

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 3, 2017

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

7:30 Manuel Flores

9:30 Christopher Boes

11:30 Paul J. VonArx

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017

8:30 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

7:00 Maureen Bottcher

8:30 Santiago Alburo

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

7:00 Mary & Walter Lewis

8:30 Dionicia R. Raguindin

Thursday, September 7, 2017

7:00 Maureen Bottcher

8:30 Juan & Tori Gutierrez (L)

Friday, September 8, 2017

7:00 Dona Viduya, Thanksgiving (L)

8:30 Thomas Meyer

Saturday, September 9, 2017

8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

5:30 Jack & Elizabeth Orth

Sunday, September 10, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 John & Delfina Duarte

11:30 Crisanta & John Lopez

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 28, 2016: \$5,467.00

August 27, 2017: \$5,127.00

Mission Appeal: \$2,179.00

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

Readings for Sunday September 10, 2017

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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.

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.”

May God bless 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.

- ✦ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
 - + September 4 (Monday)... Parish celebration of **Labor Day** – 8:30am Mass
 - + September 5 (Tuesday)... Regular **Weekday Mass Schedule Resumes**: 7am and 8:30am
 - + 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 for 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.

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 need of, 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 Tuesday Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Monday & Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm to 9 pm – In the School

Sunday: 9:30 am to 12:15 pm – In the School

Other times by appointment



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SEPTEMBER 3, 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 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, Erlinda Habana, Richard Tabettie, 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.

...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 Donated in loving memory of **William & Elizabeth Morris**



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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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

September

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Eastern Europe Collection
Collection for the Catholic University of America



Monday, September 4, 2017

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

INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS

On Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 2:00pm, A significant element of the celebration of the Imposition of the Pallium for Cardinal Joseph Tobin will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. If you would like to attend this mass with Father Hilary please contact the rectory office, 201-836-8961 before Sept. 5.

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.

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.**

