

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week



Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28, 2017

5:30 Henegan Family
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Simplicio Lazaro
11:30 Lillian Person

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017

8:30 Men & Women of Our Armed Forces

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

7:00 Amalia Aldea
8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

7:00 Ann McNaulty
8:30 Eve Boschker

Thursday, June 1, 2017

7:00 Ann McNaulty
8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Friday, June 2, 2017

7:00 Jim Stumbar, Healing
8:30 Rose D'Eufemia

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Memorial Mass

8:30 Yevette Zarate
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

7:30 Sally Miret-Acosta
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Michael Celletti

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 22, 2016:	\$5,866.00
May 21, 2017:	\$5,627.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,227.00

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

Readings for Sunday June 4, 2017

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23



Being religious, it seems, is not a great value these days. And if we are honest with ourselves, many of us will admit that the non-religious or secular aspect of society has affected us in some way or the other. After all, we are a part of this society. It's hard to stay unaffected by things that surround us everyday.

Our lives as followers of Jesus are no longer supported by the civil communities in which we live. It would be a serious mistake to think that as long as we keep in step with the secular society around us, that we're doing okay. We need to be very aware of how our faith life calls us to be different. If we find ourselves thinking and acting as everyone else in our surrounding society, we may find ourselves living outside of our faith.

Our calling is to live where we are, but not to take our values and beliefs only from our surrounding society. We need to be so grounded and rooted in our faith that we bring the deepest part of ourselves to our jobs, our social life, our community involvement. St. Peter tells us that there are going to be times, perhaps many times, when what we believe and hold in our hearts as a follower of Christ is going to be directly in opposition to what the world believes to be acceptable.

As we near Pentecost, may the Lord open our hearts to the power that Jesus offers us. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us and grant us wisdom and courage to follow Jesus. **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!**

✠ Thank you to the members of our Ministry of Service who spoke to us last weekend. They spoke about how we as parishioners help the needy poor of our area see and experience the face of God through our Food Pantry, help at the Hackensack Homeless Shelter and the many other activities throughout the year. Thank you to all the members of the Service Ministry for your Christ-like care of the poor. Parishioners who volunteered last weekend are invited to a Service Ministry meeting which is discussed further in the bulletin. I ask all of our parishioners to please search your heart. Perhaps God is calling you to volunteer a few hours each month to help in this ministry.

✠ Thank you to all who made our Ascension Parish Feast Day a joyful celebration of who we are. The Liturgy was solemn and reverent—just glorious; the music was astounding; the participation was uplifting; and the ice cream reception was absolutely delicious.

✠ On Friday, May 26th, we began our **Novena for Pentecost**—nine days of prayer asking God to renew us, our parish, and our world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will pray the Novena prayer, which is inserted in the back cover of our hymnals, at all daily and weekend Masses after the General Intercessions.

✠ May I ask that next Sunday we all **wear something RED** to remind each other of the power of the Holy Spirit we all share.

✠ We are in the process of purchasing new memorial trees. If anyone would like to memorialize a tree, please see me.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

The faculty, staff and students of Transfiguration Academy wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. The school office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 29.

Registration for the 2017/18 School Year

Seats are still available in grades PK–7. Transfiguration Academy invites you to see why our students excel both in and outside of the classroom. Any interested student is encouraged to spend a day at the Academy to experience firsthand the school’s strong academics and faith-filled community.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a visit or a tour of the school, email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call (201)384-3627. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

UPCOMING PARISH TRIPS

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to The Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania tour on Sept. 12-14, 2017. A price of \$459 dbl. occ./\$599 single per person includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, Susquehanna River cruise, Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Covered Wagon Tour, Grand Canyon Overlook, Millionaires Row tour, Mifflinburg buggy museum, historic Lewisburg tour, 1889 Annunciation Church, luggage handling taxes and meal gratuities and bus transportation.

On Oct. 18th, 2017 we will travel to New York City to the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the One World Observatory where you will have 360 degree views of New York City. You will have time to do some sightseeing in the area on your own. Dinner will follow at Puglia’s Restaurant in little Italy. The price of \$145 per person includes taxes and meal gratuities, bus transportation and all of the above.

A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Cancellation ins. is recommended. Checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory. Please indicate on the outside envelope which trip you want to go on.



Calendar:

Registration for 2017-2018:

Registration forms the 2017-2018 School year have been distributed to all students, please look for them in your child’s backpack. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office before June 30th. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

Please note the change in our hours for classes next school year.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

First Communion Families may pick up the child’s banner anytime during regular office hours.

Volunteers Needed:

- † 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.
- † We are in need of Catechists for our Kindergarten & 1st Classes, Aides and **Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085.

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
- Other times by appointment



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Please join us for a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017

Time: serving 6:00pm to 9pm

Place: Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, NJ
(Located in the Gym)

Contact: Jeanine 551-486-5814 for more information
Walk-ins welcome but reservations preferred.

Includes: Assorted Pastas, Chicken,
Meatballs, Salad, Bread,
Water, Soda, Coffee, & Dessert



\$10.00 Adults
\$8.00 Children

Raffles too!



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PRAY FOR . . .

"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, Robert McDonnell, Philip Santore, John Donohue, Jose Caylao Jr., Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, 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, Private Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., 29 Palms, CA, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Donald John Trump, 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 celebration of
Enrique Blanco Birthday



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 it is for the intention of your loved one.



Sunday, May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Monday, May 29, 2017

Holiday, One Mass at 8:30am

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

No events

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Harrison House

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

Filipino Core Mtg. – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Combined Choirs – 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, June 1, 2017

No events

First Friday, June 2, 2017

Communion visits to homebound

First Saturday, June 3, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room



"LEST WE FORGET"

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Strengthen them and give them guidance

as they stand in harm's way to

protect our nation and way of life.

May they face each day of their service

the same way Your Son Jesus did;

with courage, dignity and faith.

And if it be Your will, when their

work is through, bring them safely home.

Lord, please also bless

the families of our troops.

Reward them generously for their sacrifices

which are known only to You.

May we never forget those who

have paid the ultimate price

for our freedom and safety:

those who have died in the service

of our county.

May they rest in peace forever

with You in Your kingdom.

Amen

