

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2014

5:30 Ignacio & Isabel Mangosing
 7:30 John Foran
 9:00 Marion Pizza
 10:30 Manuel Garcia
 12:00 People of Ascension Parish

Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 Joanne Rovneyko (living)
 8:30 Thomas Meyer

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

7:00 Yolanda & Arthur Castranova
 8:30 John L. Chaffiotte

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

7:00 John Foran
 8:30 Theodore Bates

Thursday, September 18, 2014

7:00 Rose Caruso
 8:30 Margaret Bitetti

Friday, September 19, 2014

7:00 John Foran
 8:30 Lorenzo Ibarrola

Saturday, September 20, 2014

8:30 Michael O'Hara
 5:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2014

7:30 George Murphy
 9:00 People of Ascension Parish
 10:30 John Patrick O'Halloran
 12:00 Anthony Cudina

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



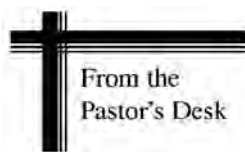
Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, August 31, 2014:	\$7,024.00
Sunday, September 7, 2014:	\$6,184.00
Eastern Europe:	\$1,380.00

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 September 14, 2014

Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a



Today is the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. If you sit down and try to figure that one out, you are going to find yourself in an awful mess. There is no logic to the cross. When we find ourselves in front of a crucifix, often we just stare in silence. We contemplate Jesus on the cross; we ponder, we meditate. As we look at the cross, we don't put on our logical thinking caps and try to figure out what happened. That's a dead end street. Instead, we pray, we meditate, we fall silent.

We are always dealing with crosses in our lives. Often our crosses appear as losses. As we move through life, there are so many times when we have to leave something behind. We lose things - not just our keys, but important things. We lose our youth, our dreams, our health, our friends and families through separation and death; we lose the excitement of the honeymoon stage of our marriages, the enthusiasm of our treasured life projects. So many things have to be left behind as we move on.

And yet, so many times we don't want to leave things behind. We grieve them as if there were no tomorrow. We agonize over our losses, lamenting the fact that life will never be the same. And we are right. Life is never really the same. When we are four years old, life stretches in front of us like a long and winding, beautiful road. But when we are sixty-four, we look back and see that so much had to be left behind. That's when we need to stop thinking logically and move more deeply into the mystery of the Cross and Jesus' defeat over suffering and death. Jesus did not stay on the cross. He was buried and then rose from the dead, and is now our Risen Christ.

✠ On Sunday, September 14th, we celebrate our **Parish Picnic** from 2pm to 6pm. Our theme this year, "**The Home of the Free Because of the Brave**" reminds us that we offer our picnic as a tribute to the military men and women who stand ready to protect our freedoms and the veterans who have served so valiantly. All military personnel are warmly invited to participate. We will also celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner". We will have a raffle for 2 tickets to the "**O'Reilly Factor**" at the Fox Channel in NYC and also raffles for 2 autographed books by Bill O'Reilly, "**Killing Jesus**" and "**Killing Kennedy**". The Mega 50/50 drawing will take place at 6pm. Please make every effort to come and show your love for our country and our parish!

✠ Please remember these upcoming parish events:

✠ September 15 (Monday) Christian Foundations for Ministry program (CFM) YEAR II begins at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. Anyone interested in entering the CFM program, please contact Fr. David.

✠ 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. Pot Luck Supper in the Fr. Benedict Center after the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Please see the flier in the bulletin.

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

God Love You!



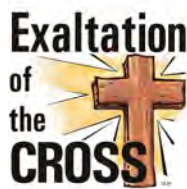
**TRANSFIGURATION
ACADEMY**

**TRANSFIGURATION WELCOMES
NEW FACULTY MEMBERS**

It is always with mixed emotions that we say good-bye to retiring faculty and to those who have moved on. We are sad to see them go, yet happy for them and wish them the best in their retirement or new positions. So it was last year when Mr. and Mrs. Benson announced their retirements, Mr. Ferriero accepted a principal's position in Minnesota, and Ms. Spero and Mr. Clark found new positions.

On the other hand, this provided opportunities for other teachers. Please join me in welcoming the following new faculty members to our professional teaching community:

- Ms. Hyeryun (Angela) Koo - Math/Algebra
 - Mrs. Grace Cornacchia ó Spanish
 - Mr. Mel Joyner - 4th Grade (4J)
 - Mrs. Bontia, who is also certified in Science, will now be teaching Middle School Science.
- We also want to welcome back Mrs. Marguerite Glentz, who will once again teach Art.



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

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.



Calendar:

- Sunday, September 14, 2014 ó Parish Picnic for all from 2 pm to 6 pm
- Sunday, September 21st ó Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9 AM
- Sunday, September 21st ó Mandatory Parent Meeting K- 9th grades at 10:15 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)
- Monday, September 22nd ó 7th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

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 as requested to attend.

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.

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. If your family is not registered please come to or call the Religious Education office during weekday hours.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of 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.

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 ó 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 & Saturday
- Other times by appointment



**PARISH
FESTIVAL
2014**

Ascension Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 14th
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

KID Amusements
WATER SLIDES
(Bring your bathing suit!)

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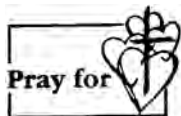
**DUNK
TANK**

**TRAIN
RIDE**

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**FOOD &
BEVERAGES**

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



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."
Andrea Nadine Catibog

"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..."

Grace Mathew, Paul Von Arx, Olga Morgan

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



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 Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by the rectory office if you would like to check date availability.

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your SummerFest 2014 Mega 50/50 Raffle Tickets!
DRAWING SUNDAY, SEPT. 14!

September

Sunday, September 14, 2014

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

Monday, September 15, 2014

CFM ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Woodcrest Center, Communion Service ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Catechist Mtg. ó 7:30pm ó Multi-Purpose Room
Novena ó 7:30pm- Church
BS Troop 291 ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Ctr.
Filipino Core ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Bus departs for Parish Trip to Atlantic City 9:00am
Children's Choir ó 3:45pm ó Church
Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm ó Church

Friday, September 19, 2014

Set up Fr. Benedict Center for
Rel. Ed. Parent/Student Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Confessions ó 11:00am ó Church
Syro-Malabar ó Fr. Benedict Center
Partners in Caring
St. Francis Collection for Animal Shelter

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Catechetical Sunday
Food Pantry Sunday
Commissioning of Catechists at 9:00am Mass
Religious Education Pre-K ó 9
Mandatory Parent Meeting with Fr. David and
Catechists in the Fr. Benedict Center
Baptism ó 1:30pm - Church

BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY

Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:



TAJ MAHAL (Yes it will be open)
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 "Atlantic City Trip." Any questions, please call Marge at (201)265-5675.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: _____



SUNDAY*SEPT 21*NEXT WEEK

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Toothpaste, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Tissues,
- Brown Rice, Sugar, Flour, Beef Stew, Tuna, Pears,
- Pineapple, Apple Sauce, Cranberry Juice.

Your generosity is appreciated

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.



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.

"When I called, You Answered"

Back to School!

September is always a very exciting time throughout our Archdiocese! For many families, September means back to school. Our Catholic School elementary and high schools have opened their doors to over 34,000 young people throughout our four counties. In addition, many of our Religious Education programs in our 219 Parishes are gearing up for their new classes of Catechetical studies. This year, OUR parish has 130 registered for our Religious Education program. It is going to be a great year for the children involved in our catechesis program! In addition, Archdiocesan Campus Ministers on 9 different college campuses throughout the Archdiocese are currently evangelizing thousands of college students, and are working hard to bring the truth and love of the Gospels to these campuses. In addition, we have welcomed 125 Seminarians to Saint Andrew's College Seminary, Mater Dei Seminary, and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

All of these programs could not be achieved without your help. Over \$14.5 million is given by the Archdiocese to Parishes, Catholic Schools, Campus Ministry, and the Seminary for these programs and ministries to operate. The Annual Appeal helps to offset many of these programs and ministries, which are essential to the future of our Faith, and are essential for bringing brothers and sisters into a deep personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The greatest gift we can give is the gift of our Catholic Faith. Without these essential evangelization programs and ministries, it becomes ever more difficult to enrich and grow our Faith.

Thank you to those who have supported the Annual Appeal. These essential programs could not happen without your generosity!



The Service Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who donated school supplies during our School supply drive. The drive, in its second year, was very successful. We were able to provide school supplies to students in need.



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