

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Sunday, June 28, 2015

5:30 John Iuliano, Fiftieth Anniversary
 7:30 Nancy Busacca
 9:00 Norman Mintz
 10:30 Roy Temena
 12:00 Elisa Caparasa, 87th Birthday (living)

Summer Mass Schedule Begins

Monday, June 29, 2015

8:00 People of Ascension Parish

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

8:00 Novena for Father's Day

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

8:00 Christians being killed in the Middle East

Thursday, July 2, 2015

8:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

Friday, July 3, 2015

8:00 Mary & George Noonan

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Memorial Mass

8:30 Celia Sta. Maria
 5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Sunday, July 5, 2015

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
 9:30 Thomas Conti
 11:30 People of Ascension Parish

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

Sunday, June 21, 2015: \$6,725.00
Food Pantry: \$ 925.00

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 June 28, 2015

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
 Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Have you ever heard these words at a funeral? "Well, it was just his (or her) time. God must have wanted him (or her) up in heaven." We might say this in an effort to comfort the suffering, or to make some sense out of an untimely death which simply seems unfair, inappropriate, or wrong.

The reason we think this is death is all of these things! But to comfort someone, why not proclaim boldly as the first reading does today: "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living."

Death was never part of God's perfect plan for the creation. We were made in God's own image never to die. But "Through the devil's envy, death entered the world." So death belongs to the devil, not to God. Death is evil, and it came about through sin - our sin, our choice of evil.

Today, Jesus tries to show us the far bigger picture. Yes, the individual healings are Jesus showing us God's will and power to heal and bring new life; but that is the smaller picture, because even those Jesus heals must still die. The bigger picture is to have faith in Jesus Himself, because: The purpose of His life, death, and rising is to reconnect the universe to God. "Your faith has saved you!"

Jesus' miracles only point to the deeper healing by which Jesus overcomes the devil's envy and the devil's puny power in the world. Jesus, and only Jesus, can reinstate the perfect will of the Creator for the eternal life and wholeness of all creatures.

The Hospice Movement shows us how to grieve our losses - by witnessing to both life and death - sitting, listening, crying, laughing. Above all, let us keep holding on to Jesus' words "Do not fear, only believe."

✠ Our nation's bishops have again requested that we celebrate "**Fortnight for Freedom**" from Sunday, June 21st to Saturday, July 4th. This is a special time of prayer, fasting, education, and witness for a new birth of religious freedom in our beloved country. This Wednesday, July 1st, we will celebrate a Eucharistic Day after our 8:00am Mass. We will conclude with Novena prayers with Benediction at 7:30pm. Let us join together to celebrate our freedom!

✠ This Saturday we celebrate the 239th birthday of the United States of America. We pray that all peoples of our nation may remember and live the principles of equality and justice for all upon which we were founded. May God bless our freedoms and help us to live them responsibly. May God bless the members of our Armed Forces home and abroad and keep them safe in harm's way. Join us around the Lord's Table for Mass on July 4th at 8:30am. Enjoy a blessed and safe July 4th weekend! May God bless America!

✠ Mega 50/50 Tickets have been sent to our parishioners. Please return all sold and unsold books as soon as possible. The drawing will take place at our parish picnic on Sunday, September 13th. On behalf of our Parish Events Committee I invite you to participate in our raffle. With your support of our raffle, what a great prize will be won and what a great profit gained for Ascension Parish!

✠ Please remember we have changed our Mass times for the summer months of July and August:

Summer Mass Schedule
Monday, June 29th to Friday, September 4th
Weekends:
Saturday 8:30am, 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Weekdays:
Monday through Friday: 8am
Holy Days: 7:00am, 8:30am, 7:30pm
Civil Holidays: 8:30am

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

Fr. David



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.



Registration – 2015/2016

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.



PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 5:1)

We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**BUS TRIP – TO ATLANTIC CITY
Saturday, July 25, 2015**



Come Ride with Us To



The Filipino Community of Ascension Church is sponsoring a fundraising trip, leaving Ascension parking lot at 8:45am.

The cost of the trip is \$35.00/per person with casino voucher back of \$15.00. Make your check payable to:

Church of the Ascension For further information, please call Sophie Flores (201) 385-2817



Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms the 2015-2016 School year will be distributed to all students today 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. 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. For returning students Registration forms can be down loaded from the parish website- www.churchoftheascension.com.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

We are in need of **Catechists, Aides and Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2015 & 2016 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.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm & in the Rectory

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment



Thank you to all who gave so generously to last weekend's Food Pantry Collection. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. May God Bless you!

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a **charitable gift annuity**, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at lynchthe@rcan.org.

JUNE 28, 2015



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

2015 Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, June 29th to Friday, September 4th

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

Weekends:

Saturday...5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Rachel Philomena John Manavalan,
Alexandra Jaine Libreja

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Jessie Brown, Robert Barratt, 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
John Iuliano, Fiftieth Anniversary



BREAD and WINE this week
are in loving memory of
John Iuliano, Fiftieth Anniversary

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 or call the rectory office to
check date availability.

DOOR COLLECTION ó The Little Sisters of Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish this weekend, **June 27 and 28, 2015.** The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.



Sunday, June 28, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom

Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses

Monday, June 29, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom

Summer Mass Schedule begins

One Daily Mass at 8:00am

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom-Eucharistic Day 6:00am Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration all day, 7:30pm Novena, Closing of
Eucharistic Day, Benediction

Thursday, July 2, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom

First Friday, July 3, 2015

Fortnight for Freedom

Parish Offices Closed

Communion visits to the homebound



Saturday, July 4, 2015 * Independence Day

Fortnight for Freedom

8:30am Mass

Rectory Closed

Confession ó 11:00am- Church

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Sunday Summer Mass Schedule Begins

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

Monday, July 6, 2015

Independence Day observance

Parish Offices Closed



TO SANDS CASINO

A trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. is planned for Wednesday, July 1st. The bus will leave Ascension's parking lot promptly at 9am. The cost is \$27 with a return of a \$20 slot dollar voucher and a \$5 food voucher. Please make all checks payable to Ascension Church and drop off at the rectory mailbox. For info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the **243** parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$45,325.50** 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 \$53,403.00

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing, like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese



SUMMER

Are you planning and packing for your vacation!!!

School is closed, vacations are scheduled, be sure to include God in your plans. Remember the expenses of the church continue during the vacation months. Please continue to use your envelopes and if you are going away, please put in your envelope the week before or the week your return.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

SUMMER VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

We are looking for motivated individuals, especially students looking for service hours, 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 if you are willing to share your Time & Talent with your parish.
ascension@optonline.net. 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.



THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD & MONDAY, JULY 6TH, 2015

SPECTACULAR FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3 day trip to the Adirondacks from September 30th to October 2, 2015. The price of the trip is \$459 per person double occ./\$598 single. And includes 2 nights lodging at the Turning Stone Casino Resort, 2 breakfasts, 2-\$15 meal Coupons for dinner, Adirondack Scenic Railroad Ride into the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. After lunch on your own board the Old Forge Boat for a Cruise on the Fulton Chain of Lakes, wine tasting at Villa Verona Vineyard, National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, 2-\$40 Casino Free Play vouchers, bus transportation, luggage handling, all taxes and standard gratuities. \$100 per person deposit is due by July 15th. For info. And reservations, call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Make all checks payable to Ascension Church, mail to 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ 07646 or drop off at rectory mailbox. **PLEASE MARK FALL TRIP ON ENVELOPE** Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

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: _____



New Milford High School Class of 1975 40th Reunion

October 10, 2015
 7-11PM * Biagio's
 299 Paramus Rd., Paramus
 \$87 per person

For information Call Phyllis Piro Adams (201) 446-0318



Please patronize our advertisers. They help us GROW.

**Please remember to patronize,
 ROMAN PIZZA & RESTAURANT
 201-265-9371
 CHECK OUT 15% OFF COUPON IN BULLETIN
 who help make this bulletin possible**