

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, June 25, 2017

5:30 Raymond Henderson

7:30 People of Ascension

9:30 Mariam Chacko

11:30 Fr. David Milliken, (L) 40th Anniv.

Monday, June 26, 2017

Summer Daily Mass Schedule

8:00 James C. Lacey

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

8:00 Tara & Joey Delaney (L)

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

8:00 Nancy Busacca

Thursday, June 29, 2017

8:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Friday, June 30, 2017

8:00 Fernando Fernandez

Saturday, July 1, 2017

Memorial

8:30 Bob Martorano,

Milagros Aida Majul

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, July 2, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension

9:30 James Jones

11:30 Mary Buckley, 11th Anniversary

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

June 19, 2016: \$6,154.00

June 18, 2017: \$5,637.00

Food Pantry: \$1,413.00

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

Readings for Sunday July 2, 2017

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



Jesus says to us: Fear no one. That almost sounds like a command doesn't it? Fear no one. Imagine if each of us could follow that advice — that command — of Jesus. If we gave up fear of anyone, we would find ourselves free of so much oppression. We would realize that no one can control us in a negative way. Jesus says that the reason we don't need to be afraid is that God is taking care of us. We are worth more than many sparrows; every hair on our head is numbered.

The God who cares for a small bird also cares about the little things in our lives — even the number of hairs on our head. We are reminded of the new mother whose baby is so precious that everything about it seems wonderful — each finger and toe seems like a separate miracle. God loves us in that kind of detail.

In other words, God loves us absolutely and completely. If we believe this, then the logical conclusion is obvious: there really is nothing to fear. If the God of the Universe loves me more than I love myself, what could possibly go wrong?

Of course, in the short term, lots of things can and do go wrong. But from the eternal perspective of a God, who is watching over us and keeping track of every hair on our head, nothing can really go wrong. Even death is not to be feared. God is bigger and stronger than death. After all, didn't God also create death? So God has power over death. Our peace must rest in our trust that God's love goes beyond our wildest imaginings.

✠ Our nation's bishops have again requested that we celebrate "**Fortnight for Freedom**" from Wednesday, June 21st to Tuesday, July 4th. This is a special time of prayer, fasting, education, and witness to address many current challenges to religious liberty. It is a time for a new birth of religious freedom in our beloved country. "Religious freedom protects more than the freedom to worship on Sunday; it also protects our ability to live out our faith the other six days of the week." Let us join together to celebrate and pray for our freedom.

✠ IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

✠ This weekend we bid farewell to and pray for God's blessings on Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Doroteo.

Fr. Hilary will be returning to us from his studies in Rome to help us during July, August and September. I am so grateful that he can be with us again.

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!

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY



The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily.

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:**

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

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.

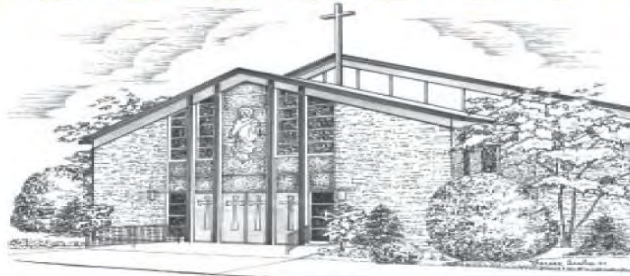
Religious Education Office Hours in Rectory:

Monday – Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm

Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon

Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Other times by appointment



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Philip Santore, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, Theresa Ruocco 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, Trainee, James Penser, Lackland, AFB, Texas 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



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD & WINE**

&

**ALTAR FLOWERS
For the Week are offered for
Rev. David Milliken**

**In Celebration of his
Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination**



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, June 25, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Mass of Thanksgiving – 11:30am
Fr. David’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination
40th Anniversary Family Fun Day after 11:30 Mass
In the Father Benedict Center

Monday, June 26, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Food Pantry distribution

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
FDM 40 Committee - 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
No events

Friday, June 30, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Set up Fr. Benedict Center for Sunday Family Fun Day

First Saturday, July 1, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Confessions

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Monday, July 3, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room



Tuesday, July 4, 2017, Independence Day

Fortnight for Freedom
Mass at 8:30am
Parish Offices Closed
No Woodcrest

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 6, 2017

No events

First Friday, July 7, 2017

Communion Visits to the homebound

Thanks

Thank you to all who gave so generously to last weekend’s Food Pantry Collection. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 163 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$33,704.00 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



FAMILY FUN DAY

Please come and enjoy a fun filled day with your family and congratulate Father David as we celebrate

Father David Milliken's 40th Anniversary
Sunday, June 25, 2017

Immediately following the 11:30 Mass through 4:00pm
Father Benedict Center

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: _____



Please patronize our advertisers. They help us GROW.

BOULEVARD FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE
201-692-0100

Dear Father David

Together with our entire parish we would like to wish you our heartfelt congratulations on the 40th anniversary of your ordination.

Thank you for your service.

God Bless you today and in all the years to come.

Beth Delgado
Chris Cudina

Church of the Ascension Trustees



TO SANDS CASINO

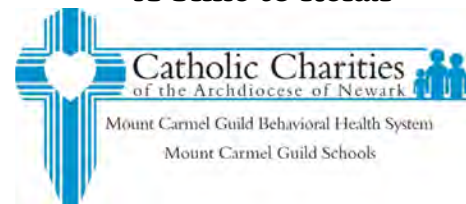
A trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. is planned for Tues. July 11th. Cost is \$28 per person with a \$20 slot playing voucher and \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9am. All checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory mailbox. For info.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



SUMMER

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!! School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.
HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

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.