

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### Sunday, August 13, 2017

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

7:30 Lillian Person

9:30 John Coringrato

11:30 Macaria & Agustina Maglaqui

### Monday, August 14, 2017

8:00 Maureen A. Bottcher

### Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:00 Dona Viduya (L) Thanksgiving

8:30 Pauline & Roger Figalora

7:30 Amparo Cabreza

### Wednesday, August 16, 2017

8:00 Dorothy & Thomas Meyer

### Thursday, August 17, 2017

8:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

### Friday, August 18, 2017

8:00 Peggy Lacey, First Anniversary

### Saturday, August 19, 2017

8:30 Ethel Rivera

5:30 **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**

### Sunday, August 20, 2017

7:30 Timothy V. Cronin

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Peggy Lacey, First Anniversary

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

August 7, 2016:	\$5,021.00
August 6, 2017:	\$5,638.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,245.00

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

### Readings for Sunday August 20, 2017

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Remember that old song from 1960, “The Sounds of Silence”? It was written when President Kennedy was assassinated. The people felt such darkness and despair. In scary times of fear and desperation, we often go into silence to find God and security; but today the gospel shows us a different approach to finding peace.

The apostles’ boat is anything but silent—they’re being tossed wildly by wind and storm, praying for help, when suddenly Jesus is walking toward them. He comes in the very heart of the crisis, just as he does when we are in “the perfect storm” of chaos and disaster in our own lives.

But it’s not over yet. Peter still had to climb out of his boat (and Elijah, out of his cave, in the first reading) in order to hear and receive God’s saving action. Remember that Peter was already an apostle, a true believer in Jesus—in fact, the first Pope! But faith in Jesus is not an automatic haven of safety for anyone. Believing in Jesus is no excuse to sit back and wait to be delivered. Faith requires real movement from our side. Even if that’s just us shaking in our boots!

When our faith is wavering the most, and we’re least in control of things, we hear Jesus’ call: “Come to me. Do what must be done.” So we have to lift both legs over the side and start walking on water toward the Body of Christ.

The best way to find God in times of stress is to step out of our comfort zone and make an effort to be Christ for others—bringing more people into our circle of love and life. Yes, it’s great to have abundant life with our friends and families. But don’t keep it to yourselves—bring it back to the Body of Christ. Put a new leaf in your table and ask someone to dinner tonight!

✠ This Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30am Mass, we will gather with our young men and women who will be going off to college, and we will give them a special blessing for God’s guidance and protection, especially during this coming school year. Please join us.

✠ Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. We will honor Mary on this special day at Masses at 7:00am and 8:30am, and 7:30pm.

✠ Don’t forget our **33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** with Mass next Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party in the Fr. Benedict Center. Please plan to join us.

✠ 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**

**Discover why Transfiguration Academy's diverse student body grows, learns and succeeds**

**Transfiguration Academy Registration for the 2017/2018 school year:**

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

The new school year begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 for students in grades 1 – 8.  
 Kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 6, and PreK classes begin on Thursday, September 7.

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

**Basketball Clinic 2017**

Each year, the Transfiguration Academy Athletic Department sponsors a summer basketball clinic. This year's clinic was seven days long and 43 children participated. Students worked on all of the basic skills: dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork. Each day ended with a scrimmage. What makes this annual event so special, beyond the development of athletic and life skills, is the fact that 11 former students and players came back as instructors. Additionally, seven adult coaches volunteered their time to run the clinic.

**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.

**Summer office hours:**

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



**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.

**The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 10, 2017 for last minute registration from 9 am until 11:15 am.** All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

**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:**

- † We are in **GREAT 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.
- † 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.

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

**NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS TRAVELING TO THE GRAND CANYON OF PA.**

A meeting will be held in the Gathering Room of the church on **Monday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

We will review the itinerary, hand out your luggage tags and answer any questions you may have. You also have to give us your choice of entree for the 2<sup>nd</sup> evening out and we will collect \$10 per person for tips. If you cannot attend, please contact Anna or Josie.



**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

Starting this weekend and running thru early September, in conjunction with the New Milford Women's Club, we will be collecting schools supplies for underprivileged children in our community, including those serviced by our food pantry. A box has been placed in the vestibule for you to place your donations.

**Items needed include:**

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Notebook paper  | Spiral Notebooks | Marbled             |
| Composition     | Books            | Pens                |
| Colored Pencils | Markers          | Highlighters        |
| Rulers          | Tape             | Index Cards         |
| Protractors     | Pencils          | Erasers             |
| Pencil Cases    | Markers          | Highlighters        |
| Back Packs      | Crayons          | Children's Scissors |
|                 | Compasses        | Small Calculators   |
|                 | 3-Ring Binders   | Lunch Boxes         |

Anything you feel would be of use to a school-aged child would be greatly appreciated.

AUGUST 13, 2017

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

*Invites You to Share with us in the*

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration**

*of the*

**Queenship of Mary**



**Schedule of Novena**

- August 10 (Thursday) ..... 7:30 pm*
- August 11 (Friday) ..... 7:30 pm*
- August 12 (Saturday) ..... 6:30 pm (after the 5:30pm Mass)*
- August 13 (Sunday) ..... 6:00 pm*
- August 14 (Monday) ..... 7:30 pm*
- August 15 (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm (after 7:30pm Mass)*
- August 16 (Wednesday) ..... 7:30 pm*
- August 17 (Thursday) ..... 7:30 pm*
- August 18 (Friday) ..... 7:30 pm*

**Main Celebration**

*August 19, 2017 (Saturday)*

**Mass: 5:30 pm      Procession to follow after the Mass  
Program & Reception at the Fr. Benedict Center**

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### PRAY FOR . . .

*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to love..."*

**Meryl Shaji Mathew & Jerin Johny Kallickal**

*"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, Ramon Abuedo, 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 **Annie & James Cassidy**



**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2017 AT 7:00 & 8:30AM & 7:30PM**

### 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, August 13, 2017

Father Hilary's Scholarship-Second Collection  
Queenship Novena – 6:00pm - Church

### Monday, August 14, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

### Tuesday, August 15, 2017

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Masses 7:00 & 8:30am & 7:30pm**

Queenship Novena – 8:30pm - Church

### Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

### Thursday, August 17, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church

### Friday, August 18, 2017

Queenship Novena – 7:30pm - Church



### Saturday, August 19, 2017

Queenship setup Fr. Benedict Ctr. – 10.00am

Confession – 11:00am – Church

Queenship Mass – 5:30pm

Reception follows

Mega 50/50 Raffle Drawing – 9:00pm

### 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.

### 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 172 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,534.00** 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  
DRAWING  
NEXT SATURDAY!  
TOTAL SALES TO DATE  
\$5,705.00**

**Don't forget to fill out and submit  
your "A Mega 50/50 Raffle"  
Tickets!**

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

# 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**



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

### HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, August 20th

For our August 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-Tea Bags-Cranberry Juice-Egg Noodles-Grated Cheese-Jell-O-Mayonnaise-Sugar-Laundry Detergent-Napkins-Lentil Soup-Facial Tissue-Toothpaste-Hair Conditioner-Laundry Detergent

## 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!**



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