

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

5:30 James Jones  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Fermin Pineda, First Anniversary  
11:30 Aley John

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

8:00 Florencia Dolotina

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

8:00 Irene Dargan

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

8:00 Lavonne Seifert

**Thursday, August 3, 2017**

8:00 Graciela Garcia

**Friday, August 4, 2017**

8:00 Angel & Aurora Nicolasora

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

**Memorial**

8:30 Consuelo Mendoza  
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

7:30 Mark Anthony Habana (L) Birthday  
9:30 Mary Cucco  
11:30 Ellen Link

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

***WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH***

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

**July 24, 2016: \$5,509.00**  
**July 23, 2017: \$5,301.00**

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

**Readings for Sunday August 6, 2017**

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9**



Today we have a chance to listen in to the deep desires of Solomon, who became king when he was a teenager. In a dream, God said to him, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Amazingly, Solomon didn’t ask for money or power or an A+ on his math exam! He asked for “an understanding heart to judge your people, and to distinguish right from wrong.”

Solomon listened to his own conscience to discover *the most important thing in life*: that is, to bring God’s kingdom into the world by his choices and actions. Wow—can you picture the proud parents of a kid who asked for wisdom?

Most kids try to stop and think, to the best of their ability, before making decisions. But parts of our brains don’t develop decision-making ability until later in the 20’s. So that is why parents try to guide kids to better choices than just emotional ones. But there is another way to make good decisions, no matter how young you are. God is speaking to your heart from the moment you are conceived! Did you know that? This is one reason Catholics are against abortion—because God creates every life, and speaks to that baby from the first moment.

If you’re 16 or 18, God’s been forming your heart in you all those years—telling you that the only important thing in life is bringing in the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven means living with God’s values, instead of lust, selfishness, greed, pride, or anger. The teenage Solomon is wise, because he asked for wisdom to bring more justice, love, and peace to his world.

God is calling you to a real life. Get in the habit of talking to God deep in your heart every day, and then listen. Be a kid who lives as if you know the most important thing in life.

✠ 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Fr. David*



**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 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

**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.**

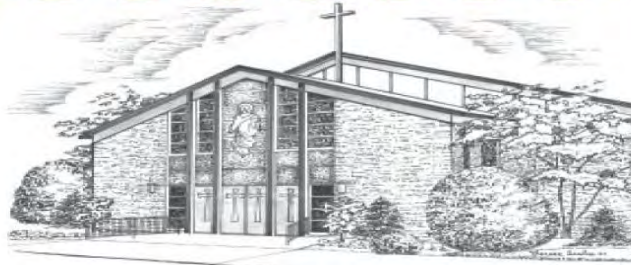
We could sure use your help.

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 30, 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*

**SEVENTEENTH 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, Eileen Kloeblen, 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 **Florence Dolotina**



**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](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

No events

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

No events

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

Baptism Prep – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, August 3, 2017**

No events

**First Friday, August 4, 2017**

Communion Visits to the Homebound

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

Confession – 11:00am – Church

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

**Parish Repairs and Maintenance**

**Monday, August 7, 2017**

No events

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

No events

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, August 11, 2017**

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**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.



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 170 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$35,754.00 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 NOW OPEN

**\*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**

**\*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!**