

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 23, 2017

5:30 Angelina Iuliano, First Anniversary
7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Alphonse Giella, First Anniversary

Monday, July 24, 2017

8:00 Faderugao & Barredo Families

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

8:00 Joaquin & Rafaela Miniz

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

8:00 Garcia Munoz Family

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:00 Paul F. Figalora, Ninth Anniversary

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:00 Maureen A. Bottcher

Saturday, July 29, 2017

8:30 Soledad Santos

5:30 James Jones

Sunday, July 30, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Fermin Pineda, First Anniversary
11:30 Aley John

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

July 17, 2016:	\$5,220.00
July 16, 2017:	\$6,520.00
Food Pantry:	\$1,287.00

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

Readings for Sunday July 30, 2017

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46



Brad was a teenage boy who was “different”. The principal was always calling him in for fighting or some problem. Brad’s parents helped him get through this rough time because he was a generous boy with a good heart. One day, the principal angrily called Brad’s dad into the office. “Brad’s a troublemaker—he’s just bad for the whole class.” Then he dropped his bomb: “We just don’t want a boy like yours at our school.”

Mr. Connor stood up to leave and locked eyes with the principal. “All right. But if this school were on fire, Brad is the one boy you could count on to run back into a burning building—and save you.”

Mr. Connor knew his son’s hidden value, but the principal was young and a bit bossy—with no creativity, love, or time to “waste” on a troublemaker—when love and patient endurance was all that Brad really needed.

Patient forbearance on the journey is exactly what Jesus describes about God in the gospel today. God is not like an angry principal. God is more like Mr. Connor—willing to allow as much time as it takes for us to grow up spiritually—patient while we go through phases of immaturity and confusion.

God constantly steers us to the best choices, but if we don’t listen, we end up sowing weeds, planting evil along with good in our lives. We must resist judging others, too, because we simply do not know what is wheat, and what is weed. “All human comparison is diabolical.”

What about Jesus’ sobering words on eternal damnation? Our future will be the outgrowth of our present desire to know and do God’s will. If we give only charity and peace to others, we need never fear the principal’s office!

✠ Our “**Queenship of Mary**” Mega 50/50 raffle is a major fundraiser for our parish. Each book contains 6 chances. Each ticket is \$5.00 individually, but a book of 6 chances is only \$25.00. What a deal! The Mega 50/50 drawing will take place at 9:00pm on August 19th during our parish celebration of the Queenship of Mary.

On behalf of our Filipino Community and our Parish Events Committee I invite you to participate in our raffle. Chance books will be available in the front vestibule after all Masses this weekend. With your support of our raffle, what a great prize will be won and what a great profit gained for Ascension Parish!

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Pre-K: The Very First Years of School

Pre-K is a fun and exciting year for children as they enter their very first year of school! It is amazing to see their faces as they begin to learn their letters and numbers and get so excited to be "big kids"! Here is an excerpt from an end of school year email to PreK3 families:

Dear PreK-3 Families!

I cannot believe May has come to a close and we are into June already. The year went by so quickly and your children have grown so much! Each one of your children have grown in their own way and it has been an amazing process to watch!

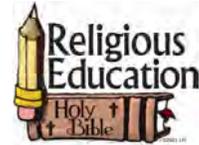
We are still practicing our numbers 1-10 in English and Spanish! We are still working on: learning about the four seasons; the butterfly life cycle; colors; shapes; numbers; learning and singing new songs; reading stories; and learning life lessons, like how to play together, work together, going to the bathroom and listening to teachers. Every day in Circle Time we review our prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, calendar, weather, and Letter of the Week. This month we have learned about the letters 'X', 'Y' & 'Z'. We also spent time learning about the Butterfly Life Cycle. We even got to see a butterfly hatch from its chrysalis, we saw the butterflies up close, we made butterfly food, and let them out into nature together. It was an awesome experience!

Now it is time for us to say good-bye to our little group! We are practicing for graduation every day and we will be ready for next week! This was a great group of children! Thank you very much for sharing them with us this year! Have a wonderful, safe, & healthy summer vacation.

Summer camp is in session now through August 18 from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The cost for five full days is \$190 for the first child and \$290 for two or more. Partial week tuition rates are also available.

Registration is Ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect.

For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627.



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 download 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

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, August 10th.

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

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.

JULY 23, 2017



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

SIXTEENTH 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 **Angelina Iuliano**



BREAD and WINE this week are in loving memory of **Angelina Iuliano**



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.



Sunday, July 23, 2017

Second Collection for Fr. Hilary's Scholarship

Monday, July 24, 2017

No events

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

No events

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Harrison House

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, July 27, 2017

No events

Friday, July 28, 2017

No events

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Confession – 11:00am – Church

8:30am Mass followed by Bergen County Filipino

Apostolate San Lorenzo Novena

Sunday, July 30, 2017

No events

Monday, July 31, 2017

No events

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 169 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,754.00 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



50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your "A Mega 50/50 Raffle 50/50 Raffle" Tickets before you leave on vacation!

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: _____



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2018 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS
WILL ONLY BE TAKEN
FROM 9:00-10:30 DAILY
IN THE RECTORY OFFICE**

- *Please print clearly using Request Form (forms may be found at doors of church, on our parish website or in the rectory office)**
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail**
- *One Form per person (Maximum 8 Mass Requests)**
- *Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards**

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and all legal holidays are always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

SUMMER Vacation

A thought concerning Summer contributions: Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten. Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. Your good stewardship is so essential to our parish and is so very much appreciated.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!