

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 18, 2016

5:30 Erma Feichtinger
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Thomas Meyer
10:30 Phil & Julie Carbone
12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

Monday, September 19, 2016

7:00 Purita Bulawan
8:30 Theodore Bates

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

7:00 Lourdes Ruiz
8:30 Salvatore & Santa Licitra

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

7:00 Evangeline Kartanos
8:30 William Coogan

Thursday, September 22, 2016

7:00 Jose Ignacio Zuniga
8:30 Carlos Martin

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:00 Fe M. Ruiz
8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:30 Kochuthresia Thomas & family (L)
5:30 Bernard Sullivan

Sunday, September 25, 2016

7:30 Marge Bruno
9:00 Rose Caruso
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Gregory James Poli

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

September 13, 2015:	\$6,272.50
September 11, 2016:	\$4,950.00
Repairs & Maintenance:	\$3,204.00

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 25, 2016

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1
Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



Today Jesus speaks again about our relationship to our money and our possessions. Maybe we picture the people of Jesus' time as poor, living in small thatched homes, walking around in sackcloth and sandals. There were many poor people following Jesus, because he was their only hope. But notice that Jesus' concern for everyone, rich or poor, is about our core relationship with money. Personally, I think Jesus was far more respectful of money than we are. He dealt with the reality before him. When it comes to money and possessions, we indulge in a lot of fantasy thinking. We listen to the lies in commercials and convince ourselves, "Oh, I don't really spend that much," or, "I had a rough day, I deserve a treat," or "We can always take out a second mortgage to pay off the new furniture."

In the popular book, "Tuesdays with Morrie," the older man, Morrie, says, "We've got a form of brainwashing, going on in our country. Do you know how they brainwash people? They repeat something over and over: 'Owning things is good. More money is good. More property is good. More commercialism is good. More is good.' We repeat it and have it repeated to us over and over until nobody bothers to even think otherwise."

If there were no deeper meaning to life, maybe all this would be fine. But Jesus constantly reminds his disciples, "Keep awake! There's more to this life than meets the eye." We are people created to be in a deep love relationship with God and all of the creatures we live with. We are to be stewards, caretakers, not to be "users" of the creation around us. Money is a symbol for power; before we spend money, do we think about what impact our purchases will have on our life?

✕ Our Parish Picnic is this 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.

✕ Religious Education classes begin this weekend. 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.

✕ Please come out and help us on Sunday, September 25th, to collect food for the hungry in the **Action Against Hunger** from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford or here at our Food Pantry. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.

✕ ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meet in the church: **LECTORS** on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30pm and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.

✕ On Sunday, September 25th our Parish will celebrate the feasts of the Filipino Martyrs **San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod** at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center. On Sunday, October 2nd, a solemn Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to honor these Filipino Martyrs.

✕ **CFM, Christian Foundations for Ministry**, Year I, began on Monday, September 12th, at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. We are studying the Old Testament in the Fall sessions. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. Contact Fr. David.

✕ Don't forget to put this on your calendar: October 1 (Saturday) **Elvis and Friends** Fr. Benedict Center \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at door.

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.

50/50 RAFFLE

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

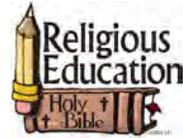
ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

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 150 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, October 13th.

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!



Calendar:

- Sunday, September 18th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)
- Monday, September 19th & 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, September 25th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:30 am.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp

First Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 16, 2016** at 10:30 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least one parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will start on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the 9 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.



Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 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 in Rectory:

- Monday & Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
- Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
- During Religious Education in School:
- Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
- Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 11:45 am
- Other times by appointment



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WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



**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
Drawing at 6:00pm**

**KIDS' AMUSEMENTS
WATER SLIDE
(Bring your bathing suit!)**

**MOONWALK
PAINTING
TRAIN RIDE
DUNK TANK**

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 Clips
- Hot Dog
- Ice Cream
- Pop Corn
- Water/Soda
- Coffee / Tea
- Beer...by the glass \$3.00

**PLEASE BRING A SALAD
OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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, Ian Belthoff, Recruit, U.S. Marine Corps, Paris Island, SC 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



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

Monday, September 19, 2016

Deanery Meeting ó 1:00pm
Food Pantry distribution
Religious Education Grade 7 ó 7:00pm ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm
Parish Lectors ó 7:30pm ó Church

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
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 22, 2016

No events

Friday, September 23, 2016

No events

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Syro-Malabar Cultural Presentation ó 11:00am-FBC
Children's Choir ó 4:15pm - Church

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Religious Education, Pre-K-9 ó 10:30am
Action Against Hunger ó 12 Noon ó 4:00pm
Noon Mass Parish Celebration for Feasts of
San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro



**PARISH LECTORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 AT 7:30PM IN THE CHURCH**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER/DANCE

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will have a Columbus Day Dinner/Dance/Karaoke Night on Saturday, October 15th 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.

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 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.

BLUE MASS

The twenty-fourth annual liturgy of the Blue Mass honoring and in memory of law enforcement personnel will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10am. Luncheon to follow. Tickets are \$20. Please call 1-800-427-7651 or BLUEMASS@EMBAROMAIL.COM

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: \$294,776.43
Amount received to date: \$ 76,132.94

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.

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

ōTHANK YOUō 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
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- *Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards



THIS SUNDAY*SEPT. 18TH

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

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS SHELTER COLLECTION

On October 4th we will once again be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of our beloved pets.

At this time we feel it is also important to remember those animals who are less fortunate; who are stuck in shelters waiting for that special person to give them the love they deserve. During the months of September and early October we will have a box in the front vestibule for donations to a local shelter. Items needed include:

- Clean sheets, towels, blankets, playpens, bird cages, rabbit hutches, safari cages, pet carriers, pet food dishes, scratching posts.
- Purina Pro Plan dry dog food.
- Canned Pedigree dog food.
- Dry and canned cat food, kitty litter.
- Strained meat baby food (for foster kittens).
- New heating pads (for kittens, puppies and wildlife infants).
- Toilet tissue, paper towels, bleach, detergent, cleaning supplies.
- Pens, pencils, scissors, tape dispensers, note paper.
- Batteries (AA and AAA) for microchip scanners
- Coffee cans with plastic lids.
- PetCo or PetSmart gift cards

If you would like to make a cash donation, you may hand that to one of our priests.



**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**