

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**



**Saturday, August 29, 2015**

5:30 Graciela Garcia

**Sunday, August 30, 2015**

7:30 People of Ascension Parish

9:30 Cathy Trimarchi

11:30 Theresa Feigle-Lacey

**Monday, August 31, 2015**

8:00 Victoria Palladino

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

8:00 Antonio Cruz

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

8:00 Shelia O'Donnell

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

8:00 William Morris

**Friday, September 4, 2015**

8:00 Manuel Flores

**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

**Memorial Mass**

8:30 Mary Arana

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Duarte

10:30 People of Ascension Parish

12:00 Alloro & Bitetti Families

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
*WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

**Sunday, August 23, 2015: \$5,753.50**

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 30, 2015**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



In the early years, the Marx Brothers travelled a lot. Groucho recalled, "Since we were a kid act, we traveled at half-fare, despite the fact that we were all around twenty. But our mother, Minnie, insisted to everyone that we were thirteen." One day the train conductor came up to Minnie, looking somber. "Ma'am, that kid of yours is in the dining car smoking a cigar. The other is in the washroom shaving." Minnie tried to look sad as she sighed, "They grow up so fast!"

We all get a kick out of a simple deception like that, don't we? But Jesus is troubled by the deeper deception he finds in the Pharisees today - they were in self-deception, which is a real game-ender in the spiritual life. Today, children are taught to say, "I have a right to my opinion," and people think their opinions are right. Talk shows glorify the opinions of people who may have no knowledge of a subject - just loud opinions. The problem is that, in a culture where opinion is baptized as truth, it is very easy to deceive ourselves simply by believing our opinions. One man convinced himself he was worshipping God properly, by going diving every Sunday. He pulled away from his church community, and was receiving no nourishment to feed his soul - but he would stubbornly fight anyone who suggested he come back to church.

We can spiral into unhealthy or sinful ways when we think we can commune with God all on our own terms. Notice how people avoid talking to someone they think might try to correct them - even if that is exactly what they really need. Keep connected to your roots: your church tradition is a lifeline of faith and spiritual food!

✠ This weekend Fr. Tom Bouterie, from Food for the Poor, will be at Ascension and speak at all Masses on behalf of their missionary ministry. (More details are included within the bulletin.) We will take up a second collection to help support this missionary work. Let us give Fr. Tom a warm Ascension welcome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generous stewardship.

✠ *Italian Treasures* await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory office for complete information.

✠ Sundays after all Masses, volunteers will be in the front vestibule of the church selling tickets for our 2015 Mega 50/50 Raffle. You may return your sold and unsold books at this time and get more if you need them.

✠ Thank you to **ALL** who worked so hard to make our parish's **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Queenship of Mary** such a beautiful tribute to our Blessed Mother through the liturgy and fiesta. Thank you, too, to all who participated by your presence. What labors of love by all!

- ✠ Some important upcoming parish events:
- + September 5 (Saturday) - Parish Pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Birthday.
  - + September 13 (Sunday) - Parish Picnic from 2pm to 6pm.
  - + September 20 (Sunday) - Parish celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 9am Mass followed by Rel Ed (Pre-K to 6) classes at 10:15am.
  - + September 20 (Sunday)... - Back to School Meeting for Parents and Students of our Religious Education Program (K-9) at 10:15am in the Fr. Benedict Center.
  - + September 27 (Sunday) - Parish celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday at 12:00 Noon Mass followed by light refreshments in the Fr. Benedict Center.

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



## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

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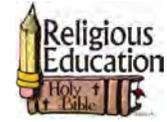
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  - John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth
  - National Young Leadership Conference
  - NJ "Future City" engineering competition
  - Bergen Science Challenge

Registration is taking place for all grades. For more information or to arrange a tour of the school:

- call 201-384-3627
- visit our website: [www.transfigurationacademy.org](http://www.transfigurationacademy.org)
- follow us on Facebook



### Registration for 2015-2016:

Registration forms for the 2015-2016 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 30, 2015. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office located in the Rectory and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085. For returning students Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website- [www.churchoftheascension.com](http://www.churchoftheascension.com)

**The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 13, 2015 for last minute registration from 10 am til 12 Noon.** All registered families will get their letter the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm  
Other times by appointment  
Closed; Thursday & Saturday

## 50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your "SummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50" Raffle Tickets before you leave on vacation!

## DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension is looking for new choir members. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our three choirs: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, or Children's Choir. No audition required. To sign up or receive further information, please contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or call or text him at (917)-414-2697.



Thank you to all who served and to those who donated desserts for 120 guests at the recent Hackensack Walk-In dinner. Your help and contributions are always greatly appreciated by all. Our next date is October 1, 2015.

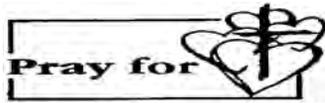
## SUMMER VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

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](mailto:ascension@optonline.net). Thank you.

***Our prayerful thanks to the following who generously supported 2015 Queenship of Mary Celebration!***

*Abalos, Remedios & Onofre*  
*Abanilla, Getulio & Zaida*  
*Abuedo, Ramuel & Rizalina*  
*Aglipay, Renato & Cirila*  
*Alfeche, Elmer & Ailien*  
*Alvarez, Redentor*  
*Amar, Rogelio & Mary Joe*  
*Andal, Randy*  
*Aranas, Arnold & Family*  
*Armedilla, Edmundo & Epifani*  
*Balderrama, Alex & Ofelia*  
*Balingit, Mike & Araceli*  
*Batac, Tony & Grace*  
*Bollozos, Rex & Ofelia*  
*Cabreza, Antonette*  
*Cabrera, Leonora*  
*Cabrera, Mark & Jennifer*  
*Calderon, Hermino & Belinda*  
*Canlas, Emil & Margarita*  
*Canlas, Gerardo & Maristella*  
*Capistranosangala, Merlita*  
*Caringal, Velma*  
*Casal, Perlita*  
*Catral, Jay & Gail*  
*Contreras, Nazario & Gloria*  
*Coronel, Leopold & Angelita*  
*Cortez, Anthony & Cecile*  
*Cristi, Elnora*  
*Cruz, Praxy & Conrado*  
*Dayday Family*  
*Dayday, Josefina*  
*DeJesus, Vincent & Grace*  
*Dela Fuente, Danilo & Alice*  
*Dela Rosa, Teresa*  
*Delgado, Ron & Beth*  
*Desamparado Family*  
*Develleres, Maria*  
*Dimaculi, Luz*  
*Esquioja, Gerardo & Rebecca*  
*Fabila, Luz*  
*Fineza, Maria*  
*Flores, Eduardo & Sofonia*  
*Flores, Julius & Marissa*

*Foster, Michael & Maria*  
*Fuentes, Francois & Edna*  
*Genuino, Ed & Letty*  
*Guce, Gener & Maria*  
*Habana, Percy & Linda*  
*Hilario, Alfredo*  
*Ibe, Charlemagne & Marivic*  
*Javier, Nelson & Amelia*  
*Lazaro, Frank & Hedy*  
*Libanan, Daniel & Lilimay*  
*Lozada, Reynaldo & Cleotilde*  
*Magbiro, Emelita*  
*Magdadaro, Rex & Donabella*  
*Marcon Family*  
*Martin, Ben & Nenita*  
*Mintz, Amelita*  
*Mui, Timothy & Maria*  
*Ngojo, Gallardo & Cathrine*  
*Opena, Janice*  
*Orquiza, Janet & Obdulio*  
*Patio, Gloria*  
*Perez, Vic & Purita*  
*Planillo, Cornelia & Joe*  
*Ponciano, Raul & Guada*  
*Pontejos, Corazon*  
*Real Family*  
*Reyes, Isagani & Rosa*  
*Ruiz, Araceli*  
*Salazar, Jon & Paulette*  
*Sta. Maria, Sal & Armanda*  
*Sta. Maria, Sally & Manuel*  
*Santiago, Benny & Sally*  
*Songcayanon, Flor & Crispin*  
*Suarez, Richard & Grace*  
*Tababan, Lydia*  
*Tagle, Joe*  
*Te, Arnanda*  
*Toriano, Felipe & Ines*  
*Trinidad, Manuel*  
*Tuason, Manny & Materesa*  
*Tuazon, Marlon & Maria*  
*Uriarte, Romy & Grace*  
*Vidal, Esther*



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

*"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, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, 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



**Sunday, August 30, 2015**

Food For The Poor Appeal at all weekend Masses  
Summer Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am  
50/50 Ticket Sales at all Masses

**Monday, August 31, 2015**

No events

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

Woodcrest Center, Mass ó 2:30pm

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church  
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

No events

**First Friday, September 4, 2015**

Communion Visits to homebound

**First Saturday, September 5, 2015**

Confession ó 11:00am- Church  
Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary to Washington, NJ

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

Eastern Europe Collection  
Regular Mass Schedule Resumes  
7:30\*9:00\*10:30\*12:00

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION**

[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)

***BUS TRIP.....TO ATLANTIC CITY***

*Ascension is sponsoring a trip to:*



***TAJ MAHAL***

***Monday, September 21, 2015***

The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 9:30am. Tickets are available for \$27.00/per person (rebate of \$30.00). 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.



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**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 availability.

**PART-TIME POSITION  
YOUTH MINISTER**

Saint Joseph Parish in Oradell/New Milford is looking for a qualified individual to serve as a part-time Youth Minister in our high school youth ministry. A candidate must be a practicing Catholic, over 21 years of age, a college graduate, and have experience working with young people from 13-18 years of age. Good organizational skills and a passion to involve young people in sharing their unique gifts with the larger community are essential.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to **Fr. Andrew Park**, Saint Joseph Church, 105 Harrison Street, New Milford, NJ 07646.



**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

Thank you to the 257 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$46,880.50 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing), like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

This weekend we welcome Rev. Thomas R. Bouterie who will speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Bouterie will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr Bouterie was ordained in 1980. Please join in welcoming Father Bouterie.



**On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> our Parish Picnic \* Honoring Grandparent's** will be held from at 2:00-6:00pm on the church grounds. Many hands are needed to make this day a success. If you would like to help, please come to a meeting on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.**

**Stewardship, what a wonderful way to share of your time and talents in support of your parish.**

**SUMMER Vacation**

**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.

**HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!**

**2016 MASS BOOK**

**WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM 9:00AM-12 NOON IN THE RECTORY OFFICE**

- \*Request are to be printed clearly using the Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office)
- \*Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis
- \*No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- \*One Form per person

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 always for the intentions of the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish. In addition, one Sunday Mass per weekend is offered for the Parishioners of Ascension Parish. The 8:30am Mass on the First Saturday of the month is always available as a Memorial Mass for persons who have recently died.

Please note that the Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners. We will adhere to the following: Two first names with the same last name (i.e. John and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Smith and Jones Families) will be allowed per intention.

Those who are homebound or unable to visit the office may mail-in or give completed forms with payments to another person to drop-off to office. These requests will be processed starting September 21st.

**SPECTACULAR FALL FOLIAGE TOUR**

Our Parish is sponsoring a 3 day trip to the Adirondacks from September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 required to hold your reservation. 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. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

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