

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Mass Intentions for the Week

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 Sally Miret-Acosta
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Michael Celletti

Monday, June 5, 2017

7:00 Marishiel G. Bantug
8:30 Rose D'Eufemia

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

7:00 Anthony Sean
8:30 Bolivar Aponte

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

7:00 William Petrie
8:30 Laura Ginocchio

Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:00 Jeanne Barone
8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Friday, June 9, 2017

7:00 Sr. Trinity Kenny
8:30 Jeanne Barone

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:30 Rev. John A. Merity
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:30 Joseph & Angelina Coringrato
11:30 The Giella Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

May 29, 2016:	\$6,102.00
May 28, 2017:	\$4,856.00
Ascension Thursday:	\$1,525.00

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

Readings for Sunday June 11, 2017

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2
Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

PENTECOST is called the birthday of the Church because before Pentecost, there really was no Church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptize people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

But Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit—the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into Church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was a change. There was courage, knowledge, direction, and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gave them the gifts they needed to go forth and be Church. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

The wind and fire of the Spirit were not to be shared only by the small band of Jesus' followers huddled in the Upper Room. Rather, these signs of the Spirit's power were unleashed for all disciples of Jesus for all time. The Spirit's power—wind and fire—is still all around us. Though sometimes the doors of our personal upper rooms are locked so tightly that we cannot notice it or will not acknowledge it, the Spirit breaks through and empowers us with incredible gifts and blessings.

This Pentecost weekend is so charged with the Spirit's wind and fire, especially as we celebrate our unity in diversity in Ascension Parish. May God continue to bless us as we witness to the power of the Spirit in our lives through the faith we live and share.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

✠ Today we extinguish this Paschal Candle. Remember, that the greatest gift you can ever give God is the gift of yourself. Be the light that God has created you to be so that others will be touched by the flame of the Spirit and will, in turn, go out and share it with others.

✠ Just a reminder...On Sunday, June 18th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. Pope Francis has asked all of us to make the celebration of Corpus Christi truly special. We will celebrate 11:30am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. Please, plan to join us for this beautiful day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension!

✠ Please remember that we have changed the Mass times for the summer months of July and August:

Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, June 26th to Friday, September 1st

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday: 8am
Holy Days: 7:00am, 8:30am, 7:30pm
Civil Holidays: 8:30am

Weekends:

(NO Changes)
Saturday 8:30am, 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Congratulations! Transfiguration Academy Alumna Shin Hyung Park is among the graduating Class of 2017 at the Academy of the Holy Angels.

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. 19-21, 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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JUNE 4, 2017

family fun day



**Please join us as we celebrate
Father David Milliken's 40th Anniversary**

Date: Sunday, June 25, 2017

Time: Immediately following the 11:30 Mass through 4:00PM

Place: Father Benedict Center

*Please come and enjoy a fun filled day with your
family and congratulate Father David*

food+photo booth+DJ+dancing+karaoke+face painting
(throughout the day)
magic show 1:30pm+cake 2:30pm



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ **Number of Children** _____

Please return to the Rectory Office R.S.V.P by June 9, 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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 loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Altar Flowers for this week are in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, June 5, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Room

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Woodcrest Center Mass – 2:30pm

Ministry of Word – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Ministry of Worship/Liturgy–7:30pm–Rectory Mtg.Rm

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

Combined Choirs – 8:150pm - Church

Thursday, June 8, 2017

FDM 40 Committee Meeting – 7:30pm – Gathering Rm

Friday, June 9, 2017

Transfiguration Academy Graduation – 5:30pm

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

Pasta Dinner hosted by Boy Scouts – 6:00 -FBCenter

Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017

Air Conditioning



Meetings

MINISTRY OF WORD

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP/LITURGY

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



TO SANDS CASINO

A trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. is planned for Tues. July 11th. Cost is \$28 per person with a \$20 slot playing voucher and \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9am. All checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory mailbox. For info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

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.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 149 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$31,834.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$43,000.00

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

The following is a list of our most needed items this month. Your continued support of our ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity in caring for the poor.

Lemonade Mix, Grated Cheese, Sugar, Crackers, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Cookies, Paper Towels, Ketchup, Napkins, Mayonnaise, Tissues, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Canned Mushrooms, Canned Spinach, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Facial Tissue, Canned Beef Stew

FATHER DAVID'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception JUNE 24, 2017

& FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Information & reservation flyer
At doors of Church * Rectory * On Website *
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Please return to rectory office or collection
by Friday, June 9th
so we can plan accordingly

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: _____



Father's Day Cards are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. As you know, all Masses will be offered for the Father's, living and deceased, of parishioners on Father's Day. If you would like a card for your Father, please pick one up after Mass this weekend. Offering is \$10.00 per card/intention. The outer envelope may be returned to the rectory during the week. **Father's Day Sunday, June 18th.**

BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY Saturday, June 17, 2017



Come Ride with Us To

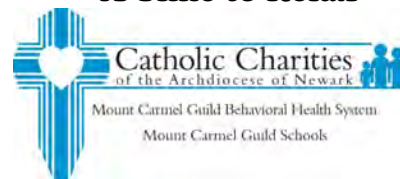


The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a Fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:00 am. The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$30.00. Make your check payable to: Church of the Ascension. For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817

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, June 8th.** We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

A Time to Relax



Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.