

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, October 1, 2017

5:30 Marlene Hellriegel
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Abraham Thomas
11:30 Manuel Garcia

Monday, October 2, 2017

7:00 Steve LaPage
8:30 Darlene Codding

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

7:00 Jan Danilow, 24 Anniversary
8:30 Ethel Rivera

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Thomas Meyer

Thursday, October 5, 2017

7:00 Kristine & Ronidell Baluyot
8:30 Ellen Delaney

Friday, October 6, 2017

7:00 Dolores Doherty
8:30 Amelita Volcan

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Memorial

8:30 Matthew Camerlengo,
Virginia Dolioti
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, October 8, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Daniel & Doris Piro
11:30 Antonino Speciale

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

September 25, 2016: \$6,038.00
September 24, 2017: \$5,946.00

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

Readings for Sunday October 8, 2017

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Jesus did not grasp his equality with God. He made the decision to somehow let go of the privileges and power that were his and to live as one of us. I think that it's far beyond our understanding to see how Jesus could have done this, but what is within our understanding is to see that we are called to this kind of emptying in our lives. Jesus emptied himself of what was rightfully his so that he could become one of us. It was the ultimate act of empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand the life experience of another person, and the desire and capacity to enter the world of that other person. It is probably the highest form of understanding and compassion. Deep experiences of empathy can change your life in a radical way. You see and experience life in a new way, and because of this new way of seeing, you then change your own way of living.

Somehow, like Jesus, we need to get inside the world of those people who are closest to us. We often need to empty ourselves of false ideas and judgments we may be carrying about the people with whom we live. When a person tries to really enter into the life of another person, you can be sure of one thing — suffering will certainly come. Just as Jesus accepted death as the final emptying of himself, so we will undergo suffering as we try to enter one another's lives. But it all leads to more life, now, and in the future which God has prepared for us.

✠ With sad hearts we have bid farewell to **Fr. Hilary**. What a blessing he has been to Ascension Parish. Let us pray that God will continue to bless Fr. Hilary in his studies in Rome. We are certainly glad to have had him with us again this summer. We hope and pray he will return next summer.

Fr. Hilary's departure leaves Ascension with only one full-time priest. Until another priest is assigned, we need some help with monthly Communion visits to the homebound. Anyone who would be able to visit a homebound parishioner, please contact Fr. David in the Rectory. *"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."*

✠ October is here. It is the **month of our Blessed Mother and Respect Life Month**. I call your attention to some excellent opportunities for us as Catholics to honor Mary, the Mother of our God of Life. We pray the Rosary Monday through Saturday at 7:45am in church. During the entire month we will collect donations for a **Baby Shower** for unwed mothers of our area. Our parish **"Giving Crib"**, on the right side of the church, will remain in place for the whole month.

✠ On Wednesday, October 4th, we will gather at 4pm in our Blessed Mother's courtyard to celebrate our annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite you to bring your pets, large and small, to receive God's special blessing.

We have placed a donation box in the vestibule of the church for donations for those animals who are awaiting homes that are in nearby shelters. Donations of money, food, treats, toys, clean towels or blankets, as well as cleaning products would be greatly appreciated. If you are bringing your pet to the blessing, you may bring donation items then as well. If you know of others who are not part of our parish, but bring their animals to be blessed, please ask them also to bring a donation.

✠ Don't forget to put this on your calendar: October 7 (Saturday)... **The Beat Tells**... impersonating the Beatles... Fr. Benedict Center... \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Pallium Mass

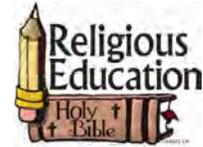
On September 14, three Transfiguration Academy 8th graders went on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for the imposition of the pallium on Joseph Cardinal Tobin, the sixth Archbishop of Newark and first Cardinal Archbishop. In his remarks, the Archbishop said:

“I confess that, among all the “stuff” episcopal ministry requires that I wear, the item I appreciate most is what I received today. The pallium appeared in our Church as early as the fourth century. Originally worn by the bishop of Rome, its use eventually extended to metropolitan archbishops. It represents the close union between an archbishop and the Holy Father. Made of pure lamb’s wool and draped over the shoulders, the symbolism of the pallium is even more concrete: the lamb’s wool is meant to represent the lost, sick or weak sheep, which the shepherd places on his shoulders and carries to the waters of life.

Therefore, the bishop should look for the lost and make every effort to bring them home. When he blessed this pallium last June 29th, Pope Francis told the archbishops present with him in St. Peter’s Square what that mission should cost. He asked the archbishops whether we were in fact “armchair” Christians, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or apostles on the go, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts. Pope Francis explained the difference. Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. After all, good and bad shepherds look the same on a pleasant day like today. It is only when the wolf nears, or the journey passes through the valley of darkness, that one can identify the good shepherd. He is the one who does not run away. He is ready to lay down his life for those entrusted to him.”

Our students were also fortunate to have the opportunity to shake Cardinal Tobin’s hand.

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. To learn more about our academic, athletic, and fine arts curriculum or to schedule a tour of our Academy, located at 10 Bradley Ave in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect. **Transfiguration Academy: Strengthening faith, Enlightening minds, and Transforming hearts...one student at a time.**



Calendar:

- Sunday, October 1st -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)
- Monday, October 2nd – 7th Grades from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Wednesday, October 4th – 9th Grade from 6:30 pm to 9 pm (MPR/SCH)
- Sunday, October 8th -- Pre- K thru 6th grade from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm (SCH)

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass. All children in Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us. What a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please note the change in our hours for classes this 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 Reconciliation Parents, there is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting on Sunday October 8, 2017** at 10:45 am in the Fr. Davis Multi-purpose room. At least on parent must attend, but both are more than welcome.

Volunteers Needed:

- † We are in NEED of Substitute Catechists 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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

*Church of the Ascension
invites you
to our annual*

***Blessing of Animals
in honor of
St. Francis of Assisi***

*in the
Blessed Mother Courtyard*

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

4:00pm

*(Don't forget to bring in a donation for our
animal friends in shelters.)*





"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 Kloebler, Erlinda Habana, Richard Tabettie, Richard Winters, Judith & Tom Gonzales,

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, PFC Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., Cherry Point, NC, 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 celebration of Roseann & Robert Sofia 45th Wedding Anniversary



Altar Flowers for this week Donated in Celebration of Laurie Cucco & Anthony Castellano Marriage on September 30



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.



Sunday, October 1, 2017

Parish Maintenance & Repairs

Respect for Life Giving Crib
Animal Shelter Collection
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School
Baptism Prep – 1:00pm – Gathering Room

Monday, October 2, 2017

Pastoral Staff Mtg. – 9:00am – Rectory
Deanery Mtg.
Religious Education (grade 7) – 7:30pm – School
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Woodcrest Center Mass at 2:30pm
Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room



Wednesday

Blessing of Animals- 4:00pm – Mary's Shrine
Confirmation Prep. – 6:30pm
Novena – 7:30pm – Church
Boy Scouts – 7:30pm – Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Mtg. – 8:00pm – Gathering Room
Combined Choirs – 8:15pm - Church

Thursday, October 5, 2017

No events

First Friday, October 6, 2017

Communion Visits to Homebound
Buildings & Grounds – 7:30pm – Rectory Mtg. Room

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Confessions 11:00am – Church
Children's Choir – 4:15pm – Church
The Beat-Tells Concert – 8:00pm - FBCtr

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Respect for Life Giving Crib
Children's Liturgy of the Word – 9:30am Church/GRm
Religious Education Pre-K- Grade 6 – 10:45 – School
First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. – 10:45am



Meetings

Ministry of Service

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

7:00pm in the Gathering Room

Buildings & Grounds

Friday, October 6, 2017

7:30pm in the Rectory Mtg. Room

