

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2015

- 5:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
- 9:00 Julie & Phil Carbone
- 10:30 Kathleen Maurer
- 12:00 Buckley & Mullane Families

Monday, September 21, 2015

- 7:00 Saul Ripoll
- 8:40 Agnes Mohan

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

- 7:00 Hannah G. Moat
- 8:30 Frank Pucher, healing

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

- 7:00 Thomas Olsomer
- 8:30 Agnes Kelly

Thursday, September 24, 2015

- 7:00 Thomas Olsomer
- 8:30 Lucy Sabino

Friday, September 25, 2015

- 7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
- 8:30 Gregory Poli

Saturday, September 26, 2015

- 8:30 James Felischhouer
- 5:30 Peggy Evans, healing

Sunday, September 27, 2015

- 7:30 People of Ascension Parish
- 9:00 Aldo Biscottini
- 10:30 Macaria & Archimedes Antolin
- 12:00 Gregory Poli

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

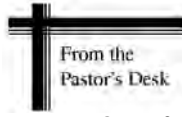
Ascension Parish is supported by people
who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, September 13, 2015: \$6,272.50
Maintenance & Repairs: \$3,150.00

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 20, 2015

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:166
 4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/
 Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-
 45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



One of the worst effects of the slump in the economy is that with layoffs, some workers now have double or triple the workload they used to have. Managers are under extreme pressure to make profits. A workplace is like a laboratory, where the world teaches us how to use power. But it's the opposite of how Jesus tells us to use power: Look. Listen. Learn. The greatest will be the one who is the servant to everyone else. Welcome the little child in your midst.

How can we welcome the children in our midst? Abortion is no welcome for a baby; it is a death sentence. We are to work to create whatever alternatives can help a mother-to-be so that she doesn't feel she has to choose death for her child. This is a mind-set that says we WILL find a solution rather than choose a deadly extreme.

God has planted a childlike newness deep within us. We must restore our little child's receptivity, our willingness to open our hearts to others.

✠ I take this opportunity to thank our Parish Grandparents Day Picnic Committee Chairperson, Brendan Suter and our Picnic Staff all the up-front and the behind-the-scenes workers who gave of themselves so tirelessly on the various committees: Set-up, Food, Beverage, DJ, Ticket Sellers, Games/Amusements, First Aid, and Clean-up. We also extend our gratitude to **Coca-Cola Co.** for their donation of soda and water and **The Bakery** in Bergenfield, for their donation of rolls for our sausage and pepper sandwiches. Our celebration of Parish was filled with food and fun and entertainment and even a photo opportunity with Pope Francis! Thank you, parishioners, who came out to celebrate parish. All of you make me so very proud to be your pastor. Together may we continue to inspire each other by our good stewardship of our faith in action and be proud to be the Ascension Parish Family!

✠ Congratulations to our parishioner, Krizia Amar, the winner of our SummerFest 2015 Mega 50/50. Thank you to all who participated and helped to increase our Parish Capital Improvements Fund. Again, special thanks to all who participated in our **Parish Mega 50/50.**

✠ As we celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**, let me take this opportunity, on behalf of all in this parish, to recognize and thank our parish catechists who give of themselves so generously and unselfishly in this most important work of bringing the good news of Jesus to others. These include those who work with our children as teachers, substitutes, and aides, those who work with our baptism and marriage preparation programs, RCIA, Small Christian Communities, Open our Hearts Lenten Groups, CFM, and the Ministry of the Word.

✠ Religious Education classes will be starting this week. Please check the bulletin for the times of the class sessions. Also, now that Religious Education classes have begun, please be extra careful driving on the church and school grounds.

✠ Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be visiting the United States from Tuesday, September 22 through Sunday, September 27. We will offer cable coverage of the Pope's visit via TeleCare TV and EWTN in the church and in our Gathering Room. We will even have some refreshments to share. Come and join us for these historic events.

✠ On Sunday, September 27th our Parish will celebrate **San Lorenzo Ruiz's feastday** at 12:00 Noon Mass. Please join us as we celebrate the life of Lorenzo Ruiz, who was a family man, a catechist, a missionary, helper of immigrants, the sick, and those with any adversity in life, and above all, a martyr of our faith. We are inspired by his brave words of martyrdom on September 20, 1673 in Nagasaki, Japan, "I am Filipino and a Christian. I would rather die a thousand deaths than renounce my faith!" San Lorenzo and companion martyrs, pray for us.

✠ **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers Lectors, we are working on the ministry schedule for October through Advent (December 20th).** If you have dates you will not be available for ministry, please submit them to Fr. David TODAY. The schedule will be out next weekend. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy after Mass.

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

Fr. David



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News

The faculty, staff and students of Transfiguration Academy thank all for their prayerful support on the passing of our 2nd grade teacher, Brett Patton. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Back-to-School Night will take place on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM.

The Home and School Association is sponsoring a social for all new parents on Friday, September 25 at 6:00 PM.

Help Wanted: a cook is needed for our school lunch program, 5 days a week from 10 to 1:30. Please see Ms. Tina Dube in the cafeteria any school day for more information.



TODAY IS SUNDAY

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

Thanks

“To the Ascension Family:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Bouterie on our recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food For The Poor Family”



Calendar:

Sunday, September 20th ó Catechetical Sunday Mass at 9 AM
Sunday, September 20th ó Mandatory Parent Meeting K- 9th grades at 10:15 am in Fr. Benedict Center (SCH)

Monday, September 21st ó 8th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)

Sunday, September 27th - K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. It is important that all students are on time for class.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp



Volunteers Needed:

Ä We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in 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

Ä 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



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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- **4:00 p.m.** Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- **9:15 a.m.** Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
- **11:30 a.m.** Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
- **4:15 p.m.** Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NYC)

- **9:20 a.m.** Address to Joint Meeting of the U.S. Congress
- **11:15 a.m.** Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- **4:00 p.m.** Depart from Joint Base Andrews
- **5:00 p.m.** Arrival at JFK International Airport
- **6:45 p.m.** Evening Prayer at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 (NYC)

- **8:30 a.m.** Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- **11:30 a.m.** Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- **4:00 p.m.** Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- **6:00 p.m.** Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 (NYC, PHILADELPHIA)

- **8:40 a.m.** Departure from JFK International Airport
- **9:30 a.m.** Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
- **10:30 a.m.** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- **4:45 p.m.** Visit to Independence Mall
- **7:30 p.m.** Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

- **9:15 a.m.** Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- **11:00 a.m.** Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- **4:00 p.m.** Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- **7:00 p.m.** Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
- **8:00 p.m.** Departure for Rome

PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
You have made us Your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May Your grace and love
help our families in every part of the world
be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek Your truth and live in Your love.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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, Don Evans,
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



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 or call the rectory office to check 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: _____



Sunday, September 20, 2015

Catechetical Sunday
 Food Pantry Sunday
 Pet Supplies Collection
 Commissioning of Catechists at 9:00am Mass
 Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
 Mandatory Parent Meeting ó Father Benedict Ctr.
 Baptism ó 1:30pm ó Church

Monday, September 21, 2015

Bus departs for Atlantic City Parish Trip at 9:30am
 Religious Education, Grade 8 ó 7:00pm - School

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm
 Parish Lectors Meeting ó 7:30pm ó Church

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Harrison House
 Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
 Contemporary Choir ó 8:00pm - Church
 Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
 Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Ministry of Service ó 7:00pm ó Gathering Room
 Traditional Choir ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, September 25, 2015

No event

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Confession ó 11:00am- Church
 Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Pet Supplies Collection
 Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-9
 Noon Mass, Celebration of San Lorenzo Ruiz



**PARISH LECTORS' MEETING
 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
 7:30PM IN THE CHURCH**

**MINISTRY OF SERVICE MEETING
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
 7:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM**



**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 262 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at **\$47,320.50** pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

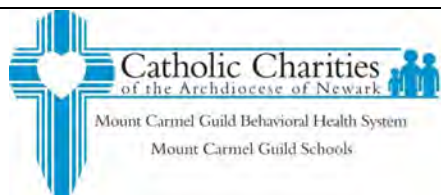
This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHESACRAMENT.COM

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Open House Sunday October 4th

St. Joseph Council #3814 Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Recruitment Event with a Continental Breakfast Open House on Sunday October 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall 199 River Road, New Milford after all the masses. Prospective members and their families are invited as well as members wishing to re-connect with the Council. For those unable to attend Prospect Cards will be provided at the doors of the Church. These can be filled out and dropped in a basket that will be located near the entrance of the Church. The breakfast is free of charge. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal and charitable organization with over 1.8 million members worldwide. Members must be practicing Catholic men ages 18 and above.



September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation.

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities?

Drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

Thank you.

2016 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

**MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN
 FROM 2:00PM TO 3:30PM FOR THE MONTH OF
 SEPTEMBER AT THE RECTORY OFFICE**

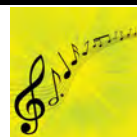
*Request are to be printed clearly using the Parish Form (please pick up in Rectory Office)

*No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail

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.



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.



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