

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Summer Mass Schedule Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2016

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 Maria Luisa Gutierrez
11:30 Henry Parow

Monday, July 11, 2016

8:00 Jack Dizon

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

8:00 Pascal & Amy Lobo

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

8:00 Lilia Blanco

Thursday, July 14, 2016

8:00 Dorothy & Thomas Meyer

Friday, July 15, 2016

8:00 Dona Viduya, Thanksgiving

Saturday, July 16, 2016

8:30 Marcelino Miranda
5:30 People of Ascension Parish

Summer Mass Schedule

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2016

7:30 Agripina Gervo
9:30 Dong T. Vo
11:30 Joseph Curtis Cronin, First Anniv.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

June 28, 2015:	\$5,051.00
July 3, 2016:	\$4,781.00
Maintenance & Repairs:	\$2,561.00

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 17, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



This gospel is supposed to hit us in the gut but I have a feeling we've all heard it so many times, it may have lost its punch. But it's obvious when the lawyer asks, "And just who is my neighbor?" he is trying to justify his own behavior and bias. Like most of us, he has probably been kind enough to his social equals, other lawyers and Pharisees who think like him, his well-respected friends who live what appear to be morally similar lives.

But Jesus is aware that even religious leaders just like us, in our own time may disrespect, even secretly hate, those who are unrelated by blood, or belong to a different political group, religion, or race. That is why Jesus, a Jew, uses the despised Samaritan, their hated enemy as the hero of the story to show God's chosen people how to have a human heart. And this lesson is just as much for us. "Now," Jesus says, "you want to know who your neighbor is? Just look around who's asking for your help? And where is eternal life? It only comes to the one who shows mercy, who does the decent and compassionate thing, who gives of themselves, who is generous.

Jesus is hoping we choose to invest on behalf of those who have no claim upon us. (The Samaritan) used his oil, his wine, his beast, his money, and he signed a blank check on behalf of a nameless stranger, an investment he had no chance of recovering. (W. Brueggemann)

Let us, like the Good Samaritan, invest in those who cannot repay our love in Jesus' name.

✘ This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us asking our help in their ministry. They will be at the doors of the church for your donations.

✘ 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. Casual attire in these circumstances is simply inappropriate if we really think about what we are doing, where we are going and who it is we will meet. It does not necessarily follow that we must wear tuxedos and formal gowns. But decent semi-formal attire seems wholly appropriate.

Sunday is special; God's House is special. Some things really ARE important and 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!

Fr. David



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.**

FREE CONCERT

St. Anthony's Parish (Northvale) is offering its 14th annual "Music for a Summer Night." This year's concert, entitled "Songs from the Greatest Generation, WWII," begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 16th, in the Church. Admission is free.

Giving back to your parents with a Charitable Gift Annuity

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your aging parents that would guarantee income for life? Consider opening up a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese of Newark. A charitable gift annuity can provide payments with direct deposit to your aging parents now and a gift to their parish later, all while providing you with both piece of mind and an income tax deduction. If you would like information on this unique gift, please contact Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.



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:

- 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.
- 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

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646

Office of the Pastor

Summer, 2016

Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Over 60 years of Faith and Service!

Christian Foundations for Ministry (CFM) program, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, is a three year course of studies which meets eight weeks in the Fall, Winter and Spring:

Year I: Fall... Old Testament	Winter... New Testament	Spring... Sacraments
Year II: Fall... Church/Discipleship	Winter... Liturgical Year	Spring: Morality
Year III: Fall: Church History	Winter... Evangelization	Spring: Collaborative Ministry

CFM helps Catholic adults recognize their Baptismal call to exercise their stewardship of time and talent in service to Christ's Church and to the world. It is designed for catechists, liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, music ministers), social concerns ministers, parish committee members, new parishioners, the newly-initiated who have completed the RCIA process, and any parishioner searching for a role in parish ministry.

There is a \$50.00 fee per course.

Won't you seriously consider becoming a part of the Christian Foundations for Ministry Program? Starting on September 12, YEAR I of CFM will be offered on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 PM in our Parish.

To register or for further information, please contact Father David at 201-836-8961 or complete the form below and return it to Father David.

Sincerely,

Fr. David

Rev. David W. Milliken



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (CFM)



Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

_____ I would like to register for Year I of CFM. _____ I would like further information about CFM.

Rectory: 256 Azalea Drive Telephone: (201) 836-8961 FAX: (201) 836-5896

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Dæufemia, 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, Elnora Gordon, 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

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.



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!



Sunday, July 10, 2016

Little Sisters of the Poor at all weekend Masses
Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Monday, July 11, 2016

No events

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Thursday, July 14, 2016

No events

Friday, July 15, 2016

No events

Saturday, July 16, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

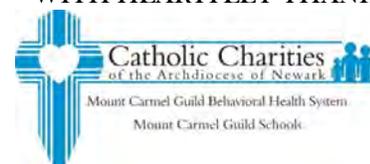
Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church

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. 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.

ACCOUNTABILITY
WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received \$1,292 as a result of your clothing donations from December 1st, 2015 to May 31st, 2016. These funds, combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese, alleviated the sufferings of the needy who sought relief through the many operations of Catholic Charities. In light of this, we are pleased to report that during the same period of December to May, we distributed 81,286 pounds of food to 12,801 families in the Archdiocese. Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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: 158
Our Pledges to date: \$280,936.43
Amount received to date: \$62,820.32

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: _____



**Please remember to patronize,
 LACEY Construction
 201-261-1561
 who help make this bulletin possible**



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!)

50/50 RAFFLE

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



**SUMMER
 Vacation**

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HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!