

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 11, 2016

5:30 Maureen O'Brien
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 People of Ascension Parish
10:30 Richard Cudina
12:00 Ciro, Arminia Marra & Family

Monday, September 12, 2016

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Roy Temena

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

7:00 Noreen Clerkin
8:30 Severina Berenguel

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

7:00 Doris Avila Tan
8:30 Vincenzo & Concetta Marchello

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7:00 Avelina Natividad
8:30 Manuel Garcia

Friday, September 16, 2016

7:00 Maria Aranda
8:30 John L. Chaffiotte

Saturday, September 17, 2016

8:30 Jose R. Ruiz, Jr.
5:30 Erma Feichtinger

Sunday, September 18, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Thomas Meyer
10:30 Phil & Julie Carbone
12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

September 6, 2015:	\$6,312.50
September 4, 2016:	\$5,756.00
Eastern Europe:	\$1,625.00
Parish Pay July 2016:	\$3,436.80

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 18, 2016

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



The life of Christ is about living a life of love in the world; that in itself requires sacrifice and discipline, to live it with our whole hearts and minds. God's love for us is like a mother's heart; and a mother's heart always remembers the good in their child. This is not an excuse for bad action by their children; but it is the other part of the reality that we never know about the person.

Human parents may fail in being loving and forgiving. But the love of God is greater than anything we can imagine. "Though a mother forget her child, I will not abandon you." If you are discouraged about your life, and don't know why you're even still here, or if you feel nothing will ever change for you, this Scripture is for you. Know that we are always welcome back, and there are no limits of age or time or past history. Never forget that while the Prodigal Son was a long way off, the father was waiting and searching the landscape for him. God is still watching and waiting for you, every moment, with open arms, hoping you will come home and receive God's love with joy, and maybe some tears.

✠ This Sunday at 9am Mass we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize and thank our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Lenten Program Groups, CFM, adult spirituality, and the Ministry of the Word.

After the 9am Mass, there is a **mandatory** "Back to School" meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-9). We will begin at 10:30am in the Fr. Benedict Center. We will welcome everyone back and it will be a chance for parents and students to meet the catechists and prepare for the new year.

✠ Religious Education classes have begun. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✠ Our Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th, 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 40th Anniversary of Ordination. If you would like to help on the picnic committee, our last meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th, 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.

✠ **CFM, Christian Foundations for Ministry**, an Adult Education opportunity) Year I, begins on Monday, September 12th, 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.

✠ **Tickets for Elvis & Friends** will be on sale after all masses this weekend in the front vestibule of the church. You may also stop by the rectory office during business hours for the discounted ticket price.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

We are excited for the start of another school year and welcome back all of our students and families. **Back-to-School Night will be on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 PM** and there will be a **social for all PreK parents, as well as parents new to Transfiguration Academy, on Friday, September 30 at 7:00 PM.**

The **first HSA meeting** of the new school year **Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM** in Conlon Hall **requires at least one parent to attend.** This is a great opportunity to reconnect with other parents, meet new families and learn all about exciting school initiatives and fundraising programs. Following the HSA meeting, there is a **mandatory meeting for 8th grade parents at 8:30 PM in the cafeteria.**

It is not too late to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Transfiguration Academy knows that testing isn't the only measure of your child's education. **Discover why our students thrive in and outside the classroom:**

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

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



NEXT Sunday, September 18th our Parish Picnic * Honoring Father Ernie's 40th 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 13th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.**

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

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your ðA
Fist Full of Dollarsö 2016 50/50ö Raffle!
DRAWING ON SEPT. 18TH



Calendar:

Sunday, September 11th ö Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9 AM
Sunday, September 11th -- Mandatory Parent Meeting K- 9th grades at 10:15 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
Monday, September 12th ö 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45pm (MPR/SCH)

Please Note:

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Wednesday September 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Father Davis Multi-Purpose Room. All Catechists as requested to attend.



Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2014-2015 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- 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.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:30 am to 3 pm (rectory)
Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 ö 9:00pm (school)
Thursday: 8:30am ö 12 noon (rectory)
Friday: 8:30am ö 4 pm (rectory)
Sunday: 9:30 am to 11:45 am (school)
Other times by appointment



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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Ascension Parishioners... Family...Friends...Neighbors...

Let's Get Together & Share some fun with...

Elvis and Friends

Impersonator, DON ANTHONY, will present
Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Michael Buble,
Bobby Darrin, Tom Jones, and then...

Elvis Presley

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Church of the Ascension

256 Azalea Drive

New Milford, NJ

Fr. Benedict Center

(School Gym)

at 8:00 P.M.

(Doors open at 7:30 P.M.)

\$15.00* per person

(*20.00 at the door)



- ◆ Bring your own food and beverages
- ◆ Buy early to get the lower rate...limited seating
- ◆ Any questions, contact Bob Quinn at 201-836-6105

(Detach and return form below to the Rectory Office with payment)



Elvis and Friends

Ticket Reservations

(Return by Monday, September 26 2016)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Number of Tickets @ \$15.00*

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

* 8 people to a table



"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, 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..."

Dionica R. Raguindin

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Richard Cudina

September

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

Monday, September 12, 2016

Parish Staff Meeting ó 9:00am ó Rectory

Religious Education Grade 8 ó 7:00pm ó School

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Catechist Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room

Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center

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

Combined Choirs ó 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room

Friday, September 16, 2016

No events

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Set up for Parish Picnic ó 10:00am ó Parish Grounds

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church

Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

Religious Education, Pre-K-9 ó 10:30am

Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Parish Picnic ó 2-6pm ó Parish Grounds

Mega 50/50 Drawing at 6:00pm



PARISH EVENTS MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13, 7:30PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15, 7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM

A Word of Thanks

Members of our Service Ministry, along with members of the New Milford Women's Club, would like to extend a special thanks to all who donated to our annual school supply drive. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to hand out school supplies to the children of our food pantry clients, as well as to our two New Milford grammar schools for distribution to children in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one of 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: 179
Our Pledges to date: \$295,876.43
Amount received to date: \$ 5,782.94

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.

2017 MASS BOOK

IN NOW OPEN

- *Please print clearly using Request Form
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- *Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards

Grandparents Day Blessing

**God our Father,
 you create all things in this world
 as gifts for your created beings.
 This day is made holy
 by the presence of new life,
 made real by the love of spouses
 and their collaboration with you.
 On this day bless all grandparents
 and their grandchildren.
 May they both praise you
 for their place in the world.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen**

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: _____



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Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. **Please** visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.



SUNDAY*SEPT. 18*NEXT WEEK

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
 Canned Pears, Raisins, Cereal (other than Cheerios)
 Instant Oatmeal, Instant Rice, Paper Towels, Canned Meats, Apple, Cranberry, or Tomato Juice, Peanut Butter. Your generosity is appreciated