

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

5:30 William & Elizabeth Morris  
7:30 Steven LePage  
9:30 Mary Cucco  
11:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Monday, August 8, 2016

8:00 Roy Temena

### Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:00 Deusdedit C. Encarnacion

### Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:00 John Pucci (L) good health

### Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:00 Pauline & Roger Figalora

### Friday, August 12, 2016

8:00 John Coringrato

### Saturday, August 13, 2016

8:30 Maria Fedele

5:30 People of Ascension Parish

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

7:30 Con & Rose Lynch

9:30 Lillian Person, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 Macaria & Agustina Magcaqui

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

**August 2, 2015: \$5,257.00**  
**July 31, 2016: \$4,528.00**

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 14, 2016

**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53**



Long before there was so much controversy everywhere about the concept of illegal aliens, there was Sarah and Abraham. They believed the promise of the Hebrew Scriptures, or Old Testament, that a Messiah would come to free them from years of slavery and oppression. They kept believing for generations, even though they didn't live to see the Messiah.

St. Paul says, "All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted (the prophecies).... They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth." .

Isn't those words amazing? We already know the Messiah. We have the eyewitness accounts in the gospels. But these people walked in faith with no idea of where they were going. They trusted the words of God as Abraham received them. One clue to their amazingly strong faith is that they never wasted any energy trying to settle down or "build a life" in any place they passed through. They recognized that when you are called by God, you are "strangers and foreigners on the earth" .

How liberating to think of faith this way! Is our faith more like a bank where we deposit good works, and hope to get to heaven? Or an easy chair, where we say an "Act of Faith" and then sit back for a 75-year snooze?

Jesus warns us... don't treat this world as anything more than a temporary assignment. We own nothing. All is gift. So keep moving, giving it all away as we go. Now, that's faith!

✠ Next weekend, August 13th and 14th, Father Ricky Bermas of the Diocese of Legazpi in the Philippines will be here to speak to us about the mission needs of his diocese. We will take up a second collection.

Legazpi has a population of one million people who are served by 90 active priests and 140 religious. It serves the people through schools and special apostolates/ministries such as among street children and the mentally challenged, as well as programs to help families, youth and the poorest of the poor.

The Diocese of Legazpi has developed a five year plan to build the Christian community and serve the needs of the people. They need our financial help. Your donations will help form the clergy, religious, and lay leaders; support scholarships for poor but deserving seminarians; serve the poor and marginalized through social outreach programs; fortify ministries on evangelization, education, and the renewal of society through the promotion of justice, and peace, and the integrity of creation. Your prayers and financial support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. May the Good Lord reward you a hundredfold.

✠ We invite all of **our young men and women who will be going off to college**, to join us with their families next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

✠ Don't forget our parish celebration of the **Queenship of Mary** with Mass on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm followed by procession and a sumptuous fiesta party on our parish grounds. Please, plan to join us.

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](http://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](mailto: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!



**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade program. Our 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**50/50 RAFFLE**

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION  
[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM)



**PARISH FESTIVAL 2016**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC  
2:00pm to 6:00pm**

*we will remember  
Fr. Ernie's 40th Anniversary*

**Kids' Amusements**  
**WATERSLIDE**  
(Bring your bathing suit)

**NOONWALK**  
**FACE PAINTING**  
**TRAIN RIDE**

**DUNK TANK**

**FOOD / BEVERAGES**

- Sausage & Peppers
  - Chicken & Pork BBQ on a Stick
  - Hamburger / Cheeseburger and Chips
  - Hot Dog
  - Ice Cream
  - Pop Corn
  - Water/Soda
  - Coffee / Tea
- Beer...by the glass \$3.00

**PLEASE BRING A SALAD  
OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

**WRISTBANDS**

Wristband...\$6/\$8 use all day  
for Food and Beverages  
(EXCEPT BEER)  
and all Amusements

**WRISTBANDS**

\$6.00 Pre-Sale Price  
\$8.00 at Picnic

**MEGA 50/50**  
**Tickets for Sale**  
**Drawings at 6:00pm**

**FOOD &  
BEVERAGES**

**DJ  
MUSIC  
DANCING**

## NINETEENTH 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, Thomas Gonzalas, 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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE  
burns this week in loving memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**



BREAD and WINE this week  
are in loving memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**



Altar Flowers for this week are  
in loving Memory of  
**William & Elizabeth Morris**

### 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.

### 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.



**Sunday, August 7, 2016**

**Parish Maintenance and Repairs  
Summer Mass Schedule**

**7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am**

**Monday, August 8, 2016**

No events

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

Hackensack Homeless

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

**Friday, August 12, 2016**

Queenship Novena ó 7:30pm - Church

**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Missionary Appeal at all weekend Masses

Queenship Novena ó 6:30pm - Church

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### 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!**

### 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:** 171  
**Our Pledges to date:** \$288,126.43  
**Amount received to date:** \$68,517.65

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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