand Knight, Bob Luongo, at 201-519-3296.

**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](http://www.usccb.org) (search óChurch in Central and Eastern Europe) to learn more.

**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:** 178  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$295,851.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$ 75,262.19

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**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**2017 MASS BOOK**

**IN NOW OPEN**

- \*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.



**On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> our Parish Picnic \* Honoring Father Ernie's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest,** 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.**

**Stewardship, what a wonderful way to share of your time and talents in support of your parish.**



**LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE \* MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM, WILL BE CELEBRATED RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**