

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

### Sunday, July 16, 2017

5:30 Antonino Speciale

7:30 Conchita Cu

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Dong T. Vo

### Monday, July 17, 2017

8:00 Maureen A. Botther

### Tuesday, July 18, 2017

8:00 Luis & Eric Aponte

### Wednesday, July 19, 2017

8:00 Jose R. Ruiz, Sr.

### Thursday, July 20, 2017

8:00 Robert S. Hall

### Friday, July 21, 2017

8:00 Maureen A. Bottcher

### Saturday, July 22, 2017

8:30 Rose D'Eufemia

5:30 Angelina Iuliano, First Anniversary

### Sunday, July 23, 2017

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans

9:30 People of Ascension Parish

11:30 Alphonse Giella, First Anniversary

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### *WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH*

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

**July 10, 2016: \$6,589.00**

**July 9, 2017: \$5,885.00**

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

### Readings for Sunday July 23 2017

**Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,  
15-16/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30**

## FROM THE PASTOR

In the 1800's, the Victorians had strict rules of etiquette around how and when people could be "received" for visits. There were only certain times of each day that a man or woman would be "receiving." If the butler told you, "Madame is not receiving today," you were politely asked to leave your card, and wait for a reply.

But today, with email, cell phones, and iPads, it seems we're all "receiving" all the time, whether we want to or not! There is starting to be a backlash—many people report exhaustion and terrible pressure from too much contact and TMI ("too much information," for those of you who don't text).

According to Jesus, there's no such thing as "TMI" from God! If we're not "receivers" of the seeds God has planted in us, we're not listening to God's voice deep within us; we need help. The uncontrolled talking in our lives can become like background babbling. How quiet is your house? Or your day? We can listen without hearing, but that does not nourish our soul.

Communication is the heart of the Christian community—and Jesus says we desperately need deep communication with God, to grow in love. You know, we are soil, made from the dust of the earth. At times, God's word is the seed that falls on our hard hearts. We shut our ears, either from pride or anger with God, or simply laziness, so the seed can't grow. Or we're too busy and impatient to nurture the seed.

What would enable you to be more receptive to God's presence? And what blocks do you need to remove from your life now, so that you can really hear God again? Listen to God's answers to these questions—so that your seed can really take root.

✠ Our "**Queenship of Mary**" Mega 50/50 raffle is a major fundraiser for our parish. Each book contains 6 chances. Each ticket is \$5.00 individually, but a book of 6 chances is only \$25.00. What a deal! The Mega 50/50 drawing will take place at 6:00pm on August 19<sup>th</sup> during our parish celebration of the Queenship of Mary.

On behalf of our Filipino Community and our Parish Events Committee I invite you to participate in our raffle. Chance books will be available in the front vestibule after all Masses this weekend. With your support of our raffle, what a great prize will be won and what a great profit gained for Ascension Parish!

✠ Next weekend we will take up a second collection to help support Fr. Hilary's education in Rome. As always, may God, the Giver of all good gifts, bless you for your generosity.

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





## TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

### Saying Goodbye to our graduates

As you head off to different high schools we wish you continued success and happiness. May God's grace be with you as you enter the next phase of your academic pursuits.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you over the coming years. You will always have a family and home at Transfiguration Academy.

**Summer camp** is in session now through August 18 from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The cost for five full days is \$190 for the first child and \$290 for two or more. Partial week tuition rates are also available.

**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. Transfiguration Academy is an investment in your child's future and much more affordable than you would expect.

**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.**

### 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. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please note there is a \$10 late fee as of June 30, 2017. If you are in need of a registration form you can down load 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.

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

Our Sunday Mornings program is from 10:45 to 12 Noon.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday evenings and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> 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

JULY 16, 2017

# 2018 MASS BOOK

**WILL OPEN ON**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017**

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**  
**WILL ONLY BE TAKEN**  
**FROM 9:00-10:30 & 2:00-3:00 DAILY**  
**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, Mother's Day, Father's 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 July 24th.*

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PRAY FOR . . .**

*“To everything there is a season...”*

*“a time to Love...”*

**Augustina & Omari Williams**

*“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, Theresa Ruocco 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, Trainee, James Penser, Lackland, AFB, Texas 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 **Dong T. Vo**



**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

Food Pantry Sunday  
Baptism – 1:00pm - Church

**Monday, July 17, 2017**

Food Pantry distribution

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

**2018 Mass Book Opens\*Request Forms in Bulletin**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, July 20, 2017**

Ministry of Service – 7:00pm – Gathering Room

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

Confession – 11:00am – Church

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

Second Collection for Fr. Hilary’s Scholarship

**Monday, July 24, 2017**

No events

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

No events

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

Harrison House  
Novena – 7:30pm - Church

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

No events

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

No events

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

Confession – 11:00am – Church  
8:30am Mass followed by Bergen County Filipino  
Apostolate San Lorenzo Novena

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

No events

**Monday, July 31, 2017**

No events

**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.

**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 150 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 10th.**

We could sure use your help.

Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

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



### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 166 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$34,354.00 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**



### 50/50 RAFFLE

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

### 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)

<b>MEMORIAL CANDLES:</b>	<b>\$150/1 Year</b>
	<b>\$20/30 Days</b>
<b>ALTAR BREAD AND WINE</b>	<b>\$40 per week</b>
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	<b>\$50 (per basket/per week)</b>
<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>	<b>\$15 per week</b>

### MEMORIAL FUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_



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### HELP KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY STOCKED FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

For our July distribution, the food pantry is in the need of the following items. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Your continued support of our very important Ministry is greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity.

- Canned Mushrooms, Iced Tea, Vegetarian Chili,
- Canned Spinach, Lemonade Mix, Apple Sauce,
- Raisins, Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash, Mandarin Oranges,
- Crackers, Flour, Manhattan clam chowder, Cookies,
- Grated Cheese, Olives, Hamburger Helper, Tomato Sauce,
- Sugar, Laundry Detergent, Napkins, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste

## 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!**

### "MUSIC FOR A SUMMER NIGHT"

**St. Anthony's Church  
199 Walnut Street  
Northvale, NJ**

**Saturday - July 15, 2017**

**7:30 PM – 9:30 PM**

**This year's theme is:**



**Featuring: Fr. Jerry Hahn,  
Corinn Somers, Peter Greco and  
Michael Luipersbeck**

**NO TICKETS NEEDED**

**THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING EVENT!!!**