Mass for the Intentions 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 TEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 28, 2016:\$5,467.00August 27, 2017:\$5,127.00Mission 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 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.

<u>Please note the change in our hours for classes next school</u> 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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who help make this bulletin possible

Come... Join Us...



Ascension Parish's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Washington, NI (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:	_



"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 Abburzzesi, 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



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in loving Memory of William & Elizabeth Morris



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



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.



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:

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

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 ALTAR FLOWERS

\$40 per week \$50 (per basket/per week)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

	THE TOTAL TOTAL
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Donation Amt.:
In Memory of:_	

Date Requested:



LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH ONE MASS, AT 8:30AM, WILL BE CELEBERATED RECTORY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

2018 MASS BOOK

IS NOW OPEN

*Please <u>print clearly</u> using Request Form (forms may be found at doors of church, on our parish website or in the rectory office)

*<u>No Requests</u> will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

For our September 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.

Vegetarian Chili*Apple Sauce*Apple Juice*Raisins*
Beef Stew*Grape Juice*Mandarin Oranges*Crackers*
Cranberry Juice*Grated Cheese*Tomato Paste*
Jell-O*Olives*Coffee*Chicken Gravy*
Salad Dressings*Tea*Flour*Laundry Detergent*
Egg Noodles*Napkins*Facial Tissue*Hair Conditioner

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Sunday, November 19th, the Service Ministry will be running our annual Turkey Drive for those in need. We are looking for the help of someone who owns a pickup truck that can spare a few hours that day. Our need is for you to leave your truck by the rectory (you do not have to stay all morning), between 7 and 7:30 am. We will need your help to drive the excess turkeys to our "adopted" parish, St. John's, in Fairview, accompanied by a member of the Service Ministry. If you could possibly help us, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the rectory office 201-836-8961. As always, we thank you for your continued support of our important ministry to the poor.

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.