

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

### Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017

5:30 People of Ascension Parish  
 7:30 Con & Rose Lynch  
 9:30 Joseph & Angelina Coringrato  
 11:30 The Giella Family

### Monday, June 12, 2017

7:00 Lilia Ortiz  
 8:30 Stephen Hellriegel

### Tuesday, June 13, 2017

7:00 Florentino Cabreza Jr.  
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### Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee  
 8:30 Thomas & Dorothy Meyer

### Thursday, June 15, 2017

7:00 The Seifert Family  
 8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

### Friday, June 16, 2017

7:00 Gregory Antonetti  
 8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

### Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:30 Louis A. D'Eufemia

### 5:30 All Father's Living & Deceased

### Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18, 2017

#### Father's Day

7:30 All Father's  
 9:30 Living and  
 11:30 Deceased

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

June 5, 2016:	\$5,335.00
June 4, 2017:	\$5,262.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,756.00
April ParishPay:	\$3,079.80
May ParishPay:	\$3,069.80

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

### Readings for Sunday June 18, 2017

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



Have you ever gotten up in the morning with a stiff neck? It's miserable—you have to walk like a robot, and even your shoulders and arms don't work right. Moses called the people "stiff-necked" because of their pride and arrogance. They weren't looking to right or left, just at their own desires. Moses cannot lead them to God if they only do what pleases THEM.

That greater perspective is at the very heart of our calling. Today is the **Feast of the Holy Trinity**. The word "Trinity" means that, when we were conceived, we were born into a community of holiness, the Trinity. We were "stamped" with that identity. Our God is One God—but that One God is the fullness of three Persons: the **Father** who created us, the **Son** who redeems us, and the **Holy Spirit** who comforts and inspires us.

Today we celebrate our life purpose, and our deepest calling—to call each other into unity with God, as the Persons of the Trinity are One. We are made in the image of a Unity, not just in the image of one of the Persons of the Trinity.

We experience that truth in those "peak moments" in life—those deep moments of harmony, feeling at one with everything—maybe similar to that moment when God looked at the creation and felt its goodness. Think of some rare, secret moment when you have felt such deep happiness that you knew in a flash that you were one with not just the world, but the whole universe. This is probably as close as we can experience in this life to who we really are in the fullness of the Divine Community.

Our church, **ekklesia** in Greek, means to be "called out" from aloneness, into that unity which only the Trinity models for us. Let's be busy encouraging everyone to feel this truth.

✠ Next Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. Perhaps we remember this feast as **Corpus Christi**. We will celebrate 11:30am Mass, after which we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and enter into a procession around our church grounds. During the procession we will pause twice for Benediction and return to church for a third Benediction. What a day of Eucharistic Blessing for Ascension! Please, plan to join us!

✠ We have been blessed these past months with the presence of Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Doroteo. Msgr. has been asked by Cardinal Tobin to become the pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Union, and he has accepted the Cardinal's request. We thank Msgr. for his lively faith throughout his five months here at Ascension. Fr. Doroteo has been with us in residence since last October and will be moving his residence to Visitation Parish in Paramus, closer to his assignment as one of the chaplains at Paramus Catholic High School. We thank him for his faithful and joyful witness to our parish, especially to our youth. Their last Sunday with us will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will certainly keep them in our prayers and ask that they pray for us as well. We wish God's blessing for both of them in their ministry.

We are very happy to once again welcome Fr. Hilary who will be with us for the months of July, August and September. We look forward to his arrival.

Although we do not yet have a full-time priest coming to replace Msgr., Fr. Tim Graff, has graciously accepted my invitation to help us with our weekend Masses. Fr. Tim, who was assigned to Ascension as a newly ordained priest, returns to Ascension 26 years later. Let us be ready to give Fr. Tim a warm Ascension welcome!

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



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[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://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. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## *Church of the Ascension*

*New Milford, New Jersey*

# *2017 Summer Mass Schedule*

*Monday, June 26th to Sunday, September 3rd*

*Weekdays:*

*Monday through Friday...8am*

*Saturday...8:30am*

*Weekends:*

*(NO Changes)*

*Saturday...5:30pm*

*Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am*

*Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm*

*Civil Holidays: 8:30am*



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, 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.

*"a time to die..."*

Jerry Gordon

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE burns this week in Celebration of Mary Blanco's Birthday



**Trinity Sunday, June 11, 2017**

**Air Conditioning**

**Monday, June 12, 2017**

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Catechists' Meeting – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

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

Combined Choirs – 8:150pm - Church

**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

**Friday, June 16, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

Parish trip to Atlantic City

Confessions – 11:00am – Church

**Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18, 2017 \* Father's Day**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

Blessing of Fathers at all Masses

11:30am Mass followed by Procession

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

**Monday, June 19, 2017**

Food Pantry distribution

CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

**Summer Begins on Wednesday, June 21, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

No events

**Friday, June 23, 2017**

Set up Fr. Benedict Center for Sunday Family Fun Day

**Birth of John the Baptist, Saturday, June 24, 2017**

Mass of Thanksgiving – 10:00am

Fr. David's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

NO Confessions

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

Mass of Thanksgiving – 11:30am

Fr. David's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Fun Day after 11:30 Mass

In the Father Benedict Center

**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.



**TO SANDS CASINO**

A trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. is planned for Tues. July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 158 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$32,654.00 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 18<sup>TH</sup>

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

### Special Noon Mass

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call 201-768-7565.

### 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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



On Father's Day weekend, June 17-18 all Masses will be offered for all those enrolled in the Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet. Gift Mass Cards are available for both the living and deceased. Names of those enrolled will be placed in the Sanctuary for Father's Day and will be remembered at all Masses. Please fill out the form below and return it in an envelope in the collection basket or to the rectory. If you would like a Mass card for each person enrolled, please come to the rectory in person. Donation is \$10.00 per person enrolled.

Name of Person to be Enrolled:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Living  Deceased  Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Living  Deceased  Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Living  Deceased  Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Living  Deceased  Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

### Our June Graduates help us to reflect.....



June is traditionally the time for graduation. Each graduate represents an accomplishment in academic achievement. For many people, however, providing the next meal is an "achievement" due to living in poverty. Please donate any unwanted clothing small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books) to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on parish grounds. The proceeds help Catholic Charities in their work with the poor. Thank you.