

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass for the Intentions *Week*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

5:30 Charles & Margaret Alloro
7:30 Lavonne Seifert
9:30 People of Ascension Parish
11:30 Florencia Dolotina

Monday, August 1, 2016

8:00 Irene Noonan

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

8:00 Pio Balagot (L)

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

8:00 Graciela Garcia

Thursday, August 4, 2016

8:00 Aurora & Angel Nicolasora

Friday, August 5, 2016

8:00 Mark Habana, Birthday (L)

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Memorial Mass

8:30 Consuelo Mendoza
5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

7:30 Steven LePage
9:30 Mary Cucco
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.

July 26, 2015: \$6,411.50
July 24, 2016: \$5,509.00

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

Readings for Sunday, August 7, 2016

**Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**

FROM THE PASTOR

A wise rabbi once taught a lesson by comparing a window to a mirror. When you look through the window, you see other people, life around you. When you look in a mirror, you see only yourself. The only difference is that as soon as silver is added, you can only see yourself.

Money, silver, objects, shopping – the spirit that's always wanting more – it seems to possess us these days. People camp outside stores for days to get the newest iPhone. Gadgets make you so cool that even the poorest may not have enough food, but they must have cell phones. The question to ask ourselves is, what is our relationship to what we have?

Do I keep shopping, and clinging to my possessions? Does what I buy really enhance my life AND the lives of others? Do my purchases help me become more generous, more compassionate in sharing what I own? Or do I stay a teenager forever, hoarding my piggybank for my own little desires?

One woman has decided to balance her buying this way: whatever she spends on a fun or expensive purchase, she gives that identical amount of money to the local homeless shelter.

Today, Jesus is trying to teach this lesson to his listeners: We should enjoy and love what is of beauty and goodness. But look beyond ourselves, and look beyond this world. The rich fool in the gospel was clearly self-centered. Let us try to make our attitudes truly Christian: When goods and money come into our hands, let's think of giving some of it away. Instead of seeking happiness by piling up and hoarding, experience joy by giving something away.

✠ We all can appreciate giving of our time and sharing our faith. I ask for your assistance in becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** or **Lector** at Mass or volunteering your time every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 to **lead the rosary** with the residents of Woodcrest Center in New Milford. If you would be interested in one of these ministries, please see me or contact the rectory office.

✠ I know it's early, but I hope all of **our young men and women who will be going off to college**, and their families will put this on their calendar. We invite you to join us on Sunday, August 14th, at the 11:30am Mass, when we will give you a special blessing for God's guidance and protection, especially during this coming school year. Please join us.

✠ We invite you to contribute school supplies for the children of our food pantry clients and for the children of our area schools. A Collection Box is located in the front vestibule of the church.

✠ Thank you to those parishioners who stay after Mass and tidy the church pews. We ask others to volunteer to stay after Mass and neaten the pews. It takes only about five minutes. Further, please consider those who will be at Mass after you and make sure you replace the hymnals in the racks and clean up after yourselves. Please, help to keep God's house neat and clean.

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.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Starting at the end of July, the Service Ministry will be collecting school supplies for children in need in our community. A box will be placed in the vestibule for you to drop off your donations. Your continued support to our ministry to those in need is greatly appreciated.

Items Needed:

Composition Books*Spiral Notebooks*Loose-Leaf Paper
Pencils*Pens*Crayons*Rulers*Protractors*Pencil Cases
Markers*Highlighters*Erasers*Colored Pencils
Children's Scissors*3 Ring Binders*Math Compass
Backpacks*School Glue
Once again, thank you for your support! God Bless!



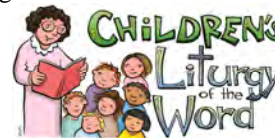
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Registration for 2016-2017:

Registration forms for the 2016-2017 School year are due. 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, 2016. 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 in the Rectory 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.

Office Hours:

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

**"LA FESTA ITALIANA"
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN
AUGUST 18-21**

OLMV in Garfield. Fun for the whole family.
Italian & other ethnic foods, games, rides, raffles, live bands and DJ music. Italian Café with homemade cakes and cannoli.
For more information or directions, please contact OLMV rectory office at 973-772-2295.

PART-TIME JOB

St. Joseph Church/Academy, Bogota, NJ is looking for a maintenance person to work from 2pm-8pm in their parish school. Mostly cleaning and some light maintenance work. If interested please contact Nancy Conforti, parish business manager at nconforti@stjosephbogota.org.

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Dœufemia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, 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.

"a time to die..."

Al Giella, Angelina Iuliano, Fermin Pineda

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, July 31, 2016

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Monday, August 1, 2016

No events

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Mass - 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Filipino Core Mtg. ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, August 4, 2016

No events

First Friday, August 5, 2016

Communion visits to homebound

First Saturday, August 6, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Parish Maintenance and Repairs

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

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!

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.

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your ðA Fist Full of Dollarsö 2016 50/50ö Raffle Tickets before you leave on vacation!

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.

ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 50 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, August 11th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

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: 169
Our Pledges to date: \$287,526.43
Amount received to date: \$67,717.65

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.

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!

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!)



OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our stock of many most needed items has been depleted. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners to keep us up and operating, serving those in need in our community. The following is a list of items that we desperately need to stock our shelves. Your continued support of this most important ministry is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

- CRANBERRY JUICE 8CANNED MUSHROOMS*APPLE*TEA
- SAUCE*RAISINS*OATMEAL
- INSTANT OATMEAL*MAYONAISE
- CANNED WHOLE TOMATOES*BROWNIE MIX*CAKE MIX*
- PEANUT BUTTER*PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP*CRACKERS

Would you like to be involved in this ministry to the poor? The Service Ministry is always looking for people who share our concern for those in need. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, and possibly joining our small but dedicated group, speak to Father Ernie and he will introduce you to our team.



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