

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2014

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:00 Jennifer Rose Montecillo (living)
10:30 Paul Eberhardt
12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

Monday, September 8, 2014

7:00 Rose Caruso
8:30 Sarah & Christopher McKenna

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

7:00 John Foran
8:30 Mary & Michael Rowland

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

7:00 Clara Nibot
8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Thursday, September 11, 2014

7:00 Sergia Castillo
8:30 Richard Cudina

Friday, September 12, 2014

7:00 Rose Caruso
8:30 Jose I. Piquero

Saturday, September 13, 2014

8:30 Eulogio Cordon
5:30 Ignacio & Isabel Mangosing

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 14, 2014

7:30 John Foran
9:00 Marion Pizza
10:30 Manuel Garcia
12:00 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



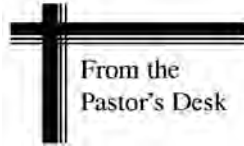
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Readings for the Week of September 7, 2014

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17



Have you ever heard the story of Mrs. Jones? Mrs. Jones thought she'd lived a perfect life because *ölove never bothered anybody.ö* So when she went to hell, she complained bitterly. St. Peter said, *öThe only time that selfish woman ever helped anyone was the day she gave a poor beggar an onion.ö* 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, *öLet go, let goð that's MY onion!ö* Instantly the line snapped, and she fell back into Satan's waiting arms. He only smiled: *öToo bad! The rope was strong enough to save all of youí but not you by yourself.ö* (J. Feehan)

True, she didn't owe anything to anyoneð but that's what put her in hell! St. Paul says, *öOwe 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 ölove one anotherö. We don't think that way about strangers, do we? But every one of us is connected by our spiritual ögene poolö to every other creatureí because we have been loved into existence from the heart of God.*

One small kindness by usð an unexpected smile, kind word, polite actionð 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 öfeel lovingö toward strangers, we can form the habit of ödoing loveö 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 **Grandparents 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.



Some important upcoming parish events to put on your calendar:
+ September 14 (Sunday)... Parish Picnic from 2pm to 6pm. Mega 50/50 drawing at 6pm.
+ September 20/21 (Sat/Sun)í Principal celebration of **Catechetical Sunday** at 9am Mass with blessing of catechists 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 feast day at all Masses.

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

God Love You!



**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

TRANSFIGURATION BEGINS ITS 9TH YEAR

It is through change that people and institutions grow, thrive and survive. As we begin our 9th year we are being challenged to implement a new writing assessment program, reflect the Common Core Standards throughout our curriculum, and conform to a new Strategic Plan and model for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Faced with these new programs beginning all at once, the real challenge for Transfiguration Academy is to continue to be a Community of Growth and Faith.

We will continue to foster new growth by supporting one another as we implement the changes demanded by this growth. With the support of our Pastoral Administrator, Msgr. Arnholz and our former co-sponsored parishes, under the pastoral leadership of Fr. David and Fr. Dominic, we will continue to meet and exceed our goals.

We will improve academic excellence, continue to foster Catholic values in an ever changing social and economic environment, and provide extracurricular programs which promote the academic, physical and spiritual growth of our students.

The Transfiguration Faculty will continue to lead by example. Their dedication to our school and our students is further testament that working together great things can be accomplished.

We begin this year asking for God's continued blessings. I cannot remember the author for proper attribution, but I don't think he or she would mind if we begin this new school year remembering "it is God who had begun this good work and it is God who continues to grace and direct this work of Praise, Blessing, Teaching and Preaching."

For those interested in registering, or to arrange a tour of the Academy, please call us at 201-384-3627 or visit us at 10 Bradley Ave. Bergenfield



Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration forms for the 2014-2015 School year were 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 ASAP. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30th. 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.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of Aides and Class Parents for our Religious Education Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

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.

Please Note:

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Wednesday September 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Father Davis Multi-Purpose Room. All Catechists are requested to attend.

The Religious Education office will be open today, Sunday September 7, 2014 from 10 am to 12 Noon for last minute registration. Please note that no registrations will be done on Sunday September 14th or Sunday, September 21st.

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday September 21, 2014 all catechist, parents and students are asked to attend the 9 am Mass where Fr. David will commission the catechist and bless the beginning of our new year as we grow closer to Jesus. There will be a meeting in the Fr. Benedict Center for all Parents and Students following Mass. This is a Mandatory meeting.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon
Closed: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Other times by appointment



**PARISH
FESTIVAL
2014**

Sunday, September 14th
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC
2:00pm to 6:00pm



*"The Home of the Free
Because of the Brave"*



FOOD / BEVERAGES

- Sausage & Peppers
- Pork BBQ on a Stick
- Hamburger / Cheeseburger and Chips
- Hot Dog
- Ice Cream
- Pop Corn
- Water/Soda
- Coffee / Tea
- Beer...by the glass \$3.00

PLEASE BRING A SALAD
OR DESSERT TO SHARE

WRISTBANDS

Wristband...\$6.00 use all day
for Food and Beverages
(EXCEPT BEER)
and all Amusements

WRISTBANDS

\$6.00 Pre-Sale Price
\$8.00 at Picnic

Kids' Amusements
WATER SLIDES
(Bring your bathing suit!)

MUSIC
DANCING

DUNK
TANK

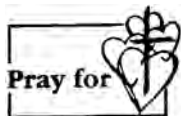
TRAIN
RIDE

NOONWALK

MEGA 50/50
Tickets for Sale
Drawing at 6:00pm

FOOD &
BEVERAGES

DJ



"To everything there is a season..."

"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.

...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
are in loving memory of
William & Elizabeth Morris



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



Sunday, September 7, 2014 * Grandparent's Day

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes
Eastern Europe Collection
Baptism Prep. ó 1:15pm ó Gathering Room

Monday, September 8, 2014

Pastoral Staff Meeting ó 9:00am - Rectory

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.
BS Committee ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room
Combined Choirs ó 8:00pm - Church

Thursday, September 11, 2014

No event

Friday, September 12, 2014

Buildings & Grounds Committee ó 7:30pm
Rectory Meeting Room

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Set-Up for Parish Picnic
Confessions ó 11:00am - Church

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Exultation of the Cross
Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Parish Picnic – 2:00-6:00pm on Parish Grounds
Mega 50/50 Drawing at 6:00pm



**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE RECTORY MEETING ROOM**

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY
Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL

Thursday, September 18, 2014

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (with \$30. rebate). Make your checks payable to: Church of the Ascension, and drop off at the rectory in an envelope marked óAtlantic City Trip.ö Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

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)

- 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: _____

**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.

**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**



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50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit
your "SummerFest 2014 Mega
50/50" Raffle Tickets!
Drawing will take place
Next Sunday, September 14th
At 6:00pm
At our Parish Picnic!



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.



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.