

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**



**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 24, 2014**

5:30 The Genuino Family (living)  
7:30 People of Ascension Parish  
9:30 Timothy Cronin  
11:30 Olga & George Arnold

**Monday, August 25, 2014**

8:00 Luisa Garcia

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014**

8:00 Francisco Vidal

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

8:00 Victorino Barot

**Thursday, August 28, 2014**

8:00 Agustina DeLeon

**Friday, August 29, 2014**

8:00 Cathy Trimarchi

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

8:30 Patrick Mangosing

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2014**

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Robert Sr. & Theresa Feigle-Lacey

11:30 Theresa Lacey

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT  
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH**



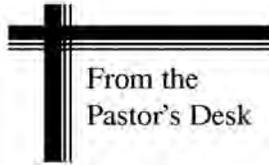
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

**Sunday, August 17, 2014: \$6,153.00**  
**Assumption: \$1,331.00**

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

**Readings for the Week of  
August 24, 2014**

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



There's an interesting òmurder mystery puzzleö out. You read a short story, then assemble the puzzle, using clues from the story. All the clues are in the picture on the box. But to keep things mysterious, the picture on the box is different from how the actual puzzle image will end up!

That's a pretty good description of the state of affairs we live in today. We spend our lives trying to understand God's plans for usö and then the picture of life is different from how our lives really end up! As Paul says today, God's riches and wisdom and knowledge are òunsearchable.ö What is this mystery of God that we are living within?

A fish in one of those county fair fishbowls can see us from all angles. There is nowhere the fish can hide from our eyes! Well, God is the only one who can see US from all angles. God is holding us in existence--God sees our mental difficulties and spiritual struggles, and God feeds our hungers. We are usually a total mystery to ourselvesö but we trust that God's mystery totally surrounds and protects our own.

But, sad to say, for many, God's mystery causes anguish instead of awe. Some can't rejoice and praise God as St. Paul does today, because they are unable to deal with some evil or misery in their lives. When we are afraid or in pain, we often try to exert control over our fishbowlö and this is doomed to failure. We are creature; God is God.

Do we forget that the story ends with Jesus triumphing over sin and evil? So do not focus on evil and do not be depressed or driven insane by it. We should see evil as being swallowed up in the glorious, vast, limitless and unknowable wideness of God, God's mystery and mercy.

- ✠ Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
  - +September 6 (Saturday)í Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday.
  - +September 7 (Sunday)í Grandparents Dayí Blessing of grandparents at all weekend Masses.
  - + September 14 (Sunday)...Parish Picnic from 2pm to 6pm. Mega 50/50 drawing at 6pm.
  - + September 21 (Sunday)í Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9am Mass followed by parent/student meeting at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center and School.
  - + September 27/28 (Sat/Sun)í Parish celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday at all Masses.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.

God Love You!



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

### SUMMER HOURS

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 9AM to 2PM, daily. Maintenance activities are in full swing as we prepare for our opening in September. We look forward to an exciting, challenging and rewarding year.

### NEW FOR NEXT YEAR

We are currently negotiating for two new and exciting programs for next year. If all works out, Transfiguration will be the ONLY Catholic elementary school to offer a Fencing Club and a Model United Nations. Stay tuned for more information.

### REGISTRATION – 2013/2014

To arrange tours of our campuses and see the latest technological advances which make Transfiguration Academy a leader in Educational Excellence, or to register a student, please call the following: Please call 201-384-3627.

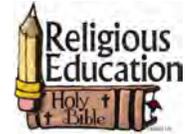


**ENDS SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST**  
**SATURDAY: 8:30AM**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM**  
**SUNDAY: 7:30AM-9:30AM-11:30AM**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:**  
**8:00AM**  
**HOLY DAYS: 7:00AM-8:30AM-7:30PM**  
**CIVIL HOLIDAYS: 8:30AM**



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**201-261-0222**



### Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 School year were distributed to all students. Kindly fill out the forms and return them along with the fees to the Religious Education office. Please note there will be a \$10 late fee after June 30, 2014. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.



### All First Communion Parents

You may pick up your child's banner in the Religious Education Office. Please call to be sure someone is in the Religious Education office before you come.



### Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2014 & 2015 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085 during office hours.

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.

### Summer Office Hours:

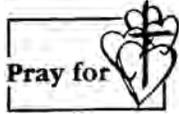
Monday & Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm  
Closed: Thursday & Friday

A thought concerning Summer contributions: Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten. Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. Your good stewardship is so essential to our parish and is so very much appreciated.



*Final Reminder  
Last Chance to  
Register for the  
2014-2015 School year  
before classes start  
will be on Sunday  
September 7, 2014  
from 10 am to Noon.*

*The Religious  
Education Office  
will be open regular  
hours starting this week.  
Our phone number is  
201-836-3085*



*"To everything there is a season..."*

*"a time to be born..."*

**Monica & Melanie DeLaCruz**

*"a time to be healed..."*

Jose Ignacio Zuniga, Frank Mottola, Shirley Busby, Helen Chaffiotte, Jerry Sullivan, Roger Carr, Rev. John McGovern, Andrew Comer, Janet Sweeney, Jack Wall, Eileen Burke, Michael Cullen, Joseph Gorgone, Bob Stasi, Peggy Funesti, Patricia Burke, Eleanor Pompeo, Alyssa Brady, Dolores DeMatteo, Barbara Riley, Alex Kuhr, Barbara Santore, William Schettinger, Yvonne Payne, Rosemarie Salimbene, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Monica Vivas, Theresa Ruocco, Kay Harrington, Adem Shavelli, Joseph Albanese, Joe Hartney, Marguerite Morris, 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  
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

*"a time for peace..."*

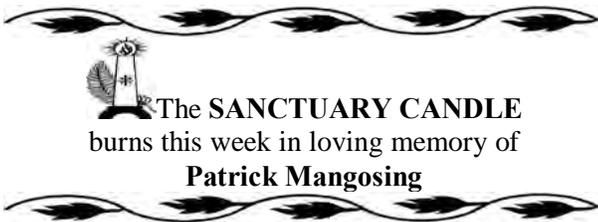
President Barack Obama, our National Leaders  
and all World Leaders.

*"...a time to die..."*

**John Burke & Eileen Kerrigan**

*...and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2014**

**Masses: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am**

**Monday, August 25, 2014**

No event

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, August 28, 2014**

No event

**Friday, August 29, 2014**

No event

**Saturday, August 30, 2014**

Confession ó 11:00am ó Church

UNBOUND (Society for Children and Aging) at all weekend Masses, Fr. Mark Lane

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2014**

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**50/50 RAFFLE**  
Don't forget to fill out  
and submit your  
SummerFest 2014  
Mega 50/50 Raffle  
Tickets before you  
leave on vacation!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

The Ascension Service Ministry and the New Milford Women's Club will be collecting School Supplies in the box at the back of the church running through the third week of August. Supplies needed are: pencils, pens, notebooks, composition books, loose leaf paper, crayons, high lighters, washable markers, index cards, glue sticks, folders and backpacks. These supplies will be distributed among the children of Ascension Food Pantry clients, Transfiguration Academy and the two New Milford Elementary Schools. Your support in this effort is appreciated.

**AVAILABILITY**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communion, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.**

**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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



**The Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following:**

Apple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Grape Jelly, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Instant Coffee, Macaroni and Cheese, Paper Towels.

Thank you for your continued support.

**“The Home of the Free  
Because of the Brave”**

This year's Parish Picnic on September 14 will have a very special theme. This year we would like to Salute the Armed Forces-those special men and women who volunteer to go into harm's way around the world to protect our freedoms and way of life.

All of us have family and friends who are in or were in the services. We would like you to help us say "Thank You" to those brave men and women by volunteering to help, or with any ideas or suggestions. Please call Marguerite Morris at 201-385-0159.



**SUMMER DRESS FOR MASS**



As summer continues, we would like to remind you of the proper dress for Sunday Mass. What may be appropriate for the beach or outdoor activities is not necessarily appropriate at Mass. It used to be that Christians wore their "SUNDAY BEST" when they came to church. Today, in our more casual society while we may not dress formally for Mass, we should dress properly out of respect for God and the sensitivities of others attending Mass as well.

Please remember, as always at Mass, the priest is the last to enter and the first to leave. Also, please remember to turn your cell phones OFF!

**2015 MASS BOOK**

**IS NOW OPEN**

Please Use the Intention Form  
for your requests

All Information Must be  
PRINTED CLEARLY on the form

Requests will be assigned on a first come basis.  
No Requests  
will be taken over the phone, fax or mail/e-mail.  
One Form per person.  
Please do not bring forms for others.

There will be a Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass limit of three (3) for each person requesting masses. **Weekday masses will be limited to five (5) for each person.** Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and all legal holidays are special masses to be celebrated for the people of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month will be available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.



**PAINTERS NEEDED**



We are looking for experienced painters to help with projects in and around the parish facilities. What a wonderful way to be a Steward to your parish. Please contact the rectory office or speak to Father David if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish. Thank you.

**Altar Servers**

We are in need of several Adult Altar Servers to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.

**Bergen County Annual Senior Citizens Picnic**  
**Tuesday, September 16th from 10am-3pm**  
**Van Saun County Park, Paramus**  
**60+ years old**  
**Lunch\*music & entertainment\*craft fair**