

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 10, 2017

5:30 Jack & Elizabeth Orth
 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 John & Delfina Duarte
 11:30 Crisanta & John Lopez

Monday, September 11, 2017

7:00 Kathy Belloise
 8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:00 The Thekkan Family
 8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
 8:30 John Delaney & Family (L)

Thursday, September 14, 2017

7:00 The Vadakan Family
 8:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Friday, September 15, 2017

7:00 Luciola Coll, Healing (L)
 8:30 Martin Faderugao

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:30 Kathy Belloise
 5:30 Manuel Garcia

Sunday, September 17, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
 9:30 Theodore Bates
 11:30 The Marra Family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

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| September 4, 2016: | \$5,756.00 |
| September 3, 2017: | \$4,756.00 |
| Eastern Europe/ Catholic University | \$1,425.00 |
| ParishPay June: | \$3,339.80 |
| ParishPay July: | \$2,804.80 |

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

**Readings for Sunday
September 17, 2017**

Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Have you ever heard the story of Mrs. Jones? Mrs. Jones thought she'd lived a perfect life because "I've never bothered anybody." So when she went to hell, she complained bitterly. St. Peter said, "The only time that selfish woman ever helped anyone was the day she gave a poor beggar an onion." So the heavenly community agreed to lower the onion down to hell, and if the lady grabbed on, she could be pulled up to heaven.

She was overjoyed! But as she grabbed the onion, some of her companions grabbed on, to get out, too. She began kicking them off, screaming, "Let go, let go—that's MY onion!" Instantly the line snapped, and she fell back into Satan's waiting arms. He only smiled: "Too bad! The rope was strong enough to save all of you... but not you by yourself." (J. Feehan)

True, she didn't owe anything to anyone—but that's what put her in hell! St. Paul says, "Owe nothing to anyone, EXCEPT to love one another"; that is how to fulfill the law. Have you ever thought of the Great Commandment that way? It teaches us that we actually owe it to each other to "love one another". We don't think that way about strangers, do we? But every one of us is connected by our spiritual "gene pool" to every other creature... because we have been loved into existence from the heart of God.

One small kindness by us—an unexpected smile, kind word, polite action—can start a subtle chain reaction that increases the atmosphere of care and respect within the whole Body of Christ. Even if we don't "feel loving" toward strangers, we can form the habit of "doing love" in many small ways. Each of us has to look at every situation in our lives to see if we are truly whole-heartedly loving one another. Or are we kicking people off, trying to hang on to our onion?

- ✠ Today is **Grandparent's Day**. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all grandparents. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, may God bless you in the special role you play in the life of your grandchildren.
- ✠ Next Sunday, September 17th, we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at 9:30am Mass with blessing of catechists followed by parent/student meeting at 10:45am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School.
- ✠ **ATTENTION, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...**
In order to have an opportunity to pray together and to review the procedures associated with your ministry, we will meeting in the church: **LECTORS** on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30pm and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30pm. It is imperative that you attend these sessions so that you can continue to serve in your ministry with knowledge and reverence.
- ✠ Don't forget...September 24 (Sunday)... **Action Against Hunger** from 12 Noon to 4:00pm at Shop-Rite in New Milford.
- ✠ Don't forget to put this on your calendar: October 7 (Saturday)...**The Beat Tells**...Fr. Benedict Center...\$20 pre-sale, \$25 at door.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Back to school

Our 2017/2018 academic year. Here are some important September dates you should be aware of.

Mon, Sep 11: Before and after care begin.

Mon, Sep 18: Eighth grade parent meeting at 7:00pm in the Language Lab.

Fri, Sep 22: Home School Association meeting at 7:00pm in Conlon Hall followed by New Parent Social.

Mon, Sep 25: Student Picture Day

Tue, Sep 26: Back to School night at 7:00pm for grades K – 8.

Transfiguration Academy writing teachers participated in a day-long workshop on Tuesday, August 29th. During the workshop, the presenter shared ideas and strategies to teach students how to write narrative text (fictional stories). All of the strategies and skills presented are aligned to the Common Core Curriculum Standards, which are followed by a majority of the schools across the country.

Transfiguration Academy students consistently do very well on the writing component of standardized tests as well as earning scholarships to prestigious Catholic and public high schools.

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.

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special collection for The Catholic University of America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education basted in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. You can learn more about your impact, and the University, at: collection.cua.edu.



Calendar:

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open today, 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.

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.

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. Students are asked to be here by 6:55 pm in order to start at 7 pm sharp.

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:

Monday – Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm – In Rectory

Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm – In School

Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon – In School

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



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Tagle, Ephraim

Toriano, Ines & Felipe

Trivino, Nora & Jess

Tuazon, Marlon & Gina

Uriarte, Grace & Romy

Vidal, Esther

Walter, Thomas & Carolyn

Zambrano, Myrna



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 to die...”

Elizabeth Pezzatti, Peter Brex

“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

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.



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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

September

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Grandparent’s Day

Blessing of Grandparent’s at all Masses

Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Patriot Day, Monday, September 11, 2017

Pastoral Staff Meeting – 9:00am – Rectory

Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm – Church

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

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

Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Cardinal Tobin Imposition of the Pallium Mass

At the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Friday, September 15, 2017

No events

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church

Children’s Choir – 4:15pm – Church

Animal Shelter Collection through October 4

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Catechetical Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

9:30am Mass with Commissioning of Catechists

Mandatory Parent Meeting – 10:45am – FBCtr.

Baptism – 1:00pm - Church



Meetings

PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPT. 12TH, 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
PART OF THIS MINISTRY

YOU ARE INVITED TO PLEASE JOIN US



CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. **Please** visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.



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 \$35,249.00** 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

Grandparents Day Blessing

**God our Father,
you create all things in this world
as gifts for your created beings.**

**This day is made holy
by the presence of new life,
made real by the love of spouses
and their collaboration with you.
On this day bless all grandparents
and their grandchildren.**

**May they both praise you
for their place in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

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**

**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.

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.**

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.