

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 27, 2017

5:30 Matthew's Diner-50th Anniversary

7:30 Victorino Barrot

9:30 Olga & George Arnold

11:30 Agustina DeLeon

Monday, August 28, 2017

8:00 Rafael Miniz

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

8:00 Con & Rose Lynch

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:00 Cathy Trimarchi

Thursday, August 31, 2017

8:00 Sophie & Sylvester Montecucollo

Friday, September 1, 2017

8:00 Theresa Lacey

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Memorial Mass

8:30 Vincent, Sr. & Helen Caruso

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, September 3, 2017

7:30 Manuel Flores

9:30 Christopher Boes

11:30 Paul J. VonArx

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 19, 2016: \$6,237.00

August 20, 2017: \$6,042.00

Food Pantry: \$1,211.00

Assumption: \$1,617.00

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

Readings for Sunday September 3, 2017

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27



Did you catch Jesus saying something pretty unusual in the gospel today? Jesus actually calls Peter "Satan". In our house, we weren't allowed to call each other names. If Jesus' mother is anything like mine, she isn't thrilled to have this moment recorded in the family archives!

The word "satan" is Hebrew for "the adversary," or "the one who obstructs." But how is Peter obstructing Jesus? Jesus just told the apostles that he will soon suffer and die. Isn't Peter just trying to be a sympathetic friend, by saying, "No way! God forbid that happening!!"? No, Jesus is trying to gently break it to the apostles that he is not the "Terminator-type" Savior they were expecting. God's larger plan includes sufferings the Messiah will have to endure.

And here Peter is suggesting, "Back off—don't go with God's plan!" Let's think of the times we, too, are tempted to obstruct God's plans for someone we love—our kids, maybe. Sometimes we shield them from the consequences of their bad choices, or make life too easy for them. But Jesus' parenting advice is, "Whoever wants to be my follower has to deny themselves, take up your cross, and follow me."

Congratulations to those who are helping their children take up crosses on the high road of strong and loving discipline with their children. It is hard, and others criticize you—but that's the very nature of a cross. Parents have to die to their own comfort, reputation, or to the temptation to be a "best friend" instead of a parent. It is never easy, but it is the building of God's pathway that you are engaged in. St. Paul helps us take up our crosses: "Do not conform yourselves to this age." Let us renew our minds towards true life in Christ.

✠ This weekend, as a part of our Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation Plan, Fr. Mathis Ngjong will be with us at Ascension, speaking at all Masses on behalf of the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon. We will take up a second collection to help support his diocese. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

✠ Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our parish's **Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the liturgy and fiesta. Thank you, too, to all who participated by your presence. What labors of love by all!

✠ Congratulations to our parishioner, Ray DiPippo, the winner of our Parish Mega 50/50. Thank you to all who participated and helped to raise the total amount to \$7,745.00. Ray won \$3,872.50! The proceeds from our 50/50 have already been designated to our Parish Capital Improvements Fund. Again, special thanks to Theresa Carbone, Peggy Evans and Dan Libanan the 50/50 chairpersons, and to all who participated in our **Parish Mega 50/50**.

✠ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:

- + September 9 (Saturday)... Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday
- + September 10 (Sunday)... Grandparents Day... Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses
- + September 17 (Sunday)... Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass followed by parent/student meeting at 10:45am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School
- + September 24 (Sunday)... **Action Against Hunger** from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford
- + September 30 (Saturday)... Fr. Hilary departs Ascension for studies in Rome

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Investing in our students and faculty

Even though the pace slows during the summer recess, that does mean we are sitting around idly waiting for the school year to begin. On the contrary, the summer has been busy with three major projects which directly benefit our students and faculty. We:

1. purchased new air conditioning units for the classrooms.
2. purchased new Chromebooks for our students.
3. renovated our faculty room.

Our Sunday Visitor recently published an editorial reinforcing why an investment in Catholic education is still so important in 2017. Here is an excerpt:

"Just as alarming, the Church currently is hemorrhaging young people. As Msgr. Owen Campion notes in his column this week, a staggering 50 percent of young Catholics under the age of 30 are falling away from the Faith. These numbers are reflected in the downward trend of sacraments and the declining numbers in our Catholic schools.

But though the numbers may be dropping, the value of a Catholic education only increases in a society that is grappling with an influx of secularism. A Catholic education offers a spiritual and human formation that can't be found anywhere else. When done right, it builds up parish life, strengthens families and, most importantly, integrates the teachings of the Faith into everyday life. As such, we equip the next generation to go into the world carrying with them not only a diploma, but the light of the Gospel. Fully formed and informed, we begin to reshape society from within."

This is why Transfiguration Academy is committed to Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.

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 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.

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 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:

- † We are in **GREAT 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.
- † 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



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AUGUST 27, 2017

Come... Join Us...



*Ascension Parish's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Washington, NJ (The Blue Army)*

*Saturday, September 9, 2017
to celebrate*

The Birthday of our Blessed Mother

- + 9:00am Bus Departs Ascension Church Parking Lot
(Bring your own lunch; lunch will be in the picnic area.)
- + 10:30am Confessions - Upper Shrine
- + 1:30pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- + 5:00pm Candlelight Rosary Procession with Pilgrim Virgin Statue
- + 6:00pm Bus Departs Shrine for Ascension.
- + There will be ample time to visit the Holy House, Rosary Gardens, the Way of the Cross, and many other shrines and gift shops.

DRESS CODE: A strict Dress Code is enforced at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Comfortable shoes are suggested. Slacks for women are permitted. Shorts are NOT permitted for males or females over the age of 11. Tank tops, halters, sundresses, mini-skirts, skin-tight and revealing attire are NOT permitted.

Fill out the Registration Form below and return with your check for \$25.00
(made payable to: Church of the Ascension)

in an envelope marked "**Shrine Trip**" and drop it in the rectory mail slot.

Deadline: Wednesday, September 6th. Your check is your reservation.

For further information, please call: Anna Giella (201) 265-9435, or Mel Mintz (201) 921-1144.



Ascension Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: Wednesday, September 6th.
Your check is your reservation.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



PRAY FOR . . .

“To everything there is a season...

“a time to be born...”

Maya Camille Ngozi Cobb

“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, 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, Airman First Class, James Penser, Goodfellow, 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.

“a time to die...”

Theresa Ruocco

...and a time for every purpose under heaven”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Sunday, August 27, 2017

Mission Appeal

Monday, August 28, 2017

Parish Trip Meeting – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

No events

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, August 31, 2017

No events

First Friday, September 1, 2017

Communion Visits to homebound

First Saturday, September 2, 2017

Confessions 11:00am - Church

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Eastern Europe Collection

Collection for the Catholic University of America

Monday, September 4, 2017

Labor Day

One Mass at 8:30am

Rectory & Religious Ed. Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes – 7:00 & 8:30am

Woodcrest Mass at 2:30pm

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center

Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room

Thursday, September 7, 2017

No events

Friday, September 8, 2017

No events

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Parish Pilgrimage to Blue Army Shrine

Confessions 11:00am - Church

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Grandparent’s Day

Blessing of Grandparent’s at all Masses

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

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. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Cancellation ins. is available. Checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory. **Please indicate on the outside envelope New York City trip.**



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 173 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. **We are currently at \$35,549.00** 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

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 | Compasses | Small Calculators |
| Pencil Cases | 3-Ring Binders | Lunch Boxes |
| Back Packs | | |

HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help, two months out of the year with the cleaning and preparing of the Altar Linens (purificators) please contact the rectory office.

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)

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| 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: _____

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**

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. 28th 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 2nd evening out and we will collect \$10 per person for tips. If you cannot attend, please contact Anna or Josie.

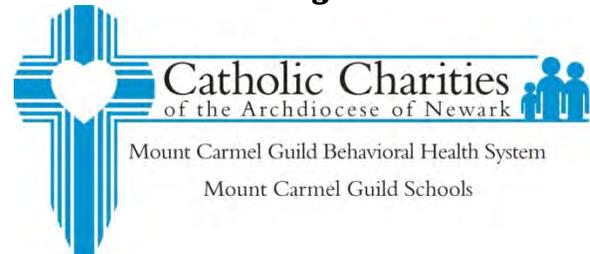
VOLUNTEERS

Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers also provide support to family members.

Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit patients during the daytime hours during the week and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals.

For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at #201-967-4313 or kiplifsourcehospice@gmail.com

School Bells Signal a New Start



The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities clothing bin. We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels and children's books. Thank you.