

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 2, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension
9:30 James Jones
11:30 Mary Buckley, 11th Anniversary

Monday, July 3, 2017

8:00 Mary & George Schaeffer

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4

8:30 All Our Nations People

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

8:00 Freya & John Delaney (L)

Thursday, July 6, 2017

8:00 Robert S. Hall

Friday, July 7, 2017

8:00 Maureen A. Bottcher

Saturday, July 8, 2017

8:30 Maria Scaglione
5:30 Dolores Babernitsh

Sunday, July 9, 2017

7:30 Jerome Guce
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Luis & Daniella Gutierrez (L)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

June 26, 2016: \$5,268.00
June 25, 2017: \$5,385.00

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

Readings for Sunday July 9, 2017

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



Our reading from the Gospel forces us once again to look at a very basic building block of the spiritual life. We call that building block '**detachment**'. It would be difficult to find anything more important for the health of our lives as Christians. And that's why it's critical that, from time to time, we take a second look at what detachment means in our lives. It can refer to the man or woman who is too attached to his or her career, the person who is overly attached to alcohol, or food, or other substances, the young person who is too attached to pleasure. The list has no end.

The important thing is for us to recognize when an attachment has gained control over our lives. Then we can start the process of detachment from the negative influences in our lives. But remember, we must then have a healthy attachment. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the ultimate attachment. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus is asking us to be, first and foremost, attached to him. Nothing, absolutely nothing, not even your family, must come in the way of your attachment and belonging to Jesus. There you have it - as clear and bold as daylight.

All of this means that proper detachment leads to proper attachment. If we are simply detached from everything and attached to nothing and no one, we are in some kind of strange space. Jesus calls us to be as strongly attached to him as we possibly can. Our attachment to the Lord will involve carrying our cross. It will also mean that we will lose our lives, in the sense that we will no longer have the last say about what we are going to do with them. Our lives will be totally directed by our relationship to Jesus Christ.

✠ Words cannot adequately express my thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. These 40 years have certainly been an experience of God's writing straight with crooked lines. There have been so many twists and turns which brought me to this past weekend. To my family and friends who came from near and far, my parishioners from the many parishes where I have been privileged to minister, especially here at Ascension, THANK YOU FOR THE FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE YOU HAVE SHARED WITH ME. You are all so very special to me.

✠ Let me, on behalf of all of our parishioners, offer a BIG Thank You to Glenn Gordon and the members of our choirs. All year long you share your time and talents with us. You help us each week to raise our voices in praise to God. Please know that your efforts are recognized and appreciated. Enjoy your summer and come back refreshed!

This leads me to offer my gratitude to all of our parish liturgical, word, service, and community building ministers who, like Jesus, help people — you and me — to experience God's amazing love. They offer so many opportunities for everyone to more fully participate in God's love by getting involved, sharing our gifts, and helping others to experience God's love. I pray that you will all have an opportunity to relax a little this summer and renew yourselves for continued ministry in the Lord Jesus.

I also pray that many more of our parishioners will let the Holy Spirit lead them to see the needs of our parish and answer God's call to ministry here in Ascension. Remember, you cannot spell or be CHURCH, without U in it!

✠ This Tuesday we observe **Independence Day**, our nation's two hundred forty-first birthday. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30am. Together at the Lord's Table, as we conclude the Fortnight for Freedom, we will give thanks for God's blessings on our nation, especially the freedom of religion that we share as Americans. In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Regular business hours resume on Wednesday, July 5th. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4th weekend!

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY



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

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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. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2017. If you are in need of a registration form you can down load one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office in the Rectory and pick up a Registration Form. 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

THIRTEENTH 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



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



Sunday, July 2, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Monday, July 3, 2017

Fortnight for Freedom
Parish Offices Closed



Tuesday, July 4, 2017, Independence Day

Fortnight for Freedom
One 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

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Confessions 11:00am - Church

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend masses

Monday, July 10, 2017

No events

Tuesday, July 11 2017

Parish Trip to the Sands Casino
Baptism Prep – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 13, 2017

No events

Friday, July 14, 2017

No events



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.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 165 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,254.00 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



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: _____



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!



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PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

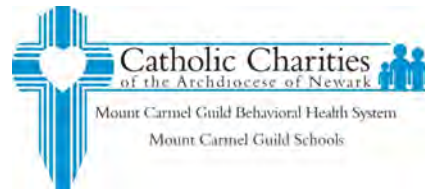
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

For our July distribution, the food pantry is in the need of the following items. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Your continued support of our very important Ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

- Canned Mushrooms, Iced Tea, Vegetarian Chili, Canned Spinach, Lemonade Mix, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, Mandarin Oranges, Crackers, Flour, Manhattan clam chowder, Cookies, Grated Cheese, Olives, Hamburger Helper, Tomato Sauce, Sugar, Laundry Detergent, Napkins, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste

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.



Holiday Office Hours



**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JULY 3RD & TUESDAY, JULY, 4TH, 2017
HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!**