

Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18, 2017

5:30 All

7:30 Father's

9:30 Living &

11:30 Deceased

Monday, June 19, 2017

7:00 Lilia Ortiz

8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:00 Felicidad DeGuzman

8:30 Maureen A. Bottcher

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

7:00 Martin O'Keefe

8:30 Elisa Caparas, (L) 89 Birthday

Thursday, June 22, 2017

7:00 Rose Ciano

8:30 John Iuliano

Friday, June 23, 2017

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee

8:30 Sophie & Sylvester Montecucollo

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:30 Luis Mendoza

10:00 Thanksgiving for Father David

40 Ordination Anniversary

5:30 Raymond Henderson

Sunday, June 25, 2017

7:30 People of Ascension

9:30 Mariam Chacko

11:30 Fr. David Milliken, (L) Anniversary

PARISH  STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

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

June 12, 2016:	\$6,249.00
June 11, 2017:	\$5,808.00
Air Conditioning:	\$1,965.00

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

**Readings for Sunday
June 25, 2017**

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



Today, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—what used to be called “Corpus Christi”—is the perfect time to think about what the bread and wine we receive really means to us. The Israelites were hungry, so they cried out for proof that God was with them in the desert. God sent the manna to feed them, symbolic of the Body of Christ we receive today. But the Israelites didn’t recognize the manna when it appeared. It didn’t look like food to them.

God is constantly feeding us and sustaining us in so many ways today that we don’t recognize, either. For example, when was the last time something you thought was a curse turned out to be a blessing? Perhaps that is because too much of the time, we don’t recognize the “Real Presence” working in our lives every day. So we automatically groan, curse, gripe or despair when something that seems bad happens—instead of saying, “God is at work here, too.”

If, during the week, we never pray or thank God for the gifts we are always receiving at God’s hands, then our awareness of God’s presence in our lives will probably not be very high as we enter the church doors. But if talking to God becomes a natural part of our lives, then our Sunday celebration will be a real conclusion to what’s been going on all week.

If Mass feels more like an obligation than a celebration, try to increase your awareness that God IS in every moment of your every day. Then as we stand together at Mass, we will feel more like One Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

✠ This weekend we recognize a special sign of God’s care for us, his special voice in our lives — our Fathers. On this Father’s Day may we take this opportunity to thank our fathers, living and deceased, for the many ways they have sacrificed themselves for us. May God bless all our fathers. **Happy Father’s Day!**

✠ Congratulations to Jeannette MacNish, our parishioner, who graduates this Sunday from the Christian Foundations for Ministry. I am so proud of Jeannette and our Ascension parishioners who choose to continue learning about their faith with renewed enthusiasm. They show us so well, what Ascension Parish is all about.

✠ Our nation’s bishops have again requested that we celebrate "**Fortnight for Freedom**" from Wednesday, June 21st to Tuesday, 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!

✠ We have been blessed these past months with the presence of Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Doroteo. Msgr. has been asked by Cardinal Tobin to become the pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Union, and he has accepted the Cardinal’s request. We thank Msgr. for his lively faith throughout his five months here at Ascension. Fr. Doroteo has been with us in residence since last October and will be moving his residence to Visitation Parish in Paramus, closer to his assignment as one of the chaplains at Paramus Catholic High School. We thank him for his faithful and joyful witness to our parish, especially to our youth. Their last Sunday with us will be June 25th. We will certainly keep them in our prayers and ask that they pray for us as well. We wish God’s blessing for both of them in their ministry.

Fr. Hilary will be returning to us from his studies in Rome to help us during July, August and September.

Although we do not yet have a full-time priest coming to replace Msgr., Fr. Tim Graff, has graciously accepted my invitation to help us with our weekend Masses. Fr. Tim, who was assigned to Ascension as a newly ordained priest, returns to Ascension 26 years later. Let us be ready to give Fr. Tim a warm Ascension welcome!

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



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM

UPCOMING PARISH TRIPS

Ascension Parish will sponsor a trip to The Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania tour on Sept. 19-21, 2017. A price of \$459 dbl. occ./\$599 single per person includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, Susquehanna River cruise, Pennsylvania Grand Canyon Covered Wagon Tour, Grand Canyon Overlook, Millionaires Row tour, Mifflinburg buggy museum, historic Lewisburg tour, 1889 Annunciation Church, luggage handling taxes and meal gratuities and bus transportation.

On Oct. 18th, 2017 we will travel to New York City to the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the One World Observatory where you will have 360 degree views of New York City. You will have time to do some sightseeing in the area on your own. Dinner will follow at Puglia's Restaurant in little Italy. The price of \$145 per person includes taxes and meal gratuities, bus transportation and all of the above.

A \$100 deposit will hold your reservation. For info. Call Josie (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632. Cancellation ins. is recommended. Checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory. Please indicate on the outside envelope which trip you want to go on.



Calendar:

Registration for 2017-2018:

Registration forms the 2017-2018 School year have been distributed to all students, 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. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office and pick up a Registration Form. If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

Please note the change in our hours for classes next school year.

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings and 9th graders on Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:45 pm.

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

Volunteers Needed:

- † 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.
- † We are in need of Catechists for our Kindergarten & 1st Classes, Aides and **Class Parents** for our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085.

Religious Education Office Hours in Rectory:

Monday – Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm
Thursday: 9 am to 12 Noon
Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
Other times by appointment



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Church of the Ascension

New Milford, New Jersey

2017 Summer Mass Schedule

Monday, June 26th to Sunday, September 3rd

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday...8am

Saturday...8:30am

Weekends:

(NO Changes)

Saturday...5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Holy Days: 7am, 8:30am, 7:30pm

Civil Holidays: 8:30am

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



PRAY FOR . . .

"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Elsa Obera, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Thomas Gonzalas, John Thomas, Philip Santore, John Donohue, Concepcion Deus, Deacon Jim Stumbar, 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, Private Ian Belthoff, U.S. Marine Corps., 29 Palms, CA, and all Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Donald John Trump, 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
Manuel Garcia

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.



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 it is for the intention of your loved one.

June



Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18, 2017

Food Pantry Sunday

Blessing of Fathers at all Masses
11:30am Mass followed by Procession

Monday, June 19, 2017

Food Pantry distribution
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Parish Events – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Summer Begins on Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, June 22, 2017

No events

Friday, June 23, 2017

Set up Fr. Benedict Center for Sunday Family Fun Day

Birth of John the Baptist, Saturday, June 24, 2017

Mass of Thanksgiving – 10:00am
Fr. David's 40th Anniversary of Ordination
NO Confessions

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Mass of Thanksgiving – 11:30am
Fr. David's 40th Anniversary of Ordination
40th Anniversary Family Fun Day after 11:30 Mass
In the Father Benedict Center

Monday, June 26, 2017

Summer Mass Schedule Begins One Daily Mass 8:00
CFM – 7:30pm – Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

FDM 40 Committee – 7:30pm – Gathering Room

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Harrison House
Novena – 7:30pm - Church

Thursday, June 29, 2017

No events

Friday, June 30, 2017

No events

FAMILY FUN DAY

Please come and enjoy a fun filled day with your family and congratulate Father David as we celebrate

Father David Milliken's 40th Anniversary

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Immediately following the 11:30 Mass through 4:00pm

Father Benedict Center

****See Flyer with RSVP****

(pick yours up at doors of church or rectory office)



Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 161 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$33,329.00 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$43,000.00



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY TODAY * JUNE 18TH

The following is a list of our most needed items this month. Your continued support of our ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity in caring for the poor.

Lemonade Mix, Grated Cheese, Sugar, Crackers, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Cookies, Paper Towels, Ketchup, Napkins, Mayonnaise, Tissues, Manhattan Clam Chowder, Canned Mushrooms, Canned Spinach, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Facial Tissue, Canned Beef Stew



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: _____



A Father's Day Blessing

**Blessed is the Father
who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,
whose faith brings his family courage,
whose wisdom comes from God,
and whose children still stand and honor him.**

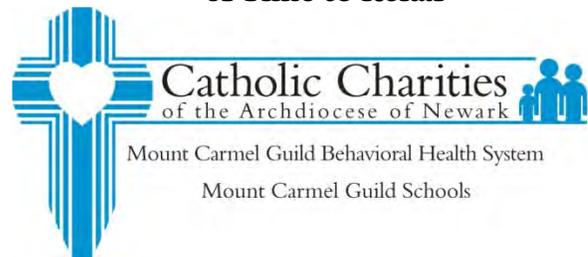
*Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Grand-Father's,
God-Father's and those who are like Father's to us*



TO SANDS CASINO

A trip to the Sands Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. is planned for Tues. July 11th. Cost is \$28 per person with a \$20 slot playing voucher and \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9am. All checks are payable to Ascension Church and can be dropped off at the rectory mailbox. For info. Call Josie (201)265-0485 or Anna (201)387-2632.

A Time to Relax



Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Summertime is a time to relax.

During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities bin located on the Church ground. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.



FIRST FULL DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 21ST
*"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."
-St. Francis of Assisi*