

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 21, 2016

5:30 Zaida Abanilla
7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Timothy Cronin
11:30 Lou Thompson

Monday, August 22, 2016

8:00 Josephine Coringrato

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

8:00 Joey Jones

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

8:00 Rose Caruso

Thursday, August 25, 2016

8:00 Luisa Garcia

Friday, August 26, 2016

8:00 Frank Vidal

Saturday, August 27, 2016

8:30 John Dempewolf, Tenth Anniv.
5:30 Victorino Barot

Sunday, August 28, 2016

7:30 People of Ascension Parish
9:30 Olga & George Arnold
11:30 Agustina DeLeon

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

August 16, 2015:	\$6,718.00
August 14, 2016:	\$5,581.00
Assumption:	\$1,226.00
Mission Appeal:	\$1,200.00

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 28, 2016

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/
Lk 14:1, 7-14



Taking in Jesus and his gospel was never intended to be like taking an anti-depressant pill—more like taking up a cross. The way of Jesus is not like a big comfortable pillow we settle back on for a snooze. Yet, one of the hazards of reading the Scriptures regularly is that we tend to only go back to those parts of the Scripture that are comfortable to us.

You can imagine how penetrating the eyes of Jesus are into each one of our souls. There is nowhere to run, nowhere to hide if we are just going through the motions of a surface religion. Jesus certainly knows if we use religion the way a drug addict uses drugs, to feel good about ourselves, to justify our lifestyle, to satisfy our craving for righteousness.

Some of us will not be strong enough to enter the narrow way because we haven't made our lives into anything of strength. We haven't exercised any spiritual muscles: haven't built up virtue, or patience, haven't practiced giving freely to others; we haven't held our tempers, or forgiven those who don't deserve to be forgiven. Those who do not want to forgive, who hold on to anger, who do not want peace, will not be ready for an eternity full of reconciliation, and complete joy and oneness which Jesus Himself IS.

Jesus is not just asking for external observance, for keeping the rules as many Jews did, without a deeper purpose. Jesus is asking us to put on his very life—to eat and drink of his body and blood, so that we live out of his very substance. Only then will we have the inner guidance required to live life in the Spirit of Jesus. Rules are fine—but it is the Spirit of the law which gives life to us, and everyone around us.

✠ Thank you to all who so generously responded last weekend to Fr. Ricky's request for financial assistance for the needs of his Diocese of Legazpi in the Philippines.

✠ Please, mark your calendar...our Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th, from 2pm to 6pm. Please plan to join us for a fun time with your family and fellow parishioners. If you would like to help on the picnic committee, our last meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room.

✠ 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!
Have a great week!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Discover why Transfiguration Academy's diverse student body grows, learns and succeeds

Transfiguration Academy Registration for the 2016/2017 school year:

- Call to pick up registration materials and/or for a tour: 201-384-3627
- Email: principal@transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit our web site: transfigurationacademy.org
- Visit us on Facebook to see how engaged our students and families are

The new school year begins on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 for students in grades 1-8.

Kindergarten classes begin on Wednesday, September 7, and PreK classes begin on Thursday, September 8.

Transfiguration Academy is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and serves students in Grades PreK 2+ through Grade 8.

Summer hours:

The Academy's business hours during the summer are from 10:00am to 2:00pm daily.

School Nurse Position Available

Transfiguration Academy - Bergenfield

A September opening for the position of school nurse available and is an ideal part-time job for a parent with school-age children or for an energetic retiree! Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, when school is in session. For salary information and a summary of qualifications, please contact Jim Carlo, School Principal at principal@transfigurationacademy.org. A current license is required.



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.

The Religious Education Office in the school will be open on Sunday, September 4, 2016 for last minute registration from 10 am til 12 Noon. All registered families' letters have been mailed out. If you have registered and NOT received your letter, please call the Religious Education office.

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 Pre-K to 6th grade program. Our Pre-K to 6th grade program 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 to Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Other times by appointment

Closed; Thursday & Saturday

50/50 RAFFLE

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



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**PARISH
FESTIVAL
2016**

**Sunday, September 18th
ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC
2:00pm to 6:00pm**

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

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

**KIDS' AMUSEMENTS
WATER SLIDE
(Bring your bathing suit)**

**FOOD &
BEVERAGES**

**DJ
DANCING
MUSIC**

**FACE
PAINTING**

NOONWALK

**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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose Døufemia, 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, Peggy Lacey,
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..."

Amparo Cabreza

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

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Sunday, August 21, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church

Monday, August 22, 2016

No events

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Harrison House

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

Thursday, August 25, 2016

No events

Friday, August 26, 2016

No events

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Monday, August 29, 2016

No events

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

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

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.

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!

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP! THIS SUNDAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW

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 *CANNED 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.

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: 174
Our Pledges to date: \$289,151.43
Amount received to date: \$71,730.03

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

øTHANK YOUø 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: _____

2017 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM 10:00AM-12 NOON IN THE RECTORY OFFICE

- *Please print clearly using Request Form
- *Requests will be assigned on a first come, first served basis
- *No Requests will be taken over the phone, fax or e-mail
- *One Form per person(Maximum 8 Mass Requests)
- *Payments: Checks made payable to Ascension or Cash no Credit Cards

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, Motherø Day, Fatherø 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. **These requests will be processed starting August 29th.**



Parish

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!)