

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Summer Mass Schedule

Sunday, June 26, 2016

5:30 John Iuliano
7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Mary Buckley

Monday, June 27, 2016

8:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

8:00 Nancy Busacca

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

8:00 Melvin & Dorothy Evnas

Thursday, June 30, 2016

8:00 Fernando Fernandez

First Friday, July 1, 2016

8:00 Mary & George Schaeffer

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Memorial Mass

8:30 Phyllis Follety
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Summer Mass Schedule

Sunday, July 3, 2016

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 Jack Wall
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.

June 21, 2015:	\$6,725.00
June 19, 2016:	\$6,154.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 721.00

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Readings for Sunday, July 3, 2016

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
or 10:1-9



What made Jesus the most amazing example of freedom who ever lived was his single-mindedness in following God. On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus meets individuals who want more, who say they want to follow him. In each case, Jesus accepts them, and challenges them to join him. And in each case, there is some distraction present, some way that the person simply will not focus on centering their life on God.

Is that surprising? In 2016, we actually look for distractions—hours of TV, parties, shopping, shopping, more shopping. We're in withdrawal if we're away from our iPhones, iPads, and computers for an hour. Single-minded doesn't mean narrow-minded. To follow God means to invite God to become our center. Let yourself feel the desire to be centered—which is the desire for God. Look at a yoga class. Some people are sitting with their hands peacefully folded, eyes closed, letting go of rigidity while others are fidgeting, letting every thought pull them around—the grocery list, gas bill, boyfriend.

Do you call yourself a believer? Then your whole life has to show it. Some things about you have to look very different from the life of a non-believer. Maybe churches haven't been holding any of us to a high enough standard! What we are talking about is utterly life-reversing.

You have the freedom to choose all of God's ways—but as Jesus asks, do you have the single-mindedness? For once, let's clear away all the distractions, and picture yourself free and single-minded, plowing a furrow alongside Jesus, heading straight to God's presence.

✠ Our nation's bishops have again requested that we celebrate "**Fortnight for Freedom**" from Friday, June 21st to Monday, July 4th. This is a special time of prayer, fasting, education, and witness to address many current challenges to religious liberty. It is a time for a new birth of religious freedom in our beloved country. "Religious freedom protects more than the freedom to worship on Sunday; it also protects our ability to live out our faith the other six days of the week."

Let us join together to celebrate and pray for our freedom!

✠ With the change to our summer mass schedule the church will remain open until 3:00pm Monday thru Friday.

✠ This week Fr. Manickam Antonydoss, a priest coming to us from South India, will join our pastoral staff for July and August. Let us give Fr. Manickam our usual warm welcome to Ascension! We are certainly glad to have him with us.

✠ **Summer is here!!! A thought concerning Summer attire in church:** *Adore the Lord in holy attire*" (Psalm 96:9; Ps 29:2)

Clothes say something about what we think, what we value. They also influence how we behave and feel. That our culture has become so casual about everything says something about us. I cannot exactly articulate it but it seems to say, "nothing is really all that important." But that is not true.

Going to God's house IS important. Being ministered to by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is astounding. Our clothing and demeanor ought to reflect this truth. Please, use your good judgment.

A thought concerning Summer contributions:

Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, the 4th of July 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. What better time than the summer to consider how **ParishPay** consistently sustains parishioner support the whole year?

Electronic giving helps parishioners give consistently with the peace of mind knowing that they are doing their part to support their parish and its ministries. Why not consider enrolling in electronic giving this week? Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News



Summer Hours: Beginning Monday, June 20, the school office will be open Monday ó Friday from 10:00 AM ó 2:00 PM

Registration is Ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. **For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.

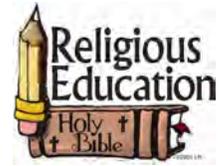


Eucharistic Ministers/Pastoral Visitors

The Department of Pastoral Care at Hackensack University Medical Center is in great need of Eucharistic Ministers/Pastoral Visitors to bring Holy Communion and visit our patients.

If you feel called to this wonderful ministry, to bring Jesus and your own presence into the rooms of the sick, please contact:

Rev. David Armstrong at 551-996-2345.



Registration for 2016-2017:

Registration forms the 2016-2017 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 office before June 30th. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. 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.

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



Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 1st & 3rd Grade program. Our 1st & 3rd grades meet on Sunday Mornings anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- 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

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

PARISH PICTURES WANTED!!

Do you have pictures of parish events that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? If yes please transfer them onto a flash-drive and give it to Father David or drop it off at the parish office. We can then show the pictures on the monitor in the vestibule of the church for all to enjoy! Pictures of Special Events, Sacraments, Holy Day and Liturgical Celebrations are welcome. Thank you for sharing your Stewardship of talent with us!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

*2016 Summer
Mass Schedule*

Sunday, June 26th to Sunday, 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..."

**Mateo Channing Villacarlos
Carlos Miguel Cabreza**

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Dœufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis,
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.

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



**SANCTUARY CANDLE
BREAD AND WINE &
ALTAR FLOWERS**

**For the Week are offered for
Rev. Ernesto Tibay
In Celebration of his
Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination
From Our Ascension Parish Family**



Sunday, June 26, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Summer Mass Schedule Begins
7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am**

CFM Graduation at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica

Monday, June 27, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Summer Mass Schedule Begins
One Daily Mass at 8:00am**

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm**

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church**

Thursday, June 30, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
No events**

First Friday, July 1, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Communion visits to homebound**

Saturday, July 2, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Confession ó 11:00am - Church**

Sunday, July 3, 2016

**Fortnight for Freedom
Parish Maintenance & Repairs
Summer Mass Schedule
7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am**



Monday, July 4, 2016, Independence Day

**Fortnight for Freedom
Mass at 8:30am
Parish Offices Closed**

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

**Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm
Baptism Prep ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room**

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Thursday, July 7, 2016

No events

Friday, July 8, 2016

No events

Saturday, July 9, 2016

**Confession, 11:00am ó Church
Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses**

Thanks

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!

**AVAILABILITY
SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD &
WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50.
each basket) for the week. Please stop by or call
the rectory office to check availability.**

WE ARE LIVING STONES

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

Our Parish Goal: \$592,239.00
Number of Pledges to date: 157
Our Pledges to date: \$280,861.43
Amount received to date: \$59,526.24

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- *Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- *Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- *Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- *Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.

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 18, 2016

Every year our parish family gathers together for a day of fun, food and friendship. Please consider sharing your time and talent for this special event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Yes, I would like to help out please contact me:

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

(Please print & return to parish office. Thank You!)

POSITION AVAILABLE: SCHOOL NURSE

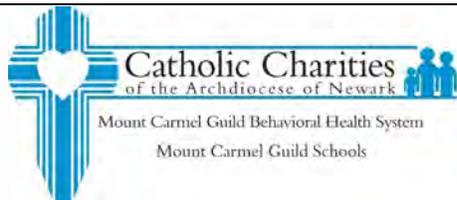
Saint Joseph School in Oradell has a September opening for the position of school nurse. Hours are from 9:30am-2:30pm daily, Monday through Friday, when school is in session. For salary information and a summary of qualifications, please contact Mrs. Vail, school principal, via e-mail at vailc@sjsusa.org. Ideal part-time job for a parent with school age children or energetic retiree! A current License and school nurse certification is required.



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!



Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
 Mount Carmel Guild Schools

June is traditionally the time for graduation. Each graduate represents an accomplishment in academic achievement. For many people, however, providing the next meal is an “achievement” due to living in poverty. Please donate any unwanted clothing small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books) to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on parish grounds. The proceeds help Catholic Charities in their work with the poor. Thank you.



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